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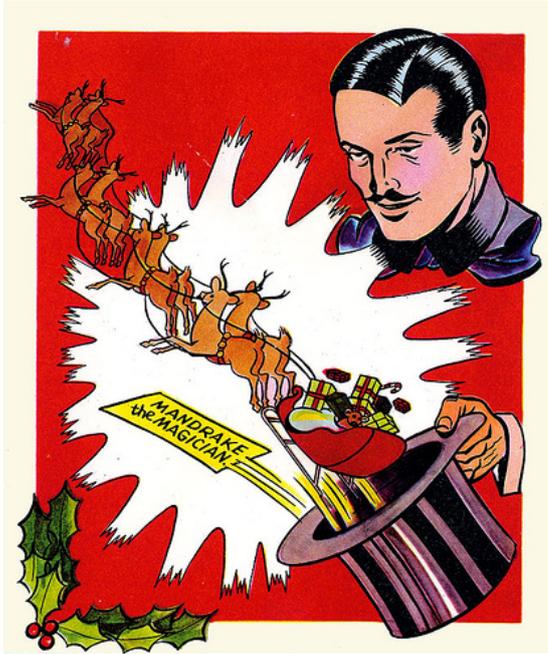
## Presidents Message

*Bryn Williams-VMC President*

Welcome to the holiday edition of the Magical Minutes. With no meeting in December, this makes November our magical holiday time of year. I'd like to welcome several new members of our executive team who will be joining us for the remainder of the term. Thanks to Graham Kita, our new 2nd Vice President and Dustin Anderson, our new Sergeant at Arms.

Our executive meets once a month to plan, discuss and make sure our club events run smoothly. If you would like to make any nominations for our 2012 Executive, please contact our nomination chair, David Watters.

I would like to personally extend the warmest of holiday greetings to all our members and their families. I hope the holidays bring you peace, joy and magic.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## VMC XMAS DINNER: THURSDAY NOV. 24th

@ THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL

Doors open at 6:30 for socializing and the dinner will start at 7pm. This event is a Potluck, which means your admission is FREE if you bring a dish (that serves 6). If you wish to attend, please contact:

Graham Kita (604) 275-8848

Dennis Chan (604) 942-6976

Dinner will be followed by our annual stage magic competition for the William Shelly (adult) and Percy Poole (junior) trophies. If you wish to enter our Stage magic contest, please contact our Competition Chair Henry Tom (henrytom@shaw.ca) at least 24 hours in advance.

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# OCTOBER: IN REVIEW

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OCTOBER 2011

Halloween Meeting, Oct 28th

## WORKSHOP- JAMES HANSON

### “WHY?”

Our October meeting began with a great workshop from professional magician and VMC member James Hanson. James began by facilitating a discussion on *why*. *Why* do we perform magic? *Why* do we choose the effects we do? *Why* would anyone want to watch our magic?

James then proceeded to demonstrate some of his work on Coins Across, the Muscle Pass, and Crazyman’s Handcuffs. James ended his workshop by giving the club some much needed “Jam Time”.

James’ unique brand of style, technique and charisma created an atmosphere of fun and enthusiasm within the group. The VMC would like to thank James for a fun, fast paced and practical lecture. Fantastic job James.



*James Hanson tips his work on CMH*

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## Halloween Costume Contest

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**WINNER: Matthew Jones**

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# TIP TOP AND TOOTSIE

The TipTop & Tootsie trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in Halloween Magic by an Adult or Junior Member. One trick or effect of a Halloween Theme must be performed within a 10 minute time limit. The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the field of Halloween magic. A favorite of George Patey and Bill Eliason, for whom the trophy is in honour of.

The competitors for this year's competition were: Matthew Jones, Ed Silva-White, John Stenning, James Hanson, Brianna Carlson. All of the competitors succeeded in mystifying and entertaining the audience with highly creative routines based on the macabre and mystery of Halloween. In a very tight race, second place was awarded to James Hanson and our winner was.... Brianna Carlson. Congratulations Brianna, well deserved.



**WINNER: Brianna Carlson**

A reminder to please submit your nominations for the Stan Kramien and Murray Awards to Henry Tom as soon as possible. All performances at VMC events and the P/CAM convention are eligible for these awards.

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# JAY SANKEY LECTURE

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Jay Sankey is one of the most prolific magic inventors and teachers in the world today. His lecture certainly did not disappoint. Jay's unique performance style uses comedy and wit to disarm his audience as he weaves a bizarre stream of consciousness throughout his effects. Jay was unbelievably funny, charming and mystifying. Jay's sincere love of magic was evident throughout his lecture. He stressed the importance of building expectations and energy throughout a set. By far the funniest lecture the VMC has seen in years, this was not one to miss.



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# VMC SPOTLIGHT

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## VMC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

(A monthly feature that looks into the mind and life of one of our members)

**Name:** James Hanson

**Date of Birth:** March 16, 1978

### **Years in Magic?**

I have been doing magic since I was 7 years old but started taking it seriously in Jr. High.



### **How would you describe your approach to performing magic?**

I always consider my audience first. I make all efforts to present magic in a way I would enjoy watching. I could go on...

### **Signature Effect?**

I am known for my card work and my blindfolded straight jacket escape from a crane. I am most proud of my Muscle Pass and my newest original work with elastic bands.

### **Do you have any advice for approaching groups or tables?**

Always be relaxed and professional. Look like you are there for a reason. Try to project modest confidence and an eagerness to share a fun experience. Not everyone will be receptive, but take everything in stride.

### **Who are your biggest influences/mentors in magic?**

I have been lucky to be able to glean from many sources. I think my magic style was most influenced by four members of the Conjuror's Court (Halifax Ring) David Moon, Rod Doiron, Robert Lamar and Jeff Collins. Lately, I look to guys like Steve Dickson, John Warrens and of course our own Shawn Farquhar.

### **Strangest thing that has happened at a gig?**

Once I handed out the thumb cuffs for inspection but had lost the key...an audience member tightly locked his girlfriend so I was forced to take a halftime stop so I could pick it for real...I now always have a plan B ready!

### **Any advice for people just getting started in magic?**

Ask advice often. Give back to those that have helped you. Be yourself and have fun.

### **What are your interests outside of magic?**

Outside of magic I enjoy my dog time, playing pool, chess and swimming. PS3.

### **Upcoming tours?**

My next project will be a tour from Dawson Creek, B.C. To La Pas M.b.

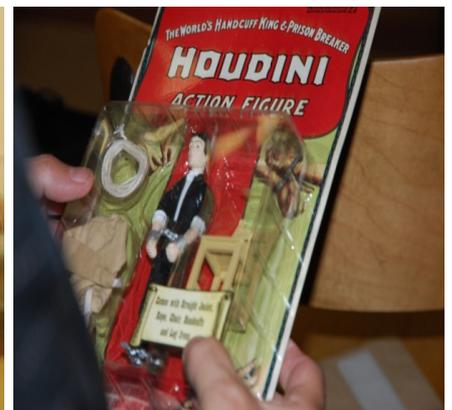
\*Many thanks to James for agreeing to be our first "Member Spotlight"

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# MAGICAL MEMORIES

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# DID YOU KNOW...

Our official photographer John Smithman takes photos of all our clubs events and meetings. Find his amazing photos at: <http://www.champions.ca/vmc.htm>

Our Facebook group has 147 members. Join us there for magic talk and links.

VMC member Gary Savard was featured in the local Chilliwack news for his "Savards Circus of Horrors" Halloween Haunted house. Donations were donated to the SPCA. Way to go Savard family!!



The SAM #95 club is having a Banquet and Professional show:  
Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm  
Kentizen Fusion Lounge - 2nd Floor - 88 W. Pender St., Vancouver, BC  
Featuring Comedy Magic Entertainment by the Internationally Acclaimed Award Winning Magician **Stephen Bargatze**  
Go to [www.SAM95.com](http://www.SAM95.com) for tickets and information

Alex Seaman is proud to announce that tickets for the 2nd Annual "*SHARE the Magic*" are now available! It's the ONLY 100% Charity Show in Port Coquitlam.  
All money raised going directly to the SHARE Food Bank.

**SHARE the Magic**- The Magic of Alex Seaman

**Terry Fox Theatre**

**December 20th at 6:30pm.**

Contact Alex Seaman For tickets. Act now! Tickets are going FAST. Come out to see a great show while supporting a great cause.

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# COMING SOON

FEB. 24<sup>th</sup> 2012

ERIC  
JONES  
PRESTIDIGITATOR



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Regarded by his peers as one of Magic's Rising Stars, Eric Jones has made quite a name for himself in the world of close-up magic. Armed with cunning sleight of hand and a charming personality, he will astound you with his digital dexterity. He creates intimate miracles for you and your guests, with the magic quite often taking place in your hands. When Eric performs, cards fly, coins multiply, and audiences cheer.

An award winning performer, Eric's magic has been showcased at the World Famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA, and NYC's Monday Night Magic, the longest running magic show in New York. As an author, creator, and lecturer, Eric fits sharing some of his pet tricks with countless magicians across the country, including The World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada, into his busy schedule.

Eric's Corporate Clientele constantly call back for repeat bookings.

## A FEW SATISFIED CLIENTS



Hilton

**BF Goodrich**



He's also wowed celebrities such as:

KANYE WEST · MISSY ELLIOTT · HOWIE LONG · DAVE MATTHEWS  
ROBERT HAYS · DAVID ALLEN GRIER · HOLLY ROBINSON-PEETE  
CARMEN ARGENZIANO