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# VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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## Spooktacular September Meeting



The next meeting of the IBM Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle will take place on Thursday, September 28th, 2006 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver.

Doors will open at 6:30pm and at 7:00pm, a workshop presented by Jack Bastow will enlighten us with the use of Dollar Store items in magic tricks. A quick business meeting will begin at 8:00pm followed by the refreshment period. Next, the competition for the new Tip Top & Tootsie Trophy for best Halloween Magic will take place. Anyone wishing to enter the

contest please call the Competition Chairman, Walter Ruteck, in advance at 604-591-1930.

To finish the evening off, the initiation of new members will take place. All members, new or old, who have yet to be initiated, are encouraged to bring along and perform three qualifying magic effects to complete their membership requirements. All who are successful will be officially sworn into the club as full-fledged members during our secret initiation ceremony. We hear our President has not been through this hazing ritual... come one, come all - and bring a camera!

## Gender - Laughter - Media

Last month, Clinton W. Gray, finished performing and lecturing for a third time at a three-year workshop conference entitled "Subversions of Gender Identities Through Laughter and the Comic in Literature, Film and Modern Media," sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the German Research Council.

From 2004 to 2006, three collaborative workshops were held in Canada and Germany addressing intersections in theories of gender, laughter (humor, comedy) and

media, as well as in artistic practices.

As one of only two North America comedians selected to speak and perform at all three conferences, Clinton lectured on cross-dressing and gender bending (Bronn-bach, Germany, 2004), cross-cultural issues (UBC Vancouver, 2005), as well as common genres and strategies for performance art (Queen's University, 2006). If you have seen

Clinton's ADULT show you'll understand why he was the perfect choice for this event...



Clinton W. Gray lectures on gender issues at the Gender - Laughter - Media conference

## Farquhar Frenzy

Shawn Farquhar, hot off two award winning performances at F.I.S.M., was seen everywhere in the local and national media last month. We called Lori and even she couldn't remember them all, but here's a partial list of just two days worth of publicity:

- The Province
- The Victoria Times Columnist
- The Sun
- The Globe and Mail
- CBC Morning Show
- CBC Afternoon Show
- CFUN
- Global TV

After attending P.C.A.M. Shawn, Lori and Hannah were back on the ocean, entertaining thousands of people onboard the Norwegian Star.

# PCAM - A Photo Report



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## Ring 92 Winners

(back to front, left to right)

- Cameron Fisk:** Gold - Children's Entertainer
- Trevor Watters & Lorena:** Gold - Adult Stage
- Lorena:** Gold - Best Assistant (to Trevor Watters)
- Mike Norden:** Silver - Children's Entertainer
- Kevin Cardona:** Competition chairman
- Henry Tom:** Gold - Adult Platform, Gold - Most Novel, Silver - Adult Close-up
- Brian Cook:** Bronze - Pro Challenge
- Nicholas Chow:** Gold - Juvenile Comedy
- Jack Chow:** Gold - Juvenile Stage, Silver - Juvenile Close-up, Silver - Most Novel
- Damien Carriere:** Gold - Comedy, Silver - Adult Platform

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## President's Perspective



Where did the Summer go?! Now, Halloween is just around the corner, and as magicians our lives will all get busier (we hope!) Come out to the next two

meetings as we compete for the new "Best Halloween" effect and have a costume contest on the Auction Night!

Fist off, I want to thank David Wilson (yes again) for his spectacular work on the 2006 Roster Book. It is a thing of beauty. Yes, I know they were delivered over halfway through the year, but they are tedious to produce and take a lot of time and work. We have devised a new procedure to fix some of the time delays, such as publishing two years worth of events in each book...but the number one reason the books are always delayed is due to late membership payments. YOU can help by paying the dues on time, or better yet purchase a 3-Year membership and save yourself some money. Let's see if we can have the 2007 book out by March/April!

I have been contacted by IBM Headquarters about a few members who have not renewed their IBM memberships. This is a friendly

reminder that you must be a member of the IBM in order to maintain your membership with the Vancouver Magic Circle. I think the Linking Ring magazine is worth the price of membership alone with the IBM, but you can renew without the magazine and pay as little as \$20 a year. Please visit [www.magician.org](http://www.magician.org) to renew now!

My latest fundraiser is a personal one, but I would love for the club and its members to be involved if they choose. I am going to raise some funds for "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", as October is the designated month for this. I will be donating 20% of my magic show fees from the month of October towards this important cause, and I hope to raise \$500. I hope to get some press on this and will be handing out special "Pink Wands" at my shows. I invite any other members out their who wish to join me in this endeavor, to contact me at [mike.norden@ibmring92.com](mailto:mike.norden@ibmring92.com). Last note - we have had to cancel our participation in the "Balloons Around the World Event". We did not have enough members who wanted to commit and the date falls on the same day as the 'Day O Magic' in Washington so the attendance was going to be even less. We will plan well ahead for next year though! See you at the meetings!

# CHRIS CAPEHAT LECTURE

Reviewed by David Parker

On Friday, September 15, 2006, 39 Ring 96 members and 8 of their guests welcomed the start of our Fall lecture series by attending the Chris Capehart lecture at Douglas College. This Philadelphia native has been performing magic for 35 years. He started his career on the streets of New York City (44th and Broadway to be exact) with one trick – a thumb tip and red silk. He has come along way since then, and has performed all over the globe entertaining people with his street magic.



Jens Henriksen receives one US dollar from Chris Capehart in exchange for his five dollars Canadian

This wasn't the typical lecture that we are used to where the lecturer shows several tricks and how to perform them. Instead, Chris showed us exactly what street magic is, and how to make money using magic. He told that there is no point in your routine going over 12 minutes as you will not make any additional money, and this also allows you to turn over your audience 4 times every hour. It is quite simple, you gather



Out-of-town member Greg Ladret buys a set of Chris Capehart lecture notes... money well spent!

a crowd, work the crowd, and at the end, they give you money.

Chris refers to himself as a Master Magician, and it is obvious from watching him that he has years of experience "working" the crowd, utilizing his quick wit and great sense of humour.

Chris showed us a few tricks with cards, coins, thumb cuffs, and linking rings, but most of his lecture was him telling us stories, my favourite one being his story about how he ended up winning the Senator Crandall Award for Comedy with his version of Fraidy Cat Rabbit.

Chris finished off with the lecture with his three-ring routine, which he perfected in 1981, has been acclaimed by some of the world's most renowned magicians as "the best of the best." He mesmerized all of us by walking throughout the crowd while linking and

unlinking the rings right in front of our faces, which was amazing as most rings routine are commonly performed at a distance.

Our illustrious President, Mike Norden, presented Chris with the coveted IBM Ring 92 pen (OOOOHH), a lovely garment bag (AAAAHHH), and a lovely treat of Maple Leaf Cookies (YUMMMMM).

The lucky winner of the cost of their admission as they booked in advance was Henry Tom. Be sure to book ahead for the next lecture so that you may have an opportunity to get your name listed here (and pocket twenty bucks).

## WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

WWW.IBMRING92.COM

Great news for all the shoppers out there! Our new friends at Omni Magic have been the first of our sponsors to officially offer a club discount. You will receive 10% off your orders AND receive one 'Omnipoint' for every dollar spent – that ends up being a savings of 15% just for being a Ring 92 member. Visit them online at [www.omnimagic.com](http://www.omnimagic.com) and enter the secret code IBM92 in the coupon field. Please buy some (or all) of your magic from our sponsors – they keep our website running!

Dave Womach sent along an email to me the other day. He has a new website up and running and is filled with new products and DVDs on bird training. Check it out at [www.MagicalBirds.com](http://www.MagicalBirds.com) Our newest Sponsor Spotlight is... Trevor Watters! Visit [www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com) and see what we have to say about Trevor... and the lovely Lorena of course.

Glen LaBarre sent an interesting email about one of the Spirit Bears out in Vancouver that is dressed up in magical attire. They are auctioning them off in October – anyone interested? [www.SpiritBearsintheCity.com](http://www.SpiritBearsintheCity.com)

Just for some fun one day, check out [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type "Daniel Chesterfield" in the search section. Enjoy!

Talk to you next month!

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## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

### GREMLIN MAGIC -WWW.GREMLINMAGIC.COM

One of our new sponsors this year is Gremlin Magic (formerly BC - Magic). They have been doing a lot of advertising of late in the magic magazines and have a much diversified array of products.

Some original concepts and tricks can be found here and nowhere else. For all the children entertainers out there, you



will find tricks like "The Boot" and "Poti ons" that will fit into any routine. They stock a large selection of flashing LED pins with magic themes as well.

They are based in Tucson, Arizona and love Canadians. Visit them at [www.gremlinmagic.com](http://www.gremlinmagic.com) or call 520-982-3006... and make sure you let them know the Vancouver Magic Circle sent you!

# TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

## CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

**September 19-22, 24, 2006**

the Tulalip Casino presents

**A REALLY BIG SHEW WITH MURRAY**

A variety show featuring Ring 92 member and superstar of magic Murray Sawchuk.

Information: [www.areallybigshew.com](http://www.areallybigshew.com)

Show times: [www.tulalipcasino.com](http://www.tulalipcasino.com)

**Thursday - September 28th, 2006 - 7pm**

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**SEPTEMBER MEETING - INITIATION NIGHT**

All new members encouraged to come out!

7:00pm - Workshop (Jack Bastow)

8:00pm - Business meeting followed by competition and initiation

**Saturday, October 7, 2006**

Northwest Ring of Fire (Lynnwood) presents

**DAY O' MAGIC STARRING OSCAR MUNOZ**

Swap meet, lecture, youth show, competition & "card-art" contest.

Adults \$30, family rate \$45.

Dealers tables \$10. Show tickets only \$10

**Thursday - October 25th, 2006**

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

**OCTOBER MEETING - MAGIC AUCTION!**

6:00pm - Set-up

7:30pm - Auction

**Saturday - October 28th, 2006, 8PM**

Milt Larsen & Terry Hill present

**IT'S MAGIC - 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW!**

Mount Baker Theatre

104 North Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA

Tickets available from [TICKETS.COM](http://TICKETS.COM) or by calling (360) 734-6080.

**Friday, November 3rd, 2006 - 7:30pm**

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

**MAGIC LECTURE BY DAVID MALEK**

Room #2203 - Douglas College

700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

**Sunday - November 26th, 2006**

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW!**

Best Western Sands Hotel, Vancouver

Stan Kramien phoned to once again offer his Canadian friends an early bird special for his 20th annual Northwest Magic Jamboree, April 27/28, 2007. Book now to save \$25! Early registration is only \$100 (spouse \$50) but must be done by October 31, 2006. There will be no extensions to this date... so contact Stan today at 503-277-2478 or [stankramien@yahoo.com](mailto:stankramien@yahoo.com).

Murray Hatfield headlined the PNE this year with 'Illusions and Beyond' and it was a hit! Many members of Ring 92 attended and all reported that it was an amazing show! Murray and Teresa continue to impress and amaze with every performance. If you get a chance to see them perform, I suggest you do. Hopefully the PNE will have him back next year - they would be crazy not too.

To make your calendar even more full there is the touring show of "It's Magic" by Milt Larsen. Starring Les Arnold & Dazzle, Michael Finney, Danny Cole, Dana Daniels, James Dimmare, John Walton, and Chuck Jones - this is a show you do not want to miss! It will be held at the Mount Baker Theatre in Washington on October 28th, 2006 at 8:00pm. Visit [www.mountbaketheatre.com](http://www.mountbaketheatre.com) for tickets and more information.

## Magic or Music?

Another proof that magicians are multi-talented performers comes from Rick Mearns, who was recently spotted in the recording studio, adding drums and percussion tracks for IBM Ring #92 member Tony Kazoleas's (aka Zany Zack) upcoming children's CD.

Rick has been a studio musician for over 20 years, recording across North America, from Vancouver's *Mushroom Records* all the way to Nashville. Those of you that are new to the Vancouver

Don't forget to get prepared for the Annual Auction Night to be held on our October meeting on Thursday October 26th. We will have a great auctioneer, so expect a fast and fun evening. If you want to get an auction form please contact David Wilson.

Our next lecture is David Malek and it will be held November 3rd at Douglas College. All the details are included on the flyer with this newsletter.

The Vancouver Magic Circle will once again be celebrating our festive dinner at the Sand Hotel on November 26, 2006. This year our dinner will be catered by the Sand Hotel staff and the cost is \$20.00 for a complete Christmas meal.

There will be lots of entertainment, ending with Santa Clause and the two stage competition. The doors will be open at 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:15pm sharp. It is anticipated that the evening program will end at 10pm.

Please register at the September and October club meetings or by calling Walter Ruteck at (604) 591-1930. There will be only be 120 seats, so please register early. You will enjoy this year's Christmas Party as much as you did last year.

Magic Circle may not know that before Rick became a full-time Close-up Magician he was a Nashville recording artist, and spent more than 15 years on-the-road performing music... not magic!

Tony on the other hand is the exact opposite... we all know him as a magician, but he's been on-the-road all summer touring his music act! Look for more information about Tony's CD release in October's newsletter.



Rick Mearns adds drum and percussion tracks to Zany Zacks's new children's CD

# Day O' Magic 2006

With Oscar Munoz



Photo by Carey Lauder

**O**scar Munoz award winning magician and humorist has spell-bound audiences with his multifaceted talents. He has won the coveted I.B.M Gold cups close up award and will be bringing his talents to the Day O Magic 6. Throughout the USA, Korea, Japan and Mexico, Oscar has presented his special brand of comedy magic to the delights of adults and children of all ages.

**WHERE :** Everett P.U.D. 2320 California St. Everett, WA 98201

**EVENTS:** Swap meet, Lecture, Kids show where youth perform PLUS the 'Anything Goes' competition, close up and stage contests, and the 'cards as art' contest.

**COSTS :** \$30 for an adult - Family rate \$45 - Dealers tables \$10

**Saturday  
October 7th**  
starting at 9am  
It ends around  
7pm

**Tickets: \$10 for show only! Mark it... Saturday OCTOBER 7th, 2006**

# DAVID MALEK

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## By attending Mr. MAlek's lecture you will learn...

how to properly incorporate acting into your magic performance. David MAlek's expertise makes use of both performance arts. He only offers critical 'real world' instruction. Would you want any other type?

Learn to execute effortless passes, perfect pinky counts, real riffle stacking, and deceptive double lifts. David reinforces utility moves you all know, but you rarely perform properly. Imagine if you really could do it effortlessly. You've always wanted to!

David teaches you to approach spectators in a restaurant, banquet, corporate meeting, tradeshow and hospitality suite. The first twenty seconds of your approach are the most important – Do you have what it takes?

Incorporate spectator comments into your show and routine, both formally and informally. David's technique for being impromptu helps you to project confidence, so that you sound intelligent during your performance.

Break down a routine and analyze its various aspects including its strengths and weaknesses. Sure you can do this – but can you build it back up to make it effect a winner?

*Reserve your seat by calling  
David Wilson at (604) 467-7887*

**Come to the David  
MAlek lecture...**

\*David Malek puts on presentations for law enforcement, casino personnel and celebrity clients. He works as a gambling consultant for film and television productions, as well as giving demonstrations at trade shows and hospitality suites for a variety of Fortune 500 companies.

**Friday, November 3, 2006 - 7:30pm  
Room 2203, Douglas College  
700 Royal Avenue  
New Westminister, BC**

Ring # 92 members: \$20 Advanced / \$25 Door  
Non members: \$25 Advanced / \$30 Door

