



Shell Game

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

This was the meeting that never was. Even though **Mike Fisher** volunteered to teach the Oil & Water effect, it was only Mike & **Mark Hogan** who showed up (this is getting to be a bad trend!).

So we abandoned the meeting room and headed for *Crabby Joe's*, where we discussed Mike's recent trip to Las Vegas with **Peter Mennie** and **Tim Drake**. Mike got a number of signatures on playing cards to add to his "signature deck" – including **David Copperfield, Mac King, Chef Anton, Teller** and others. And as luck would have it, Peter joined us at Crabby's and discuss their meeting with Copperfield, when Peter showed him a picture from one of David's television specials with Peter & his family in the audience (as one of the few remaining people in the audience due to the late hour.)

Mike did show me his terrific handling of *Oil & Water* using Victorian-era post cards. No flipping over cards at the end – just dealing cards in red & black piles on the table. Very smooth and deceptive. And Mark showed his version using a display done on David Blaine's recent TV special.

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, June 8

Time: 7:00 PM

Topic: BBQ & FUN AT PETER MENNIE'S!

**Peter Mennie's home
1745 Benjamin Dr, London, ON
N5V 5J3**

And Peter showed an elegant *Card At Any Number* card trick he is using constantly, where a selected card is lost in the deck, yet when the spectator says any number, the card is found at that number from the top of the deck.

June's Meeting

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TIME: 7:00 PM (Note the change in time!)
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TOPIC: BBQ & FUN AT PETER MENNIE'S

Time to celebrate the start of summer – so come out to the year-end BBQ dinner at the home of **Peter Mennie** on **Wednesday, June 8**. Dinner will start at **7:00pm**. Dinner and drinks are on the club!

Bring some magic and we'll entertain ourselves. Food, drink, and magic – what a great way to welcome the summer!

If you can come, please email magic_london@yahoo.ca to let us know, so we have an idea on numbers.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:
magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest



Local magicians works their magic for Fort McMurray

(BrantfordExpositor.ca)

Making the Alberta wildfires disappear may be a bit beyond their capabilities but some Ontario magicians are pooling their talents to help the residents of Fort McMurray.

"I was talking with my friend, **Ryan Joyce**, and he was telling me about the times he had performed in Fort McMurray as part of a fund-raising tour," said London, Ont.,

magician **Peter Mennie**. "He got to know a lot of the people there including some of the firefighters.

"Anyway, we were talking and we both thought we should do something to help the people of Fort McMurray."

A few phone calls and about 12 hours later, they had arranged for some of Canada's top magicians to appear at the *Sanderson Centre* in Brantford on June 2 for a family-friendly magic show. Proceeds from the event, dubbed *Magicians vs. Fort McMurray Wildfire - Fighting Fire with Smoke and Mirrors*, will be donated to the Red Cross relief effort.

"When we were talking about this we both thought, pretty much at the same time, that the Sanderson Centre would be the place for something like this," Mennie said. "It's a great central location for our performers who are coming in from London, Fergus, Toronto and Hamilton.

"As well, a lot of us have worked there, including me, and it's a great place to work. People enjoy performing at the Sanderson Centre."

In addition to Mennie and Joyce, an illusionist, the list of performers includes: comedy magician **David Merry**; **Keith Brown**; juggler **Craig Douglas**, Brantford's *Doug The Great* (**Doug Hunt**) and "close-up" magicians **Graeme Reed** and **Ryan Edwards**. All are donating their performances, Mennie said.

"The show starts at 7 p.m. but people will want to show up early because our close-up magicians will be performing in the lobby starting at 6:30 p.m.,"

Mennie said "That's a pretty unique experience that I think a lot of people will enjoy."

The city is waiving the rental fee for the Sanderson and many Sanderson employees are volunteering their time for the show.

Mennie said that organizers hope to raise \$5,000.

Tickets cost \$10. They can be purchased through the Sanderson box office. For more information about the show and the performers visit www.benefitshow.ca and tickets.sandersoncentre.ca . The wildfire forced more than 80,000 residents of Fort McMurray from their homes in recent weeks.

City councillors have voted to donate \$50,000 to the Fort McMurray relief effort.

As well, several city departments have created their own fundraising initiatives, including Brantford Transit drivers and inspectors who raised \$480 through their "no tie" event.

The federal government is matching all donations to the Red Cross relief effort.

TED talks about magic

(JohnLukaMagic.com)

Here are some Magic TED Talks you may find interesting.

http://www.ted.com/talks/helder_guimaraes_a_magical_search_for_a_coincidence#t-37084

http://www.ted.com/talks/keith_barry_does_brain_magic

http://www.ted.com/talks/arthur_benjamin_does_mathemagic

https://www.ted.com/talks/marco_tempest_a_cyber_magic_card_trick_like_no_other

Magic at the Fringe festival



Sawyer: An Experience of Mystery, Trickery, and Wonder

Featuring: **Sawyer Bullock**

A contemporary magic show from one of Canada's rising talents. Come watch international, award winning magician Sawyer Bullock's unique mixture of sleight of hand, psychology, and comedy - which has been featured in locations like Las Vegas, the Dominican Republic, and even on his own TV show! (p.s. he's only 20!)

Wed June 1 9:00

Fri June 3 8:00

Sun June 5 2:00

Wed June 8 5:00

Thur June 9 9:30

Sat June 11 1:00

Tickets: \$14.00 (incl s/c) Show Length: 60 min. Spriet Family Theatre, 130 King Street, Covent Garden Market



A Magic Show

Keith Brown - London ON

Playwright & Director: **Keith Brown**

Keith Brown is a world-class magician and VIP entertainer. He's a recent TEDx speaker. Keith was named *Toronto's Best Magician* and he's not even from Toronto! HHHHH "Don't Miss This!" - CBC "You're Incredible!" - Dave Grohl "Magic done Right!" - Theatre in London MAGIC SHOW, Story telling General Entertainment

Fri June 3 10:00

Sat June 4 1:00

Sun June 5 5:30

Tues June 7 8:00

Fri June 10 10:00

Sat June 11 2:30

Ticket: \$14.00 (incl s/c) Show Length: 60 min. The Arts Project 203 Dundas Street



6 Quick Dick Tricks: A Dirk Darrow Investigation

Tim Motley - Melbourne, Australia

8 Time Fringe Festival Award Winner, including "FUNNIEST SHOW", London Fringe 2014 Mind-reading! Serial killers! Shakespeare! Time travel! Join Australia's favourite comedy psychic detective as he pursues a killer in satirical noir style. World premiere.

HHHH½ "A tour de force" - London Free Press "Thrilled and stunned" - Australian Stage Comedy, a hilarious blend of Stand up and Theater. 17 and over

Thur June 2 5:30
Sat June 4 9:45
Sun June 5 1:30
Tues June 7 7:00
Thur June 9 8:30
Sat June 11 6:00

Tickets: \$14.00 (incl s/c) Show Length: 60 min. McManus Studio 471 Richmond Street



Ananta @ The Bank

Featuring: **Ananta**

Ananta levitates into town presenting his solo esoteric, high-density performance art concert. Fusing Music, Mysticism, Magic & Myrth. Playing mystical minor modal bluesygrass melodies off

his CD. Inter-tangling Slam philosophy, Crazy wisdom riffs on the lighter side of light to entertain-& enlighten the magically inclined. Warning potential unused DNA activation. Solo performance/music/humor/crazy wisdom. Mature 16+

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Tues June 7 8:30
Wed June 8 7:30
Fri June 10 6:00
Sat June 11 7:00

Tickets: \$14.00 (incl s/c) Show Length: 55 min. 762 Dundas Street

BGT magician makes mistake on live TV

(IrishMirror.ie)

Magician **Richard Jones** came a bit of a cropper on live television this morning.

The televised magician - who is the favourite to win the ITV competition - appeared on *This Morning* and attempted to do a card trick involving **Holly Willoughby** signing a playing card.

With Holly biting down on the card, Rich wrote his name on another card and bit down on that himself. Holding Holly's hands, he bit down on his card, before engulfing it all in his mouth before re-producing it and swapping the cards back to reveal they had changed places.

Holly was left holding the card signed by Rich and he the one she signed, but it didn't appear to go very well as the cards which Rich signed have clearly different writing on them.

The problem with the 'trick' which astonished Holly, Phil and Rylan, was easily spotted by viewers, who took to social media to hit out at the 'fraud' they witnessed.

One posted pictures of both cards, writing: "Actually thought it was magic... Until you spot it's a different card.. writing isn't the same."

Another tweeted: "Recordable TV, must do better. The card Holly had was not the card he wrote on #ThisMorning."

Awkward moment doesn't quite cover it.



Naked Magic Show comes to London

(NewsPress.com)

Get ready for *The Naked Magic Show* at *Centennial Hall*, London on June 17 at 7:30pm. And, yes, the performers really do get naked.

Hunky Australian magicians **Christopher Wayne** and **Mike Tyler** promise a night of “full frontal illusions” with their sleeves up and their pants down. The touring show has been selling out theaters and getting rave reviews in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the United States.

“Good magicians don’t need sleeves. Great magicians don’t need pants,” said show producer **Samuel Klingner** in a news release announcing the July 29 show in Fort Myers. “And Chris and Mike don’t need either to leave audiences spellbound.”

Organizers promise a night filled with humor and mayhem that brings new meaning to the phrase “now you see it.”

Tickets are \$50.50, \$50.50 and \$81.50. For more details, visit <http://centennialhall.london.ca/>

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