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Table 19.1

Itinerary of conjurer and automaton exhibitor Joseph Falconi in the West Indies, Mexico, and North America, 1785–1819.

Location	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	Place	Program	Notes	Image Type
Kingston, Jamaica	1785		Private plantation			
Mexico City	1786		Colisco Theater		Knew Dr. Mesmer	
New York City	21 June 1787	21 July 1787	Corre's Assembly Room	Windmill; Turkish dress; Indian figure; magic swan		
Baltimore	14 Nov. 1787	3 Dec. 1787	Old Theater	Paracelsus; windmill		
Philadelphia	27 Feb. 1788	18 Mar. 1788	Hall in Northern Liberties, opposite Public scales	Stopping watch; ingenious swan		
Philadelphia	1 Apr. 1788		Northern Liberties	Indian figure		1, 2
Philadelphia	7 May 1788	19 June 1788	Long Room, Church Alley	Mermaid; Indian figure		
Charleston	3 June 1793	20 Aug. 1793	Turner's Long Room, Church Street	Magnetism; looking glass		
Baltimore	21 Jan. 1794	19 Mar. 1794	New Theater, near the Lower Bridge	Mermaid		
Norfolk, Va.	14 July 1794	13 Oct. 1794	New Theater	Indian figure; Paracelsus		1
New York City	19 June 1795	18 July 1795	Assembly Room, William Street	Turkish dress; magnetism		
New London, Conn.	5 Nov. 1795	12 Nov. 1795	Court House	Mermaid; Turkish dress		
Providence	4 Feb. 1796	22 Feb. 1796	Theater	Mermaid; Indian figure		1
Boston	2 June 1796	20 June 1796	Boston Theater	Turkish dress; Indian figure; thunderstorm		
Salem, Mass.	13 Sept. 1796		Washington Hall	Mermaid		3
Philadelphia	29 Nov. 1796	21 Feb. 1797	Old Theater, Cedar Street	Thunderstorm; Indian figure; mermaid	The last time	
Albany	29 May 1797	30 May 1797	Mr. Angus's Assembly Room	Thunderstorm; shades		
New York City	1 Nov. 1797	29 Nov. 1797	John Street Theater	Swan; mermaid; windmill; shades; small automaton		
Hartford, Conn.	8 Jan. 1798				Bills of the day	
Charleston	31 July 1799	11 Oct. 1799	City Theater	Thunderstorm; experiments; orange tree	Native of Italy	
Augusta, Ga.	11 Dec. 1799		Courthouse	Rope dancer		
Baltimore	23 Jan. 1801	16 Mar. 1801	Mr. Bryden's Ball Room	Thunderstorm; speaking figure; Indian figure	Native of Italy	

Annapolis, Md.	7 May 1801			Experiments		
Providence	23 Jan. 1808	27 Feb. 1808	Providence Theater	Indian figure		
New York City	15 May 1817	1 July 1817	Tammany Hall	Indian figure	Sells apparatus	
Hamilton, Bermuda	6 Nov. 1819	13 Nov. 1819	Mrs. Yates's boardinghouse	Profile cutting		

Sources: Christopher, "Magic in Early Baltimore"; "Early American Newspapers."

Key to images:

1 = Indian shooting bow, 1788 (**frontispiece**)

2 = Table target, 1788 (**frontispiece**)

3 = Mermaid on a dish, 1796 (**fig. 19.1**)