



Instructions for Optical Illusion Performer

You are performing the Hering Optical Illusion discovered German physiologist Ewald Hering in 1861

1. Download and print off both pages – This instruction page is NOT shown on camera
2. Practise holding the image page up to your camera so the audience can clearly see it
3. Ask the audience if the two vertical lines appear to be bowing out away from the center of the page. Most people will say yes.
4. Explain that the two vertical lines are straight and parallel to each other. The converging diagonal lines trick the brain into thinking the vertical lines are bowing.
5. Conclude by commenting that things are not always as they appear.