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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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April General Meeting—Thurs April 23rd Gimmicked Card Trick Night

The next meeting of IBM RING #92, The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE, takes place on Thursday April 23rd, 2009 at Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver (1950 Windermere St.). This evening will be our annual "Gimmick Card Night", with the competition for the Charles Howard Trophy. This competition is open to all adult members. The trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. During the course of the routine or effect, a gimmick must



be used (i.e. gimmicked card, gimmicked wallet, gimmicked device, etc.). The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the use of gimmicks to enhance magic.

- 6:30—Doors open
- 7:00—Workshop begins
- 8:00—Business Meeting
- 8:20—Snacks and socializing
- 9:00—Competition for the Charles Howard Trophy

Workshop—Thurs April 23rd

Have you got an original idea for a trick or enough ideas to fill a DVD?

Have you always dreamed about selling your idea to other magicians?

Would you like to see your product in magic stores around the world?

Our April meeting will begin with a presentation by Abracadabra Magic Media, a full service production company based right here in Vancouver, BC. They specialize in the full production & distribution of magic effects & magic DVD's.

Abracadabra Magic Media is owned and operated by two of our very own members, Tony Chris & Matthew Johnson. They started the company 6 years ago with a view to releasing their own products on the worldwide market. Since its humble beginnings, both Matthew Johnson & Tony Chris have sold 1000's of original magic effects and DVD's to magicians

and stores all over the world. They also have exclusive distribution with some of the world's largest wholesalers including Murphy's Magic, Magic City & Hocus-Pocus.

Now they are looking for you and your original creations. May be you have an idea that could well be the next BIG THING in the world of magic. Abracadabra Magic Media will help you turn it into a reality. Who knows, may be you are magic's next rising star!

Abracadabra Magic Media products are available at fine magic stores worldwide. As a way of saying thank you to the VMC members Abracadabra Magic Media will have many of their products available for sale at 25% off the regular retail price. So if you are looking for some new magic or just want to get great savings this is a good opportunity to pick up the latest effects!

So be there early, you don't want to miss this!

The Magical Minutes

Newsletter Date:
April 2009

Kramiens Magic Jamboree Cancelled!!

It is with a heavy heart that I must publish this report from Stan Kramien:

Due to our extremely fragile economy, which affects our jamboree in so many ways, and after a lot of consideration, we have decided to cancel the 2009 Magic Jamboree. Those of you who have registered will soon receive a letter of explanation, and of course a full refund. If you have made motel reservations, you should call and cancel. WE do hope to return in 2010 with a brand new concept in the Magic Jamboree. You all know how much I love the Jamboree and how I will miss you this year. Lets pray things will improve.

Love, Stan.

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March in Review

Submitted by Munro Mackenzie

St. Patrick's day found VMC members Dennis Hewson, Ray Roch and Jens Henriksen performing at the Kinsmen Adult Day Centre in Richmond which fellow magician and former magic teacher, Eric Lenz, attends.



Dennis Hewson — Ray Roch — Eric Lenz — Jens Henriksen

The three gave a thoroughly entertaining, humorous show much to the delight of all the day centre clients and staff. Ray said a few thoughtful words about Eric, in thanks for his contribution to the VMC, and also had Eric assist him with one effect. Dennis and his pet dog, who was wearing it's shamrock tiara, claimed everyone's hearts. Jens mystified the group with a giant Pom-Pom.

Our regular meeting was Past Presidents and One Trick Night.

The work shop consisted of INVENTION lead by Bruce Hunt. Talk about an inquisitive mind and you have Bruce's approach to developing a new trick or improving an old one.

Your old garbage is a gold mine for developing into a radical new direction.



Ed Goldberg—David Parker—Gary Savard—Jens Henriksen

Bruce Hunt

You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.

~ Michael Jordan

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Thanks to John Smithman and Rod Chow, we have some pictures to share. If you take pictures at any meetings or events, be sure to send them to us! (and check out <http://www.champions.ca/vmc.html>)

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After the workshop came a short business meeting, then a social break presided over by Juan Garcia and his wife Marcia and daughter Emily.

Then it was on the "Past Presidents & 1 Trick Night". Past Presidents Mike Norden(2006-2007) stepped up and did a card trick; Gary Savard(2000) did a elaborate Professors Nightmare; Karl Cremer(1989) had 2 members all tied up with a straw and string; David Wilson(1981,1992,2003)with help from Brianna Carlson & Mark Braybrooke performed rope and Bill Lee(1984-85) did cards.

Now it was time for members to astound us. Brianna Carlson with the help of 2 members did an elaborate card trick; Mark Braybrooke did cards; Billy Hsueh shone; Jesse Boyes also shone; Alexander Seaman did cards; Stephen Braybrooke also did a neat card effect; Neil Kremer astounded; Munro MacKenzie displayed a magic light bulb; Bryn Williams did a perfectly adequate magic trick with Billy; Claire-ly Lee showed how a safety pin is so great in magic; Dennis Hewson tied 9 knots in a long length of rope than took them off; Rosalind Chan did cards with Emily Garcia; veteran Anthony Young did a trick so fast he was finished by the time I got his name down; Glen LaBarre; Jeff Christensen & Kelvin Ng finished.

45 members & 6 guests had a fun night.

Smoke & Mirrors

Submitted by David Watters

The Lynnwood Magic Club held their Annual Smoke & Mirrors evening of magic on April 11, 2009. This is a fund raising event for the Burned Children Recover Foundation who assists in the development of youth who experienced injury due to fire. (a very good cause!).

The evening performance MC was our very own Brian Cook who opened with colorful changing apparel and ball routine. The first performer was Jack Turk who presented himself as a Jeanie and mystified the audience with a funny silk routine. Next up was the "Lord of Darkness" Philemon Vanderbeck who took the audience back in time with a scary tale of KEYS and INSANATY. His ability to tell a story made this author think that he may of lived this experience! Bruce Meyers performed a classical rope & table levitation that sent goose bums through the audience and brought this reporter to his feet applauding in appreciation. Closing the first half of the show was M.C. Trickey who performed a new rap song utilizing Peanut Butter & Jam a very tasty treat that was enjoyed by all.

After a short intermission, the next performer was Aaron Wheeler who performed his Egg to Lemon to Orange and reappearing Parakeet act. Don Brisbane, who earlier in his career entertained with the Great Virgil, performed next. One of the Lynnwood Magic Club's senior members had the entire audience laughing out of their seats with his very

clever multiplying bottle routine topped with a big surprise at the end of his act. Fredrick Turner performed a Gypsy Thread routine encompassing today's life challenges and economic mysteries. Next up was Louie Foxx who with snappy whip and flowers had one of the audience members say "WHY ME" a very funny routine. He then had the house lights turned down and entertained us with "Shadow Puppets" A very talented display of imagination and hand dexterity. Closing out the show was Brian Cook who performed his flawless linking ring performance.

After the evening's show, performers, stage crew and guest headed out for food, liquid libation, and merriment at the Flying Pig Pub and Restaurant. This was truly a great evening had by all!!!!!!



Brian Cook

Louis Fox

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Cook and the rest of the performers of the North West Lynnwood Magic Club, for their dedication in supporting a just cause. I would also like to remind members of the importance



David Watters - Bruce Meyers - Cathie Watters

of your role in the magic community and to support your sister magic clubs and circles around the Pacific North West.

Our Magical Society is only as strong as the membership and involvement! Please participate by attending meetings and events. You are the difference!

Children's Magician of The Year

Submitted by Neil Kremer

Well it's that time again and I know you've ALL been looking forward to it. It really is the most wonderful time of the year.

There'll be parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, and caroling out in the snow. There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago...

Okay, well maybe I'm getting a LITTLE ahead of myself but I'm still VERY excited. June is almost here and that only means one thing...

We're having the Children's Magician of the Year Award show!

That's right; mark it in your calendar, June 7th at 1:00 pm, the Shadbolt theatre in Burnaby. It's going to be a lot of fun for the whole family so please join us at this event and don't forget to tell your friends! Come early and witness amazing magic miracles performed by roving magicians in the theatre lobby!

General admission tickets are only 10 dollars - available via the box office at 604-205-3000.

Since 1960, the Vancouver Magic Circle, now Canada's largest magic club, has held an annual show featuring some of the finest children's entertainers in western Canada. These magicians are vying for the honour of being titled Children's Magician of the Year, the winner being selected by popular vote of the audience.

The 2nd Vice-President is in charge of producing the show, and no, it's not Sarah Palin! It's me - Neil Kremer, along with an ENORMOUS amount of help from Co-Producer / Treasurer David Wilson The Amazing, Stage Manager Rod Chow and many others. A great big "THANK YOU" to David and Rod and everybody else who's lending a hand. A special thanks also to a member (who wishes to remain anonymous) who generously purchased 10 tickets to be given to those who may not afford it.

Everything is almost set but we still need some people to fill a few duties to make this year a great success. So if you're willing and able to lend a hand we'd greatly appreciate it. Please let me know by phone at 604-288-2596 or email neil.kremer@ibmring92.com.

Contestants are also still needed so please contact me as soon as you can.

Advertising in the program guide is a great way to show your support and put your business card and contact information in the hands of a couple hundred potential clients.

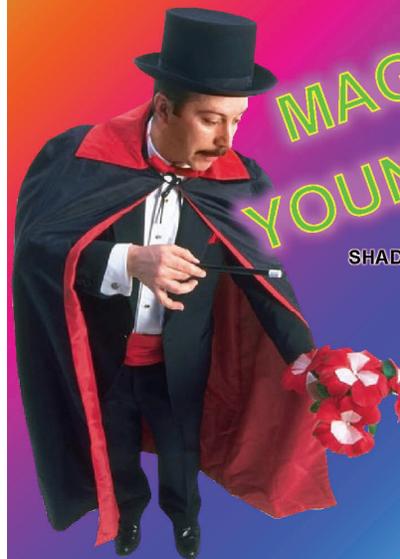
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PRESENTS

2009 Children's Magician of the Year Show

MAGIC for
YOUNGSTERS



SHADBOLT CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

STUDIO THEATRE

6450 Deer Lake Ave, Burnaby

Showtime is 1:00 pm

Sunday June 7 2009

For tickets and information:
604-205-3000

General Admission tickets:
\$10.00



Your vote decides who wins!

Business card ads are only \$12. Full page ads are \$60.

Please feel free to email your card to me or give me a physical copy for scanning.

For more information, please call me or David or visit:

<http://www.shadboltcentre.com/events.php?eventid=47>

or

<http://www.ibmring92.com/index.html> (The best magic site you ever will see) ☺

We're looking forward to a wonderfully magical day - see you there!

Neil Kremer

Tidbits

Peter Rolston—B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame

On Sunday April 19th, Peter Rolston was inducted into the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame as a pioneer in television. The B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame Pioneer Award is given to individuals who have moved the entertainment industry forward over a substantial period of time through their work with individuals or groups, in performance, design or technologies. Inaugurated in 1994, the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame has almost 300 inductees. Inductees can be seen in the Starwalk along Granville near the Orpheum and the Starwell Gallery in the Orpheum lobby.



Peter Rolston

Clown Fun

VMC member Amanda O'Leary is one of the lecturers at the 2009 ClownFun in Calgary in May.

www.funccalgary.com/clownfun

Apparel

David Wilson is the club apparel chairman and he will be placing an order in the near future for some shirts and is considering various other items. You can ensure you get what you want in the size you need by pre-ordering from him.

Catch a Wave

VMC member Dennis Hewson is a long time member of the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron, becoming a Life Time member in 2007. His wife Melody served as Commander of the Port Moody Squadron in 1993/1994.

Dennis will be entertaining at their district annual general meeting the evenings of May 22 & 23.

Dennis performs his Magical entertainment that is enjoyed by people of all ages. He has performed at Science World in Vancouver, The Family Fair in Coquitlam, Golden Spike Days in Port Moody and every fall you can watch him do his routine at IOCO Ghost Town Days. Also, Dennis has performed at many of our schools Fun Fairs and is often seen at his grandchildren's schools, doing magic for their classrooms and Libraries. All through the year Dennis entertains at Care Homes, Children's Birthday Parties, Hotels and Businesses, Family Reunions, Special events and Community Projects.

Dennis is a member of the Vancouver Magic Circle, The Canadian Association of Magicians, The Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Dennis has taught the Art of Magic to students enrolled in the after school Community programs in the Tri-Cities area, focusing on students developing their skills as future magicians.



Calendars

Yes, there are still a couple of 2009 VMC calendars available (at a discounted price). Contact Mike Norden if you'd like one.

Library News

A big thanks to Graham Kita who donated some industrial shelving to the club for the library. The library is stored at the home of Dennis Chan, and Graham also donated his time to go over to Dennis' house, setup the shelving, and help load all the clubs books on the shelves so that they're up off the floor.

Thanks Graham ! (and thanks Dennis Chan !)

DVD Review

Submitted by Andrew Musgrave

John Carney's Master Sessions, Volumes 1 and 2 ("Winter" and "Spring") Reviewed by Andrew Musgrave

For those who've had a chance to read Carneycopia or the Book of Secrets, or watch the DVDs featuring routines from those books, John Carney needs no introduction. For those who haven't, here's your chance. In addition to recently being named by Magic Magazine as one of the Top 10 Funniest Comedy Acts out there today, Carney is also one of the great teachers of sleight of hand magic, and he's just taken on a compelling project - a 4-volume set of DVDs, one to be released each quarter of 2009. The first two, Winter and Spring, have already come out, and long-time fans of Carney will be pleased with what's already been included.

Each DVD contains 5 routines, and while that might not sound like much on the surface, each of them is richly constructed, many of them with multiple effects. The Winter DVD will surely appeal to walk-around performers. The spongeball routine, "Current Classic", contains within it novel ways to make each of the spongeballs appear, and the handling requires no surface. "Off Ring", a two-phase ring and straw penetration effect, had generated such a reputation for itself that Dai Vernon himself referenced it back on his Revelations videos. "Exchanged, Expanded and Extracted" combines a traditional Copper/Silver routine with the Expansion of Texture plot, and has a climax so surprising I don't want to

spoil it by talking about it here. There's also a clean vanish and reproduction of two coins, and a routine used to illustrate a utility card move that should be of interest for anybody who wants to control multiple cards.

The Spring DVD takes it up a notch by including two challenging chapters. The

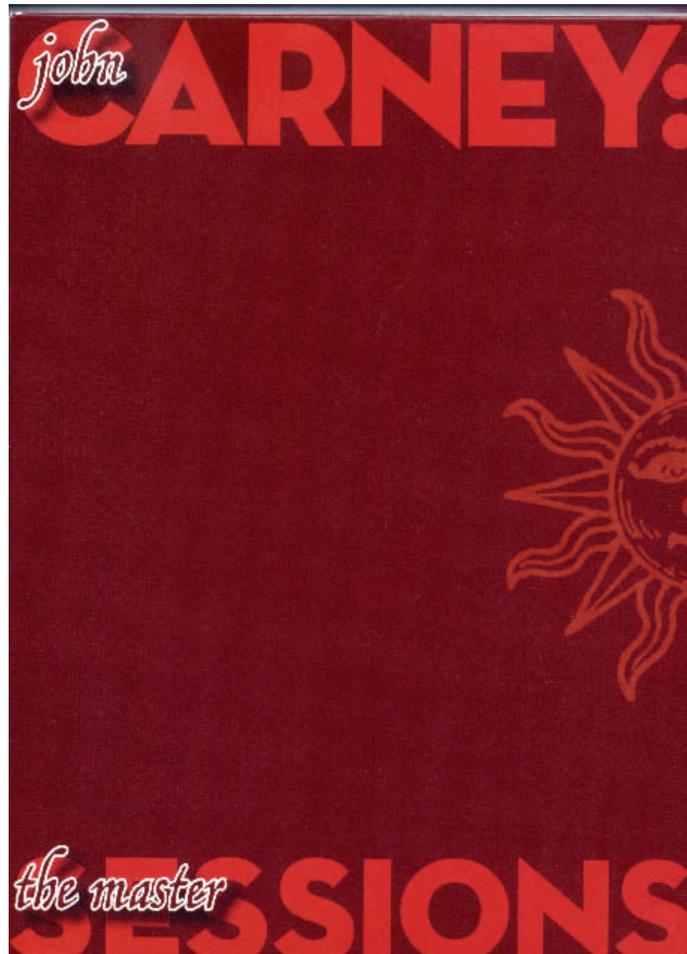
fect called "Karate Coin", and a very practical card effect where a chosen card vanishes and reappears inside a matchbox.

There's a lot to get out of the material. All of the routines have a very polished, streamlined feel to them -- even "Four Gone", which Carney considers a work in progress, looks like it could be very slick for somebody who manages to master it. It's always a treat to be able to watch Carney work and study his timing, spectator management and misdirection techniques in play. Some of Carney's magic has a reputation for being difficult, but there's a nice range of material here for anybody with even a little background in sleight of hand, and his instruction is consistently thorough. Even the production values are great.

It's hard to find reasons to not recommend these DVDs. In all honesty, if sleight of hand magic is appealing to you, these DVDs are worth your investment. Carney and Hahne Magic are very tight-lipped about the contents of

the final two DVDs in the series, but if the quality holds up, it'll be an impressive addition to an already impressive body of work.

This series of DVDs is available for ordering online at www.hahnemagic.com



first, "Slow-Mo Coins", includes the bare-handed vanish and reproduction of coins inspired by Nate Leipzig's work, and the second, "Four Gone", is a bare-handed production and vanish of the 4 aces, before they are made to reappear in the pockets in his own handling of The Travellers effect. There's also an impressive 4-ace Ambitious Card Routine that isn't quite as difficult as it sounds, his take on David Roth's finger-through-coin ef-

X-ellent Lecture Series—May 2009

The next installment of the X-ellent lecture series features guest lecturer Levent on May 1st at Douglas College in New Westminster (700 Royal Avenue, Room 2203). As always, cost for members in advance is \$20, or \$25 at the door. Cost for non-members is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Junior members are free!

Levent performs stage magic and madness, sleight of hand and wacky comic audience participation.

A rare magic lecture by Levent is an event not to be missed. After he presented his lecture on May 9, 2008 at the Denny & Lee Magic Studio in Baltimore, the respected Magician and Magic Dealer Denny Haney commented:

"One of the most exciting and entertaining lectures I have seen in over twenty years...If you want to know what it takes to perform, create, invent, troubleshoot, and perfect an act then this is one not to be missed...It's hard to believe that one man can know sooo much... A priceless lecture!" -**Denny Haney**

When Levent lectured at MAGIC LIVE 2004 in Las Vegas, Genii Magazine reported:

"Levent's presentation was captivating. Smoothly integrating live performance with supplementary multimedia...Levent commanded the attendees attention and educated everyone on magic, comedy and showmanship...Another important component of the lecture was a list of rules for onstage sleight-of-hand. This lecture was the best of the convention. It set a high bar which no other performance or interview even approached." -**Magi Magazine**

In his lecture, Levent, a professional Comedy Magician and Manipulator with over 25 years of experience, and the author of the critically acclaimed magic book "Roy Benson By Star-

light", will explain his "Fundamental Rules of Stage Magic". These fundamental rules will be demonstrated by Levent as he teaches stage magic tricks such as Charlie Miller's Three Rope Trick as well as several routines from his own professional act (including his Impromptu Diminishing Cards, Surprise Color Changing Silks, Long Pour Salt Trick, The Roto-Riser Deck, Any Card Called For From Mouth and his masterpiece Miser's Dream routine).

By completely following these simple rules, you will be able to take your magic to the next level.

As a bonus, in the second part of his lecture, Levent will also

teach the secrets of Roy Benson's legendary Six Billiard Ball routine. Following the lecture, you will have the opportunity to purchase Levent's various magic effects and instructional DVDs. Many of these items are only available at the lecture.

So come to be amazed, amused and educated by the master of stage magic and sleight of hand: Levent.

On the X-ellent Lecture Series...

Levent

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By completely following these simple rules, you will be able to take your magic to the next level. For more information, please visit www.LeventMagic.com

Coming May 1st, 2009

Volunteers needed

Each month the club has various activities that are for the most part arranged by the club Executive. There are many opportunities for others to get involved and help out. This is a great way to meet others and have fun without committing yourself to a full year of responsibilities.

Upcoming events that require volunteers:

Children's Magician of The Year—June 7th

Please contact Neil Kremer if you're able to help out. There are a range of duties including very simple ones like collecting tickets at the door.

VMC Summer Picnic—August 29th

Please contact Dave Watters if you're able to help out. There are a range of duties like helping setup and run the games (fun, fun, fun!!).



