



# THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

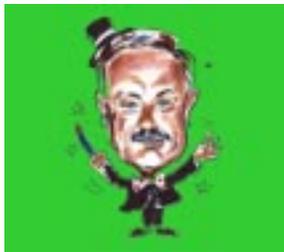
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

## THE MAGICAL MINUTES



Affiliated with the PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS -- JUNE 2004

### RECEPTION & MAGIC SHOW FOR IBM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TONY WILSON THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH



IBM ring # 92, The Vancouver Magic Circle, is proud to be hosting a presidential reception & magic show for incoming IBM president Tony Wilson, and first lady Mary Wilson on Thursday June 24th, 2004. This evening of magic &

merriment will take place in the palatial surroundings of the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie Street, in downtown Vancouver. The Presidential reception kicks off the evening at 6:30pm up in the Bayside room. Meeting the "first couple", mixing and mingling, roving magicians, light h'ores d'uerves, a cash bar, and a spectacular view of English Bay will all figure prominently. At 8:00pm, we will move over to the pacific ballroom for official presentations and a magic show that will feature a number of club members as well as Tony Wilson himself. All IBM Ring #92 members and their partners are cordly invited to attend this exciting evening. **THE EVENING IS FREE IF YOU RSVP.**



TONY WILSON IBM PRESIDENT  
FROM NEW ZEALAND

However, for anyone failing to call ahead, the admission price is \$5 each at the door. The dress for the evening is Semi-Formal. Organizers will accept your reservations until Tuesday June 22nd, 2004, by phoning: **604-418-3407**, or via email: **kareneskilson@ibmring92.com**.

The Wilsons visit to British Columbia is part of a three and a half month whirlwind tour of IBM rings & magic conventions across North America and Europe. The highlight of their trip will be attending the annual IBM convention in Cleveland Ohio, June 29th to July 3rd where Tony will be inaugurated as the 2004-2005 IBM president. Tony and Mary's BC visit includes a two-day stopover in our capital city of Victoria, where they are being hosted by IBM Ring #183, The Victoria Magic Circle and IBM Territorial Vice President for BC **Tony Eng**. For the Vancouver leg of their tour **Karen Eskilson** has put together an itinerary of sight-seeing, dining and magic that culminates with the presidential reception and magic show for them on Thursday evening.

### ANNUAL RING #92 CLUB PICNIC ON SUNDAY JULY 11TH!

Our annual summer picnic will take place near the bandshell in Queens Park, New Westminster, BC, on Sunday, July 11th, 2004, starting at 11:00am. The club will be providing a barbecue for cooking, hot dogs, and assorted pop for all. Anyone wishing to bring their own culinary delights, are welcome to do so.

For Ring #92 members, wishing to attain their magic wand degree, please come prepared to present a 15 minute magic performance for the crowd. Please note: the picnic will be re-scheduled if it rains.

**ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT 1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. (unless otherwise stated)**

# 2004 MAY MEETING AND CLOSE-UP NIGHT!

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Some say their cup is half full, others say their cup is half empty, we say our cup runneth over. April showers brought us a plethora of magical May flowers.

Our regularly scheduled May 27th meeting started with a workshop by the legendary magician **Eric Lenz**. His subject was "Sponges, Thumbs and a Table". He kept us spellbound for nearly a full hour. President **Karen Eskilson** presided over the business meeting where reports were given for upcoming events including the Childrens Magician of the Year show and the Weekend of Magic 2004.

Karen also presented **Jeremy Heryet** with his keeper medallion from an earlier competition. The 50/50 draw of \$45.00 was won by **John Nasar**, a new member this year and a former student of **Eric Lenz**. Food for the refreshment break was prepared by Melody Hewson, delicious.

Next on the agenda was the Dick Gardner (Jr.) Trophy for close-up magic, cards permitted. Three juniors **Jeremy Heryet**, **Cameron Fisk** and a brand new member, **Chris Pataki** were in the hunt. **Cameron Fisk** pulled it off and was declared a close winner.

Next was the H.B. MacLean (Adult) trophy for close-up magic, cards NOT permitted. This was lead by **Andrew Yeo**, **Kelvin Ng**, and **Rod Chow** with his Wish Maker money magic routine. Rod was a clear winner with his sophisticated handling of paper money.

**Munro MacKenzie**  
Ring Reporter.



ROD CHOW AND CAMERON FISK 2004 CLOSE-UP WINNERS



THE LEGENDARY ERIC LENZ  
DURING HIS WORKSHOP !

## TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

**Matthew Johnson** has successfully published some of his original magic routines through Murphys Magic supplies. Some of these routines include, "Drinks on me!", "Voodoo", that was chosen by *allmagicreviews.com* and "Card Through Bill!". L&L publishing magazine only carries 3 tricks in their inventory and "Drinks on me!", is

the routine fortunate enough to be one of the 3. Congratulations Matthew.

Jack Chow, 7 year old son of VMC member **Rod Chow**, last month performed his first solo stage magic performance in his school's annual talent contest, held in the auditorium. Jack, who is in grade 1, competed against all grades up to grade 7, and won 1st place overall! Jack got his start in magic assisting his dad since age 2, and doing his 1st show as a magician at



7 YEAR OLD JACK CHOW BACKSTAGE

age 3.

At the beginning of April, H2o Magic Productions presented a full-evening show called, "ABRACADABRA", at a local high school out in Delta. The two-night run starred **Trevor Watters**, ably assisted by Lorena Paradon, **Matthew Johnson** and **Jeff McLeod**. There was a good turnout on Thursday night and bulging at the seams crowd on Friday. It was great to see so many young families with their children. After the big opening number by Trevor & dancers, Matthew took to the stage in typical style; he is so funny and talented. His routine of white feather rings changing to red, blue and yellow is smoothness at its best. His final presentation with his Diabolo was "gymnastics" to a high degree.

The intervals in between, were admirably filled by a group of dancers choreographed by Lorena. Throughout the evening, Trevor and Lorena presented several illusions including: a Sword Box (12 swords), a Shadow Box, Metamorphosis, and a very funny Banana Bandana. For such a young man he is developing into a great illusionist. The second half presented **Jeff McLeod** in his completely dead pan style. His chicken number brought howls from the crowd and his Danke Schoen linking ring number is the best ring performance I have ever seen.

Trevor concluded the show with more illusions culminating in his dramatic "Artist Dream" sequence. It was very poignant as I noticed two ladies in front of me dabbing their eyes. Overall a first class performance all round. Submitted by **Munro MacKenzie**

**Rick Mearns** has recently added magical advisor to his long list of accomplishments. Rick taught a local actor on The Collector's series how to perform psychic surgery. When asked what they do with the bits of chicken used in this stunt, Rick was quick to reply "Oh that's easy, it's *re-psychic-able* (recyclable)!" Not only did Rick get plenty of work, he managed to get an appearance on Global Television, all thanks to his winning performance at a recent contest.

## Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND  
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
RECEPTION AND SHOW FOR  
VISITING IBM PRESIDENT TONY WILSON  
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL  
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER  
6:30PM - COCKTAIL RECEPTION  
8:00PM - MAGIC SHOW  
DRESS - SEMI-FORMAL  
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SUNDAY JULY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC  
QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER, BC  
STARTING AT 11:00AM NEAR THE BANDSHELL  
DATE WILL BE RESCHEDULED IF IT RAINS

AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

2004 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION  
SEA-TAC MARRIOTT HOTEL, SEATTLE, WA  
Hotel Reservations: 1-800-314-0925  
Info: [www.seattlepcam2004.com](http://www.seattlepcam2004.com)

SUNDAY AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
SUMMER PUBLIC SHOW  
QUEENS PARK BANDSHELL  
QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER, BC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
SEPTEMBER MEETING  
7:00PM - WORKSHOP  
8:00PM - BUSINESS MEETING  
8:45PM - INITIATION NIGHT

OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
WEEKEND OF MAGIC 2004  
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL  
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER  
REGISTRAR DAVID WILSON: 604-467-7887

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
OCTOBER MEETING  
VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION

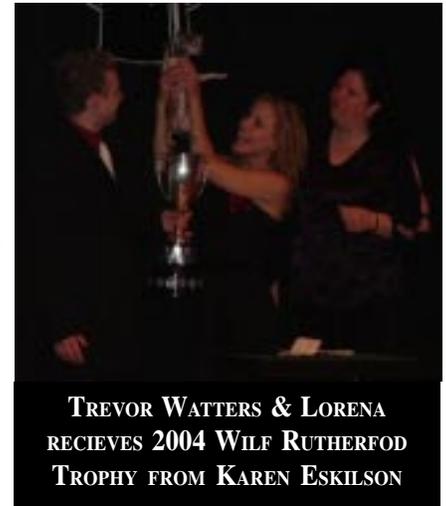


## CHILDRENS MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR SHOW A SELLOUT!

The month of May ended with the Children's Magician of the Year contest at the Shadbolt Centre for the Performing Arts. About 200 adults and a million children (well 75) attended. The children were seated on the floor in front of the magicians, as if it were at a birthday party venue. **Matthew Johnson** graciously and funnily was M.C. and really worked the crowd up for the afternoon. The competition kicked off with **Rick Mearns** as "Tricky Ricky", followed by **Michael Glenister**, succeeded by **Neil Marshall**. Neil is our deaf/mute member so he had his two young daughters assist him on the microphone and signing for Neil, really quite clever. **Jeff Christensen** next took up the challenge followed by **Trevor Watters** and Lorena, then **Juan Garcia**. **Neale Bacon**, **Jose Almenares** were followed by **Marianne Dumay** as "Miss Direction" and concluded with **Graham Kita** the "Magic Guy". The first half was a long 2 hours of excellent magic and the children were all involved at some point, to their delight. During the intermission, every member of the audience was asked to cast a ballot for who they thought was the best children's performer. (This is the only trophy handed out by the Vancouver Magic Circle that is not decided by a panel of judges) Back for a short second half, **Matthew Johnson** entertained while ballots were being tabulated.

When the results were handed down, trophy chairman **Glen LaBarre** announced the winner of the 2004 Wilf Rutherford trophy was, **Trevor Watters** and Lorena with a little help from their chihuahua, Tequila. A show of this magnitude is not a success without the help of an energetic stage crew and front of stage gang. 2nd vice president **Dennis Hewson** had a hard working group pull off the event nearly flawlessly. Several gracious people donated prizes so lots of attendees went home delighted with their haul. A truly delightful afternoon and the sun shone.

Reported by **Munro Mackenzie**



TREVOR WATTERS & LORENA  
RECIEVES 2004 WILF RUTHERFOD  
TROPHY FROM KAREN ESKILSON



CHILDRENS CAST PERFORMERS FROM L TO R STANDING: TREVOR WATTERS & LORENA PARADON, JENNIFER KITA, GRAHAM KITA, MARIANNE DUMAY, NEALE BACON, NIEL MARSHALL, JEFF CHRISTENSEN, MICHAEL GLENISTER, JUAN GARCIA  
FRONT ROW KNEELING: RICK MEARNES, JOSE ALMENARES