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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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Weekend of Magic is only days away!

Come one, come all! The Weekend to End all Weekends of Magic is coming near! By the time you read this it will only be a few days away.

We have nearly 100 people registered for the event at the time of print and we hope to see more at the door.



W.O.M. Headliner:
Michael Finney

The event will be head-lined by Michael Finney with supporting acts of Woody

Pitman, Murray, Bruce Meyers, Clinton W. Gray, Matthew Johnson, Tony Eng, Ray Roch, Rod & Nicholas Chow, Gary Savard, Adam Kozalec and more!

Registration starts at 5 p.m. on Friday October 19th, 2007 at the Sand Hotel at 1755 Davie Street in Vancouver. Call 604.682.1831 to make your last minute reservation if you have not already – rooms are only \$94 a night so you can't beat that. Registration will be at 5 p.m., on Friday October 19th going until 11 p.m., followed by the hospitality suite until 2 a.m.

On Saturday the doors open at 9 a.m. going until 10:30 p.m. with the hospitality suite again open until 2 a.m. There will be a dinner on the Saturday night which will cost an extra \$20 (\$22 with tax) and you sign up and pay for that at the registration table. We will be selling tickets to the Saturday Night Gala show for \$12 each, so if you have friends or family that want to catch some

International Award winning magicians then this would be the time.

There will be a breakfast for only \$5.99 on Sunday morning in the hotel restaurant followed by a lecture at 10:00 a.m. and then an 'Anything Goes Contest' at 11:15 a.m. This contest is open to any registrant of the Weekend of Magic and the act must be less than 8 minutes long and can be any style of magic (close up, stage, comedy, mentalism etc.) We will be taking the first 15 people who sign up for the event to compete for the prestigious "President's Choice" Award. If you are interested please contact Convention Chair Mike Norden at 604-476-1577.

We hope to see you all there on October 19th – 21st, 2007!

THE
MAGICAL MINUTES

Halloween Magic

The next meeting of the IBM Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle will take place on Thursday, October 25th, 2007 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m., a workshop presented by Christopher Taylor about the art of Mentalism will demonstrate some pretty amazing and bizarre feats. (Check out what Chris has been up to later in the newsletter!) The business meeting, scheduled to begin at

8:00 p.m., will be headed (or is it beheaded) by President Mike Norden. With elections coming in November we ask the members to talk to Munro MacKenzie about nominating someone or running for a position themselves.

Following refreshment period, the Tip Top & Tootsie Trophy for best Halloween Magic will take place. Anyone wishing to enter the contest, please call Competition Chair Walter Ruteck in advance at 604-591-1930





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PAST PRESIDENT

Karen Eskilson

Annual Ring 92 Magic Auction Very Successful

Last month's meeting was a fun packed event with 39 members, 16 guests and one dog coming down to get a bargain or two at our Annual Auction Night! The doors opened at 6 p.m. with a few members even camped outside anxious to set up their treasures inside. The viewing period went until 7 p.m., after which President Mike Norden managed to conduct a personal best 7 minute business meeting that was appreciated by all. Then it was onto the action!

Gary Savard stepped in with his wireless microphone powered by a very cool battery powered amp system brought in by Bobby

Loonie. This enabled the audience to hear everything loud and clear. Bobby Loonie was a busy guy for the night as he also supplied the food of chips, punch, crackers, vegetable dip and more, that the members and guests snacked on throughout the night – a great way to do it!

First up for bids was Neale Bacon... well not actually Neale (although there was a \$5 bid!), but his items. But first David Wilson had to read the rules – 10 items for sale and then rotate or something like that – no one was paying attention as he was being mocked by 'Fireman Bill' the puppet over his shoulder!

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President's Perspective



October already?! Good grief. That means the Weekend of Magic is just days away. I hope you have all registered by now, but if not, please visit www.ibmring92.com for all the info. It is going to be a blast! If you cannot make it, then watch for the review in next month's newsletter.

Elections are coming up at our Annual General meeting in November so please think about nominations and if you would like to run for office. This club only functions because of the membership, and those select few who step up to the leadership role are invaluable. It has been my honour to serve you as President for the last 2 years and I will not be continuing on for a 3rd. They tell me I can't, and even if I could, it is time for a break and some new blood to be infused into the club. I will be running for the VP position and will still offer any help and advice I can to the club and its needs. You can't get rid of me that easily!

The workshops for our meetings need some help folks! We need some new ideas and new people to come forward. If you think you have a great idea please let me know and we can work on presenting a workshop for the members. It's a great way to help out the club.

At our Executive meeting it was brought up that we need to be taking care of our new members a little more. What I mean is we should be mentoring the youth and teaming them up with an experienced member who can help guide them though the way the club works, the IBM and magic in general. While I think they all have a good time at the meetings, this club is about more than just fun. We have a duty to pass along the knowledge we have learned to the next generation who will keep the magic, and the club, alive. If you are interested in mentoring some of our new members please let a member of the Executive know and we will be glad to make it happen.

See you all at the Weekend of Magic!

LECTURE REVIEW: Eric Anderson

by Mike Norden

Eric Anderson was our lecturer on September 21st and 38 members and guests came out for the show. While many had not heard his name before, they sure knew it after! This was a unique and well thought out lecture.

The response from the members was tremendous. Eric started the show off with a bang with some very impressive sleights with coins and cards. His energy and enthusiasm filled the room and you could not help but get caught up in it. He fooled us more than once and made everyone



Eric Anderson receives his garment bag and Maple Cookies from president Mike Norden

laugh.

After this he settled down into some valuable information about the running of the magic business and show business in general. He talked about how to get booked, how to price yourself, and basically how to market and sell yourself to your target audience. People were furiously taking notes and trying to absorb as much as possible from this guru.

At the break time the sales table was quickly cleared of his merchandise and some were left wanting. Eric advised they could order more online for the same price – so all was good.

His second part of the lecture was the explanation of the tricks from the start, plus a great question and answer session.

He was a gentleman to the end and received a big round of applause from the members, all of whom were happy they attended. You never know when a gem like this comes to town, so make sure you sign up for the next lecture!

Eric and 8 other members headed to Boston Pizza until 1 a.m. where the die-hards got even more tips and tricks. Thank you to Eric and Lee Asher for bringing this one to town!

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

A few things to note this month. For all the cyber people out there you must have heard of Facebook.com by now. Even if you don't own a computer you must have heard of Facebook!

The club is active on this social networking site and it is very handy to keep in touch with members. You can post pictures, videos and have a discussion board and chat. It has the ability to send invitations and set reminders for meetings and hundreds of other fun and useful (and some not so useful) applications. Just sign up at www.facebook.com and search for 'Mike Norden' and he will add you as a 'friend' and include you in the group. The PCAM and Victoria Magic Circle are on their as well so let's get everyone on board!

Another point of interest. Are you wondering if the magic prop you bought is the 'real deal'? Many knockoffs and cheap imitations (without the creators' consent) are being sold online and even at brick and mortar shops around the world. It is best to support the originators' of the tricks and effects we purchase, otherwise the whole system just doesn't work. An interesting site by Tim Ellis lists over 100 tricks, comparing the real ones against the knockoffs. I think you will be as surprised as I was when you find out which is which and what one you have in your drawer. See www.magicunlimited.com/magic_fakers.htm to check it out.

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. Contact him at mike.norden@ibmring92.com

Kenrick "Ice" McDonald

November 9, 2007

Kenrick "Ice" McDonald wrote us: "Hello magicians of Vancouver. I would like to personally invite you to my lecture in November. I'm honored and excited to visit your city.

My plan is simple. Supply information that will encourage you, inspire you, and help to take your magic to the next dimension. Please be prepared to re-position yourself for success.

Combining my four different lectures into one super lecture for the X-elent Series, I'll teach you powerful effects used in my everyday life. We'll discuss showmanship in magic in

detail, we'll have a small discussion about marketing yourself to the public, and we'll even talk about boardroom negotiations. Don't forget -- you'll learn lots of magic, powerful effects and much, much more.

Even if you're a close-up performer, the information offered in my lecture doesn't just apply to stage performers - I cover all facets of the art we passionately share. I personally guarantee that you will gain some knowledge from my presentation.

I look forward to seeing you at my lecture in November. Please mark your calendar now - November 9th!

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TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

Member Christopher Taylor has been a busy man lately. He is now running his own magic business, Taylor Imagineering, full time (teaching only twice a week). The new website, www.taylorimagineering.com is up and running and I think it looks pretty darn good. His webmaster, Romeo Web Design, did a great job.

Any member of the VMC that would like to order something from the site can have a 20% discount of any his products. He sold out of the first run of his new product Real Ghost, in a week and his DVD Outside the Conventional, and books are selling well and getting very decent reviews. He's off to Las Vegas soon and hopes to make a splash there. Good luck to you Chris!

Peter Scoffer is looking for a place to stay when he comes down for the Weekend of Magic. If anyone has the room please give him a call at 250.846.9313 and help him out.

Matthew Johnson is putting out a new card trick through Murphy's Magic Supplies – look for it in a store new you!

Stan Kramien's Jamboree will be happening April 25th and 26th, 2008. If you have never been to this magic event then you don't know what you are missing! It's a fun filled atmosphere with magic lectures, shows, great food and drinks. You must experience this. Stan is one of our members and since he loves Canadians, and especially our club, he has extended an offer to Ring 92. The early bird price is \$175 but if you register by October 31st the price is only \$150. The regular price for a spouse is \$85 but is reduced to \$65 for the special. For more info: www.magicjamboree.com

The library is up and running and the new 'World's Greatest Magic' DVD's were a big hit, with every single one of them taken out! We are committed to the library and will be getting the entire series of these DVD's as they come out – with the next 10 coming at the end of the year.

Please take care of the DVD's and return them the following meeting. If you would like to sign up for the library please see Dennis Chan at one of the meetings or call him at 604-942-6976

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

October 19 - 21, 2007

IBM Ring #92 presents:

WEEKEND O' MAGIC 2007!

Yes - it's back! And you won't want to miss it! Talent line-up announced in this issue!! Dealers room, contest, prizes, lectures, gala show, food and more!

Thursday - October 25th, 2007

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

HALLOWEEN MAGIC NIGHT!

The Tiptop & Tootsie Award (Halloween Effect) Best Costume Award and Special Food Night!

Friday, November 9, 2007 - 7:30pm

IBM Ring # 92 presents

LECTURE BY KENRICK "ICE" MCDONALD

Douglas College - Room 2203

Advance - \$30 / \$20 for members

At Door - \$35 / \$25 for members

Sunday - November 25th, 2007

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Details TBA

January 2 - 7, 2008 (in Vancouver area)

Xentel DM Inc. presents

MURRAY HATFIELD'S - MAGIC 'N MIRACLES

This amazing annual show is headlined by Murray & Teresa. Show times and details on online at www.magicmiracles.com.

April 26 & 26, 2008

Stan Kramien present's his

21ST ANNUAL NW MAGIC JAMBOREE!

Annual magic get-together in Newberg, Oregon. Early bird price is \$175 but register by October 31st and only pay \$150! Great hospitality & free beer! www.magicjamboree.com for more information

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Neale's items went well and Mike Norden lost out on purchasing the fireman puppet but he still managed to carry on through the night.

The sales went fast and furious and the bidding was fierce! Items were sold by Michael Glenister, Mike Norden, Dave Watters, Matthew Johnson, Glen LaBarre, Cameron Fisk, and Richard Whittington. The top seller of the night was Matthew with \$700 going to him for selling just 7 items. Glen LaBarre sold 22 items and takes the title for numbers sold. On

the sellers side first place with 14 items purchased goes to someone who wished to remain nameless, as his wife reads this newsletter. Don't worry Graham Kita – your secret is safe with us!

Craig Prystay came in second with \$285 for 3 items and Claire-Ly Lee third with just a dollar less!

The total sales were \$2593.00 with the club taking its cut of \$264.35. Once of the most successful auctions of recent years!

The show ended at 11 p.m. and the

clean up crew took over. We would like to thank all the members and their guests for coming down and participating in such a good time with a special thanks going to our counter of David Wilson, Karen Eskilson, and Craig Prystay and auctioneers Gary Savard and Mike Norden, and Graeme Kingston for his tremendous help. Further thanks to Auction Runners of Trevor Watters, Gord & Jesse Boyes and guest, Andy Mo, who jumped in head first in at his first meeting!

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SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES AT VENUES FROM THE MAGIC CASTLE IN HOLLYWOOD, MAGIC ISLAND OF HOUSTON, THE JAMES CROWN THEATRE IN CANADA, TO THE ORPHEUM THEATRE IN NEW ORLEANS ALL TESTIFY TO THE POWER AND PASSION OF ICE'S DELIVERY. MORE THAN JUST HIS LOVE FOR MAGIC LEADS ICE TO SHARE HIS GIFT. HIS SHEER MASTERY OF ILLUSION HAS ASTONISHED AUDIENCES FROM MAGIC CLUBS, CASINO SHOWROOMS, POLITICAL EVENTS, CONVENTIONS, AND SEMINARS. HE IS TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS HECTIC SCHEDULE TO SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME ON THE XELENT LECTURE SERIES CIRCUIT.

"AS A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND TRUTH I INVITE YOU TO TAKE A MAGICAL JOURNEY INTO MY WORLD OF ENTERTAINING FUN ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING FOREVER YOUNG." - ICE MCDONALD >> THE KING OF COOL

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