National Capital Radio & Television Museum

Artifact Showcase:
Magic Mike Sr.



Microphones like the Magic Mike Sr. were popular in the 1930s and '40s. Instructions explained how to connect the microphone to the audio section of your radio so that you had, in effect, a crude home pubic address system.

It might also be considered an early attempt to enable karaoke. Some ads suggested playing tricks on friends by broadcasting fake news bulletins. (The museum does not recommend that!)

The box reads. "THRILLING, ENTERTAINING, For home broadcasting." And, "Train your voice over your own radio. Make personal announcements to your friends. It's loads of fun."

The Magic Mike Sr. sold for $1.25.

We appreciate your support of the museum so that historical artifacts like this one, and the stories that go with them, can be preserved for future generations. THANKS!