

Shell Game

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December's meeting

With the holiday season right around the corner, the December meeting was about tricks using Christmas items. And **Scott Hood** played his part by producing a candy cane from a Christmas stocking - with a flash of fire, no less!! And there was discussion on the club doing a series of public shows in the new year (more on that in the *News of Interest* section).

But of course that wasn't all the magic this evening. **Keith O'Brien** performed *Spin Doctor* by **John Bannon**, where four red-backed Aces turn over one at a time, then the Ace of Spades was placed on the table. Three magical moments then happened: The Ace of spades vanished; it then appeared in Keith's hands, and then all the backs of all the cards changed colours!

Andrew Olmstead performed a *Ribbon through Finger* routine by **Paulo Gil**. Then **Kohl Strange** did a couple routines from a recent close-up gig he had - a *Card Under Finger* and a card prediction.

Thanks to everyone for making time in your holiday plans to come out for some magic!

Mark Hogan

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Time: 7:00 PM

Topic: CLASSICS!

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Room 253

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TOPIC: CLASSICS!

It's been said that there's not much really new magic created today. Perhaps that's because a lot of today's magic are extensions of our great effects that have stood the test of time: magic's *Classics!*

There are so many classics in every genre of magic (cards, coins, ropes, mentalism, stage, ...). And so many variations & attempts to improve what are already great tricks!

We all have our favorite classic magic effects – bring out yours in January – we'd love to see it!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

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

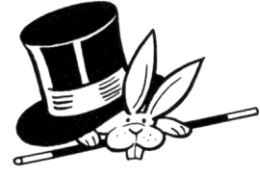
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News Of Interest

An update on the idea of the club doing a public show

(Steve Seguin)

Here's an update on the public show(s) we are organizing for the club...



A representative from the [Palace Theatre](#) was in attendance at December's meeting, and we are *99% confirmed for a series of three public shows at the Palace Theatre in 2024.*

The dates are still tentative, but will likely be:

- **Sunday, February 18**
- **Sunday, March 10**
- **Sunday, April 14 or 21**

These will all be *matinee performances*. The shows will be geared towards adults but will be "family-friendly".

Each show will feature **4 stage performers plus 1 emcee**:

- *3 stage performers each doing 15 minutes*
- *1 stage performer doing 30 minutes*

In addition, we are looking for as many close-up performers as we can get to entertain the audience members before the show. So you don't need to be a stage performer – just bring some close-up effects and have some fun showing your magic to people in their seats!

There is a sign-up sheet on the club's Facebook group where you can choose the date(s) and performance slots (stage and close-up) you would like. Aren't on the Facebook group, please send an email to the club email account (magic_london@yahoo.ca) and we'll slot you in!

We need lots of help, so please sign up, and more than one performance if you can! Your participation is key to these events becoming a success for the club!

Finding magic on the road

(Facebook.com)

Someone in a Facebook group for magicians recently asked if there was a way to know if there were any magic events, clubs or shops in different cities while travelling. (What a great question!)

Two people suggested two different web sites

- <https://findmagicshops.com>
- <https://findacadabra.com>

Both which offer maps of the world and magical events, clubs and shops to visit.

Check them out!



Absolute Magic with Keith Brown and Friends

(Eventbrite.ca)

An enchanting evening of magic and wonder - all for a charitable cause! This captivating show is hosted by world-class magician **Keith Brown** and features acts as seen on **TEDx, CBC, Global, Rogers, CHCH, Canada's Walk of Fame**, and more!

You will laugh and have your mind blown. Expect the unexpected. See it to believe it!

Join us for an extraordinary night of entertainment, raising money for an extraordinary cause: *Family Service Thames Valley*. FSTV provides affordable mental health counselling and support to adults with a developmental disability. Every ticket contributes to renewing hope in our community. [Click here to learn more about FSTV.](#)

DATE: Saturday, March 16
TIME: 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
PLACE: Wolf Performance Hall, London, ON

Tickets range from \$30 to \$45. For tickets, visit:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/absolute-magic-with-keith-brown-friends-fstv-fundraiser-tickets-768407035127?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Mario the Maker Magician on The Tonight Show

(OneAhead.com)

We've made sure to keep close tabs on **Mario the Maker Magician's** first off-Broadway run, especially after it's been held in such high regard. To get the word out for the show along with his upcoming tour, Mario stepped on the iconic *Tonight Show* stage for the first time ever to demonstrate his robot magic.



Most performers who appear on television bend their own performance style to fit the constraints of the specific show. Magicians on *The Tonight Show* usually perform directly for **Jimmy** and members of the in-house band *The Roots*. In classic Mario fashion, he bent the show to fit his style while sticking to what he does best: family entertainment.

Although **Jimmy** was up on stage with him, there was an array of kids sitting on a carpet to participate when needed and to match his hectic style of performance. Signs were appearing, breaking, and appearing again while confetti littered the stage. Eventually, a nest of appearances capped off the performance in astonishing fashion.

As if we haven't urged you enough, if you are in New York City, go see his residency before it's over. If you aren't a kid, you'll feel like one when you're watching **Mario** joyously grace the stage.

To watch Mario's Tonight Show performance, visit:

<https://youtu.be/XmIU8v6v7vI>

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