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Fraud in the Dark: Jeni's Physical Mediumship Experience

Exposing Fraud in Physical Mediumship: A Cautionary Tale

Hannah Macintyre: Hello and welcome to Mediumship Matters! Today I'm joined by my good friend, psychic medium, and fellow podcast host, Jeni Juranics—the first ever guest to return for a second episode! And today, we're diving into a topic that's been huge for both of us: the reality—and fraud—of physical mediumship.

The Journey Begins: Curiosity About Physical Mediumship

Jeni shares that in 2023, after eight years as a professional medium, she was looking to evolve her practice. She became intrigued by trance mediumship and stumbled across a podcast episode on transfiguration—a phenomenon where spirit overlays their features onto the medium's face using ectoplasm or energy, typically in red light.

This led her to the historic Lily Dale Spiritualist community in New York for a five-day conference titled Physical Mediumship in Victorian Times—a magical experience, at least on the surface.

First Red Flags and the Seduction of Magic

The conference included sessions on table tipping, spoon bending, transfiguration, and the infamous seances—offered as optional evening events. Jeni was intrigued and eager to experience everything.

She attended three seances. Despite feeling skeptical at first, she became swept up in the wonder, the community, and the emotional impact. It felt magical—until the cracks started showing.

Inside a Seance: Darkness, Singing & 'Energy' Rules

Jeni details the setup:

- The room is pitch black, completely sealed from light.
- Sitters are searched, jewellery and metal removed.
- The medium is tied or zip-tied to a chair in a cabinet.
- Sitters must hold hands, lock arms, or feet, and sing loudly to “build energy.”
- If anyone moves or turns on a light, it could allegedly “kill the medium” due to ectoplasmic exposure.

This setup ensures total darkness, loud noise, restricted movement, and a fear-based control over sitters.

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Phenomena—or Fraud?

Sitters are promised “independent voices,” spirit touches, apported items, and even ectoplasmic hands. Jeni describes being told the hand she touched was a materialisation of a spirit loved one’s hand.

But Jeni saw clearly—it was the medium’s own hand. She had spent days near him. She knew. They claimed the hand rotated 360° to prove it wasn’t connected to a body—but Jeni noticed it only moved back and forth like an attached arm.

The Cracks Deepen: Following the Medium

Jeni continued to attend seances, workshops, and retreats led by this medium and others. She noticed more inconsistencies:

- “Spirit art” that was clearly printed Facebook photos scribbled with crayons.
- Apported “gems” and “healing artefacts” that appeared conveniently when lights came back on.
- “Spirit guides” giving dangerous advice—like curing psychopathy with diet and childhood trauma healing.

And yet, many followers stayed loyal. Jeni describes a cult-like atmosphere—love-bombing, peer pressure, groupthink.

Exposing the Fraud: Speaking Up & Facing Backlash

After more seances and research, Jeni saw the truth: it was all fake.

She bravely spoke up:

- Removed podcast episodes that endorsed the medium.
- Publicly named the fraud.
- Received backlash, including from other mediums who preferred to stay aligned with him.

But she also received hundreds of private messages—others who had seen the fraud, had doubts, but were afraid to speak.

Jeni’s Message to the Spiritual Community

Jeni has now sat in five physical mediumship seances—and believes every single one was fraudulent.

And yet, she still believes something is possible.

“There is a sense of Spirit when you gather with pure intent. But what’s happening now is greedy, manipulative, and deeply damaging.”

She warns of:

- Trance messages claiming divine knowledge, yet giving false or harmful advice.
- Institutional silence, like at Lily Dale or Arthur Findlay College, where fraudulent history is quietly maintained or ignored.
- Gaslighting and pressure to stay quiet because “spiritual people don’t gossip.”

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What You Can Do

Jeni and Hannah agree:

- If you feel a red flag—listen. Don't ignore your intuition.
- You don't have to confront—just walk away. Stop paying. Don't engage.
- You don't owe loyalty to someone because they “once helped you.” Truth matters.

And most of all:

“Mediumship needs to move forward. But we have to do it ethically, with transparency, and without illusion.”

Final Thoughts from Hannah

This interview is a powerful, important conversation. If you're a teacher, student, or practitioner of mediumship:

- Please listen to Jeni's full podcast series 'Spirit Call.'
- Do your own research.
- Stay open—but never suspend critical thinking.

Let's demand better. Let's be better. Because Spirit deserves that. And so do we.

Thank you for listening.