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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

Since 1942

October's monthly meeting

is our annual Halloween themed meeting and features the TipTop & Tootsie Competition. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 25th.

Social Hour starts at 6:30pm where we will have tables and close up mats for all. Make sure to bring a deck of cards, your new set of coins or whatever you've been working on to come show off a new idea and learn a whole lot more!

The TipTop & Tootsie Competition

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 trophy is named after a pair of aristocrat tramp characters "TipTop & Tootsie" created by Bill and George. The trophy top is a statue given to them by their good friend Doug Henning (Cousin of Magician Doug Henning) and donated by David Wilson, nephew of Bill Eliason. The base was donated by Craig Prystay.



Please read the [General Competition Rules](#) prior to participation in this contest.

Our Awards and Competition Chairman, Henry Tom, is currently not available. For more information or to enter this competition, please contact [Bryn Williams](#). Please note that you must register at least 24 hours in advance.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Halloween Vancouver Magic Circle!

With the spooky holiday just around the corner, magi from across the Lower Mainland have dusted off their old collection of haunted cards, coins, keys and everything in between in preparation for the Tip Top & Tootsie competition for Halloween-themed magic. As our circle's only Dual competition, both Juniors and Adults will wage a magical war on October 25th at our secret meeting place.

In addition to the upcoming Halloween Meeting, there is a plethora of new announcements as well! First off, I am proud to say that the Vancouver Magic Circle purchased 71 DVDs and received multiple boxes of donated books from members. Thanks to the hard work of our Board of Directors, especially Librarian Dennis Chan, *all* these items have been catalogued into the library and are available for rental! The Vancouver Magic Circle has one of the largest magic libraries with well over 2,000 items all for you, all for free! Make sure to stop by the Library table at the next meeting!



Make sure to clear your calendar for our last meeting of the year on November 22nd. Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held again at the Sunrise Community Centre at 6:30pm and will feature a full potluck dinner, a Secret Santa gift exchange and the Adult and Junior Stage Competitions. Please see 1st Vice President Graham Kita at the October Meeting to let us know what you will bring to the potluck, as well as sign up for the Secret Santa if you would like to participate. We will also be running a food drive at the dinner so please bring any non-perishable food items to donate to our city's most vulnerable.

I would like to thank Steve Dickson, Graham Kita, John Smithman and Phil Razon for volunteering as part of the Constitution Committee and Past President Bryn Williams for taking on the role of Committee Chair. Together we will begin to work on a very important part of our Circle's history. If you have changes you would like to see to our current Constitution, please email Bryn at brynmagician@gmail.com

Last but not least, the Vancouver Magic Circle Board of Directors received a notice from the Canadian Association of Magicians. They are looking to establish CAM Chapters across the country, uniting Canada's various magic groups together. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to apply for the status of a CAM Chapter and await our Chapter number from a ballot draw at the end of the month. Note: Being a CAM Chapter does not make our members CAM members as well. It will, however, make us eligible for special CAM offers that may come up.

- Alex Seaman
President
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CAM Chapter #...?

We hope you're hungry...



The VMC Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday, November 22nd at the Sunrise Community Hall. We will be having a potluck dinner and then the competition for the W.C. Shelly Trophy and Percy Poole Trophy. Anyone interested in competing please contact Bryn Williams at 604-862-6609 or email at brynmagician@gmail.com. There will also be a Secret Santa (or Hanukkah Harry), gift exchange. If you wish to attend the dinner please contact Graham Kita at 604-880-2685

(grahamthemagicguy@gmail.com) or Dennis Chan at 604-942-6976 (d.andsjw3rd@shaw.ca) and let us know how many will be attending and what you are able to bring for food. There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting. Note we will do the Secret Santa draws (to tell the participants who you are buying the gift for) at the October meeting so anyone wanting to participate in the gift exchange needs to get a hold of us on or before the October meeting (the gift should be between \$15 to \$20).

We had a lot of fun last year so bring your family and friends to share the magic of Christmas.



Magic on Steven & Chris Show

Shawn Farquhar appeared on the Steven & Chris show on September 18th. Shawn filmed the spot weeks ago while in Toronto. He did a fairly lengthy segment and then they even brought him back for another short spot at the end of the show. Be sure to ask Shawn all about it!

Steven and Chris is a popular afternoon show in Canada and the US.



An amazing opportunity...

Do you want to be a part of Canada's most prestigious Annual Magic Show?

As many of you know, I am the producer, host and headliner of Magic 'n Miracles - *Canada's largest annual touring illusion show*. I am currently in the process of pre-production on the show and this year have made several changes to the show and the way it will run. One of the big changes is that I would like to offer the opportunity for one young magician to be a part of my team. This person will assist with setup and teardown of the props in the show as well as appearing as an onstage assistant.



This is a paid position and all travel, hotels and a salary will be covered. Applicants must be over 18 years old and act in a positive, professional manner. The tour will take place in two segments as follows;

ONTARIO PORTION - Dec. 1-9 (*We'll actually fly out Nov. 29 and home on Dec. 10. The 1st to the 9th are actual performance dates*)

WESTERN CANADA - Dec. 27 - Jan. 3 (Again - these are the performance dates. *We'll fly out Dec. 26 and we're home and done on Jan. 4*)

If you're interested in being a part of the 2012/2013 Edition of Magic 'n Miracles and available to travel on the dates above - please contact me. You can email me at murhat@aol.com. Please include information about your background and experience in magic and include a link to your website and/or youtube video if you have one.

Sincerely,
Murray Hatfield
Producer - Magic 'n Miracles

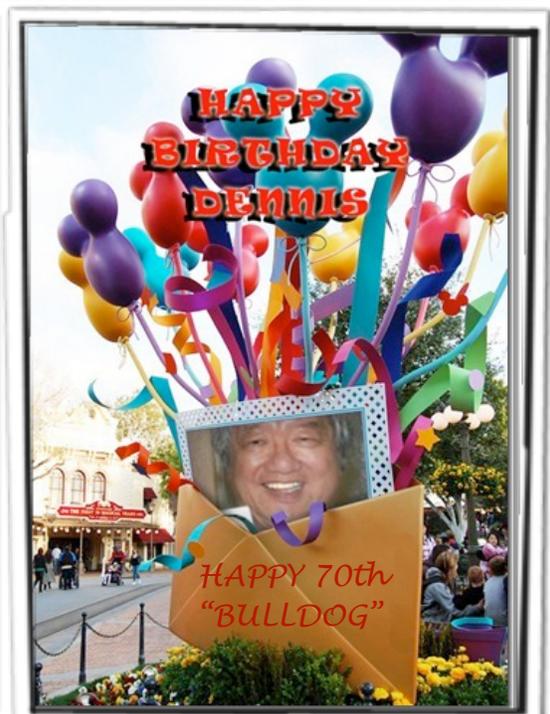
Interim Competition Chair

Thanks to Bryn Williams, who will be filling in for Henry Tom as competition Chair through January 2013. Henry is away chairing all sorts of competitions all across the globe...that's just how good a competition chair he is!

If you would like to enter either the October TipTop & Tootsie Competition or the November Stage Competition, please contact Bryn at brynmagic@gmail.com. You must register at least 24 hours before the event.

Also, if you would like to nominate a VMC member for this year's Murray Award for "The Most Creative Magical Performance" (say maybe a Rabbi you might know), or for the Stan Kramien Showmanship Award (perhaps you are thinking of a certain Newsletter editor), please contact Bryn as well.

Thank you Bryn for sitting in as Chair (ha ha, get it?), in Henry's absence.



Ring Report

By: Munro MacKenzie & Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle
I.B.M. Ring #92

Meets 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, B.C. at 7p.m.

President-Alex Seaman

The regular business of the September meeting was set aside for the club's annual auction. The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. for the sellers to set up. The auction preview was at 6:30 p.m. and the auction began at 7:30 p.m. There were plenty of sellers *and* buyers. And there was a lot of magic for sale. The magic items ranged from packet tricks to silks, lecture notes and DVDS, and there were lots of DVDs. The auctioneer was Dave Carlson, the "runner" was Brianna Carlson who passed the items to the bidders. The bidding was fast, heavy and exciting. I am sure that a lot of magicians bought "stuff" that will sit at home on their shelves only to sell it again at next year's auction...but that's what makes it so much fun!

Karen Eskilson, with her computer and Billy Hsueh were keeping tabs on the financial end of the auction. Graham Kita was busy keeping the flow of the auction. Many thanks to Teri Kita for printing out the bidding cards.

Providing the refreshments for the evening were Margaret Jones (Matthew's mom), and her friend Anne Marie. Brianna Carlson brought cupcakes. Thank you all.

The club recently purchased 51 DVDS from Steve Dickson and 29 DVDS from Graham Kita. Gordon McIntosh and Dennis Chan are cataloguing the DVDS for the library. Joji Yamashita donated a DVD movie, titled "The Great Buck Howard", a story about a mentalist. Very funny, running time 88 min. Thanks Joji. These all make wonderful additions to the VMC Library.

There were many people who won various magical items in the raffle. Thirty-three members and ten guests were in attendance. The evening ended at 11:00 p.m.

-Munro MacKenzie and Dennis Chan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DENNIS!

(See how easy that was? Why not rent this space for your own "shout out" message?)

September's Mystery Mug

Noooooo, it is NOT European male super-hunk model Fabio, although we can certainly understand why you might have thought it was. It is, in fact, our very own Editor **Rabbi Don Pacht** (yes...really, why would I make that up?)

Anyway, nobody guessed correctly...but please keep trying!

This month's Mystery Mug feature is on page 12.



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\$15 at the door

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\$50 (includes Associate member application fee)

For more information contact the lecture coordinator,

[Graham Kita](#) at (604) 275-8848.



Lance Pierce is a performer, author, editor, teacher, creator, consultant, and magician specializing in the practice of sleight of hand in close-up and platform venues. He was a featured entertainer at the world-famous Malone's Magic Bar at the Boca Resort and Hotel in Boca Raton, Florida and is a prolific writer of books, magazine articles and essays.

He taught masters-level courses in business writing for Florida International University, has contributed multiple articles to every major American magic magazine, has published his own non-magic periodical, reviewed products, edited top-selling books, provided concept designs for best selling DVDs and other media, collaborated on video productions, and organized events and conventions for magicians.

For all his activity, Lance is the quiet magician, casually reserved, not impulsive but pensive, always watching. Heavily influenced by a generation of masters, he's brought his craft to the stage, to platform, to hospitality suites, private parties, bars, restaurants, and corporate events. He's entertained audiences from all over the world with a unique touch and 30 years of dedicated practice.

But these are not the things with which he associates himself. While Lance Pierce has worn those many hats, the one he wears most readily is STUDENT. Much of his work in the field of magic is done anonymously and behind the scenes, but the title of student is one he's proud to use, out there for all to see. For Lance, a big part of magic is that never-ending process of searching for the next beautiful idea.

For all his theorizing, there must still be a practical side, however, every beautiful idea must have a side of rubber that hits the road. As Lance is fond of saying, "I used to get all philosophical about magic. Well, that was Zen, this is Tao."

For more information about the Pierce lecture, please visit: www.xellentlectureseries.com

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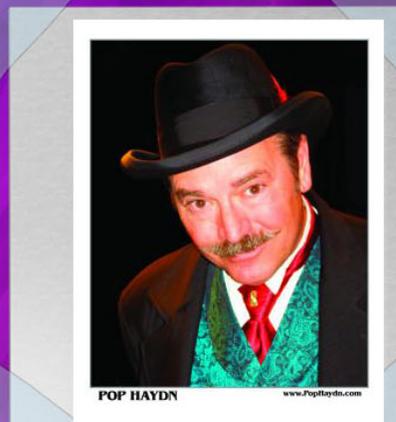
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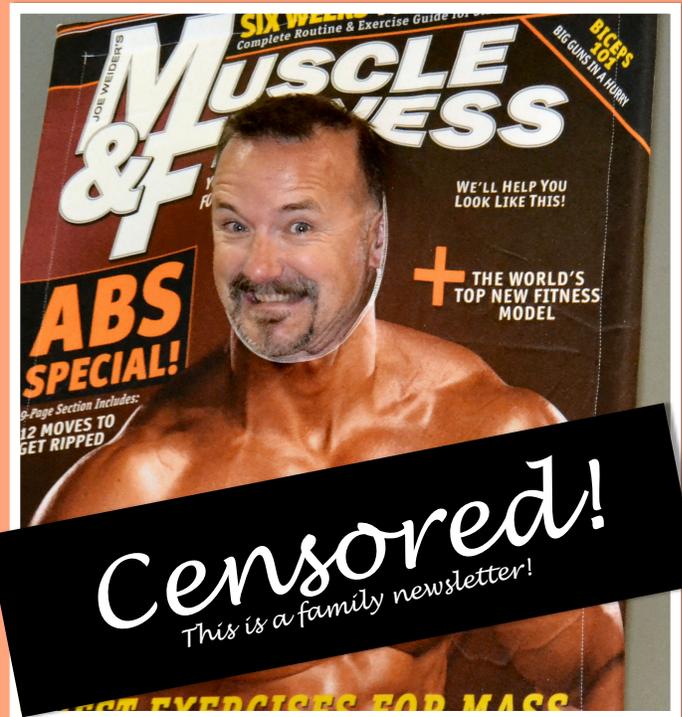
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A HUGE thank you to John Smithman for the photos!

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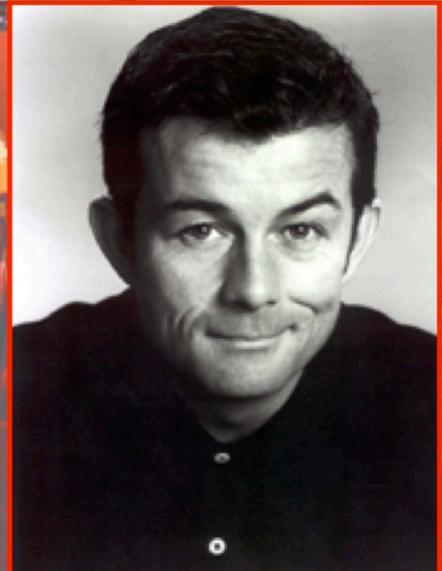
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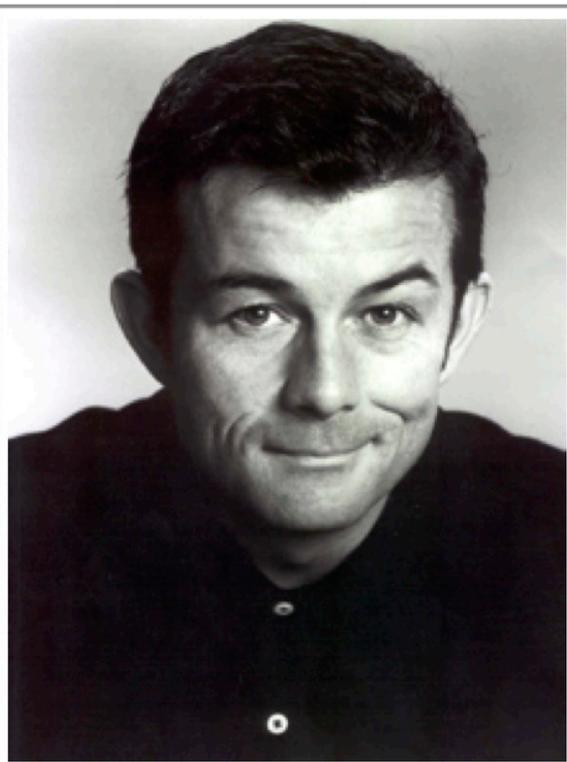
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When it comes to the field of Magic David has been asked to perform at some of the most prestigious Magic events in the world for his peers. He has appeared at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, has hosted the Gala Show at Siegfried and Roy's World Magic Seminar Convention in Las Vegas. He performed on Greg Frewin's Show "Beyond Belief" when the Society of American Magicians convention bought the house out for it's annual get together. He has performed at the International Magic Convention in London England, Abbott's Magic Get together in Colon Michigan, the Daytona Magic Convention, twice at the Canadian Association of Magicians convention in Kitchener, the Battle of the Magicians convention in Canton Ohio, the NYCAN convention in Toronto, the Ultra Exclusive "Invitation Only" FFFF Close Up Convention in Batavia NY, the MAWNY convention in Buffalo, the Niagara Comedy Magic Seminar in Niagara Falls and for six years in a row was asked to perform and host spots at Hank Lee's Cape Cod Conclave, in Massachusetts.

When not performing on land David is a regular on Norwegian, Princess and Holland America cruise ships having performed with them on the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Aegean, the Gulf of Mexico, the Alaskan Inner Passage, the Sea of Cortez and the Mediterranean.

Lecture

Date: Monday, January 28, 2013
Time: 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)
Venue: Douglas College Room #2203
Location: 700 Royal Ave., New Westminster, BC

In Advance:	VMC, IBM, CAM & SAM Members:	\$20.00
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We're Looking for Circle News!

OK, to be honest, we really have plenty of Circle news. In fact, we have tons and tons of really interesting stuff to write about each and every month (mostly about circles, it seems), and our webmaster is literally 'beating away the hoards' of people who want their stuff (usually circles), posted to the website. Still, because we care...Our website www.vancouvermagiccircle.com has a full page dedicated to Circle news. Just email your circle to: webmaster@ibmring92.com.

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Do you have a message that you would like to communicate to the more than 4 people who read this publication each and every month? Do you want your message to reach magicians with way too much time on their hands? Is your message approximately 1 inch tall and 7 inches wide? Well...this is the publication for you! Please contact the Editor (newsletter@ibmring92.com), for pricing and other difficult to understand information.

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