



Shell Game

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community
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December's meeting

The weather's getting colder and the holidays are just around the corner. No better time for some holiday magic at the December club meeting.

But first we had one of our guests perform to become a member.

Andrew Olmstead performed a wonderful coin routine where it jumped to different places on his body, finally coming out of his mouth! He then did a *3 Card Monte* where all the cards were the same but then they magically were all different! And he also showed us a wonderful linking ring routine that floored everyone in the room! What a great performance - *Welcome to the club, Andrew!*

Mark Hogan performed **Patrick Redford's** *Sunrise* using holiday gift cards. Each of four spectators were given a holiday gift card and Mark revealed who had one that was selected by the audience. He also did **Dani DaOrtiz's** *Sequence on Top* to determine if a spectator was on Santa's naughty or nice list. He also did **Mariano Goni's** *Boarding Pass* where a selected airline boarding pass for a holiday vacation was to the very city previously chosen by the spectator.

Keith O'Brien presented **Adrian Vega's** *Invisible Soul* where a freely named card is not only the only one face-up in a red backed deck, but the only one with a blue back! He then showed us **Martin Braessas's** *Easy Aces*, where the cards are shuffled face up into face down and yet Keith produced all the Aces in dazzling fashion!

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, JANUARY 11

Time: 7:30 PM

Topic: LECTURE BY BEN TRAIN & JONAH BABINS!

Location: Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
Room 253

Steve Sequin performed a prediction effect where the total of a random set of numbers entered on a phone's calculator somehow matched the word written on the prediction envelope! And **Al Coombs** wanted a "redo" from last month and knocked it out of the park with a revelation of five selected cards!

What a fun night to end the year! Thanks to everyone who attended and see you all in 2023!

Mark Hogan

January's Meeting

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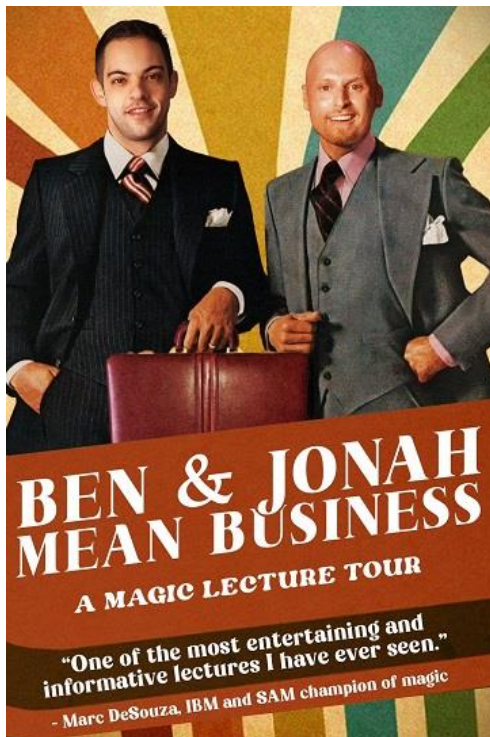
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| COST: No charge for London Magicians Guild members \$20 for non-members |
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TOPIC: LECTURE - BEN TRAIN & JONAH BABINS!



The club starts off 2023 with something we haven't had for a long time: a lecture! And not just any lecture - we are welcoming **Ben Train** and **Jonah Babins**!

Ben Train is a full-time magician and founder of the *Toronto Magic Company*. When he isn't on stage at *Dave and Busters* in Oakville, he is producing magic events all over North America and lecturing and performing all over the world.

Jonah Babins is a magician, speaker, and co-founder of the *Toronto Magic Company*. He spends his summers touring camps in Canada, including *Count Me In* and the *Phoenix Leadership Project*. The rest of the year he can be found performing at private functions,

running the *Discourse in Magic Podcast* and hosting *The Newest Trick In The Book*.

WE MEAN BUSINESS!

Part 1 : The Show
Jonah Babins and Ben Train are two of Canada's busiest magicians. Now for the first time ever they're sharing the original magic they've used to entertain thousands of people around the globe.

In this 2 hour lecture you'll learn to

- Read someone's mind with a bag of candy.
- Burn and restore a spectator's t-shirt.
- Locate three spectator's cards without ANY sleight of hand.
- The world's most disgusting vanish.
- A powerful utility move with a deck of cards.
- **And so much more!**

There's something in the lecture for everyone - from knuckle busters to tricks so easy you'll be doing them before you leave your seat.

Most importantly? **It's all hard-hitting magic your audiences will never forget.**

Part 2 : The Business

If you want to get paid to perform magic, Jonah can help.

In a jam-packed 30 minutes you'll learn how to become a pro fast with your **Unfair Advantage Model**, generate new leads with our **Email Outreach Machine**, and book gigs at higher fees with our **Pitchfork Pricing Approach**. It's a crash course on how to succeed as a professional magician.

So grab a notebook, a pen, and a deck of cards - because **it's time to get down to business.**

Full of great original material and entertaining to watch. Rarely are these two elements fused together in a way that works. All I am saying if you want to be fooled while also laughing hysterically... don't miss out!

- Brent Braun, magic consultant and owner of J&B Magic



Come out on January 11 to what is sure to be a great lecture!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:

magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest

Mind Bender: 12 hours buried alive

(canadasmagic.blogspot.com)



Starting his career in entertaining at the early age of 10 years old, Mind Bender has since accomplished many milestones in his career. His highlights include performing over 10 sold out shows across the GTA, working with **Criss Angel** in Las Vegas and with **Majestik Magnificent** (Michael Jackson's personal magician) in California.

With an extreme love for pushing the limits on his escapes, **Mind Bender** is best known for his death defying acts. He has escaped from a strait-jacket while suspended upside-down, from an airtight body bag shackled and hand-cuffed, and from handcuffs strapped down to a table while swords fell down on him Russian roulette-style.

In the following link, you can watch him attempt to spend *12 hours underground* from 6:30pm to 6:30am in the cold winter, shackled in two sets of handcuffs, before he makes his big escape. (Fortunately, you don't need to watch for 12 hours – you only need 15 minutes!)

<http://canadasmagic.blogspot.com/2022/12/mind-bender-12-hours-buried-alive.html>

Women in Magic podcast with Rosemary Reid

(The Doug Henning Project)

Decks of cards have been the same since...well...forever. **Rosemary Reid**, a Canadian magician, has not only created a deck of cards centered around sisterhood, not only created a deck of cards that "handles like a dream", but has also snuck in some important statistics about the experience of women in the magic industry.



During the pandemic lockdown, Rosemary decided to conduct a research survey to compile actual data on women's experience in magic. What she discovered was fascinating, surprising, and often emotional.

And what better way to show off data but in a fun way that all magicians can understand-a deck of cards!

Listen to the podcast below for the information she has discovered, and find out about her new deck of cards, SISTERHOOD!

<https://shezampod.com/podcast/095-sisterhood-with-rosemary-reid/>

The 2022 Milbourne Christopher Award winners

(The Linking Ring)

On October 1, 2022, magicians, their families, and their friends gathered for the 30th *Milbourne Christopher Foundation Awards Presentation* to honor six deserving recipients for their contributions to the magical arts.

Milbourne Christopher was the mid-twentieth century's "*Renaissance Man*" of magic. He was the author or editor of more than twenty books on the conjuring arts, including his comprehensive *The Illustrated History of Magic*, first published in 1973 and later updated in 2006 by **Maurine Christopher**. For many award winners, Christopher's *Illustrated History*, as well as his *Panorama of Magic*, were their first introductions to magic history.

An internationally known illusionist, Christopher created and starred in the first television magic special in 1957. From 1957 to 1958 he served as the National President of the *Society of American Magicians*. He edited and contributed to numerous trade journals, and he authoritatively defined magic for reference publications. As a longtime I.B.M. member, he was a respected contributor to *The Linking Ring*. He also amassed one of the world's finest collections of magic memorabilia.

Though Milbourne Christopher passed away in 1984 at the age of seventy, nearly four decades ago, his influence continues to this day.

The *Milbourne Christopher Foundation* was established in 1989 at the behest of the late **Maurine Christopher** to perpetuate the memory of her husband, and to create annual awards that reflected his extensive career as an author, illusionist, mentalist, inventor, and tireless advocate for magic.

The 2022 *Milbourne Christopher Awards* were presented in the categories of *Illusionist*, *Close-up*, *Literary*, *Ambassador of Magic*, *Master's*, and *Lifetime Achievement*. The Awards Committee chose six recipients who distinguished themselves through their body of work and their dedication to the conjuring arts.

The award winners for 2022 are:

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| Illusionist Award: | Terry Evanswood |
| Close-up Award: | Jeki Yoo |
| Ambassador of Magic: | Bruce Kalver |
| Literary Award: | David Ginn |
| Master's Award: | Joe Eddie and Betty Fairchild |
| Lifetime Achievement: | Greg Bordner |

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