

# Welcome to Tonight's Performance

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performance:

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Group is interested in  
how well Sylvia Browne  
does at her appearances  
because she refuses to  
demonstrate her abilities  
to skeptics. We welcome  
any feedback to  
[info@IIGWest.org](mailto:info@IIGWest.org). Visit  
[www.IIGWest.org](http://www.IIGWest.org) and  
[www.CSICOP.org](http://www.CSICOP.org) for more  
information on "psychics"  
and psychic phenomena.

**Be Conscious of Giving Information When Being Read.** If Sylvia's talents are genuine, she won't need to ask questions. If you respond to Sylvia's questions, you're giving the answers, not her.

**Don't React!** So-called psychics use visual feedback to tell if they're on the right track. If someone has genuine psychic abilities he or she shouldn't need you to help them with nodding or facial expressions.

**Don't Accept Generalities.** Most people in a given culture experience fairly similar lives, making it easy to make good guesses.

**Require Specific Names.** Mary is not Margaret, Marie, or Maria. And ask for last names. Everyone knows a John, a Mike, a Sue, a Mary, or a Pat - that's not impressive.

**Count the Missed Guesses.** The wrong guesses will probably outnumber the correct ones.

**Who, Specifically, Is the Guess Aimed at?** A guess directed at couples or groups is more likely to be accurate than one aimed at a specific individual.

**Watch for a Shift in Direction.** Does Sylvia suddenly jump to another subject when she makes a wrong guess?

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