

Shell Game

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community December 2011 Volume 7, Issue 4

November's meeting

November's meeting was very different compared to other club meetings. That's because this lecture was very different than any lecture we've had before. This month, we had a lecture by Marsha Bergeron, award–winning speaker from ToastMasters International. No tricks in this lecture – it was all about how to make our presentations better!

Marsha started off the evening by getting us all to breathe properly to begin our shows. By breathing properly before hitting the stage, our lungs will have greater capacity throughout the show, so we don't need to breathe more frequently and talk so quickly.

Now that we were breathing correctly, Marsha focused on 3 main elements:

Knowing you audience: This includes age range, male-female ratio; occupation; time of day and venue for the show

Vocal variety: Focusing on the volume, pitch, rate and quality of our patter – as well as the "power of the pause"

Movement: Making our movements and gestures look natural; avoiding pacing or repetitive motions; and matching our words and gestures to the performance,

Next Meeting:

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Place: Peter Mennie's home!

Marsha showed us techniques to help us define our patter (e.g. "mind mapping") and ways to create our own "elevator pitch" for selling our services. Marsha even had lectures notes for those in attendance (and we didn't have to pay for them!)

There was a lot of discussions about the information and techniques that Marsha shared. In the end, Marsha says, it's all about making our show more about the audience.

Many thanks to Marsha for a wonderful lecture on how to make our patter magical!

Mark Hogan

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'Tis the season – to be eating! And that's what's in store for December. We'll relax for a nice dinner (thanks to Peter's wife Millie! and follow it a gift exchange!

It's easy – just bring a wrapped magic gift (no more than \$20). After dinner, we'll exchange gifts - you'll get to walk away with an early magical Christmas present of your own!

Also, it's HIDDEN TALENT night – if you have any talents or interests that we don't know about, it's time to share them with your fellow club members!

If you plan on attending, please send an email to the club's email address (magic_london@yahoo.ca) so Peter can know how many are coming.

Hope to see you in December!

News Of Interest

YouTube suspends Australia's Most Popular Magician

(PrWeb- Brisbane, Australia)

Jay Jay The Magician from Free Magic Live started his professional YouTube career back in 2009 when he first uploaded a "how to do a card trick" video. He quickly became the mentor of hundreds of thousands of kids. With over 200 videos uploaded and over 14 million views from all over the world, his youtube channel was the number one in the entertainment-magic niche in Australia and within the top 3 in the world.

His success has gone from strength to strength, now boosting over 50,000 fans worldwide and and his YouTube channel was estimated to pull in more than 75,000 views per month. Jay Jay has even been featured on other Famous YouTubers partner programs doing magic tricks and interviewing them.

It came as a huge shock as to his community of loyal followers that YouTube suspended his account (youtube.com/freemagiclive) for no apparent reason and with no explanation. Users were shown the following message when trying to view his video content: "This video has been removed as a violation of YouTube's policy against spam, scams and commercially deceptive content."

Jay Jay writes on his blog at Free Magic Live after 3 years of creating exciting and entertaining content, "Why wasn't I given any messages, comments or even an email about my account telling me something is wrong and/or asking me to make a change."

Unfortunately Jay is not alone. Other big YouTubers with another well known blogger David Jenyns, from davidjenyns.com, suffering a similar fate on the same day having his account terminated. "I'm stunned having built a great reputation within the YouTube community," Dave comments in an open letter to YouTube. He states "YouTube appears to have made a big mistake overlooking their "3 strikes and you're out" as stated in their community guidelines... I really hope someone from YouTube is taking note."

Even another big YouTuber, Scott Colby who is in the fitness niche got his account banned and also posted an open letter to YouTube. Scott did get his account back and 'youtube admitted it was a mistake'.

"With the massive volume of videos on our site, sometimes we make the wrong call," a spokesperson for the online video giant's owner Google said

today. "When it's brought to our attention that a video or account has been mistakenly removed or suspended, we act quickly to reinstate it."

Jay Jay's account still remains inactive. Over a thousand followers have flocked to his website posting comments of support but still not word from Google. Only time will tell if Google's YouTube really listens.

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TV Personality wins FISM Asian Magic Championship

(ROWENA JOY A. SANCHEZ - Manila, Phillipines)

TV personality Jeffrey Tam has conquered the magician's world anew, winning top prize in the close-up magic category of the 2011 FISM Asian Magic Championship held Dec. 1 in Hong Kong.

Tam bested 19 countries in the prestigious competition, as reported on "Umagang Kay Ganda" on Dec. 6.

In the Tuesday episode of his television show "UKG," Tam gave a sample of his winning performance, such as producing giant coins from his mouth, and making tea bags and siopao appear from a mug.

According to the FISM (Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Magiques or the International Federation of Magic Societies) website, winners from the competition are "entitled to compete in the FISM World Championships of Magic in Blackpool, England in July 2012."

Tam has been making waves in the field of magic for years now, having performed in countries namely France, United Kingdom, Malaysia, and Spain, as seen in his Multiply site. He is also the first Filipino magician who was featured in a top Bristol, UK DVD magazine.

The "UKG" co-host was a Philippine close-up magic champion for three consecutive years (2008 to 2010). He was also the close-up magic champion at the 2009 International Magic Extravaganza held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and then again, earlier this year, at the Bangkok International Magic Extravaganza in Thailand.



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