



Shell Game

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community
June 2017

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Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, June 1 (NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE & TIME)
Time: 8:45 PM

Topic: **CHARMING CHEAT SHOW – FREE!**

McManus Theatre
471 Richmond St, London

June's Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 1
TIME: 8:45 PM
PLACE: McManus Theatre
471 Richmond Street, London

TOPIC: CHARMING CHEAT SHOW – FREE!

One of our own (**Mike Fisher**) is performing in his own "*Charming Cheat*" magic show as part of the London Fringe Festival.

His first show is on **June 1** at **8:45pm** at **McManus Theatre** (471 Richmond St., London) – and we're going to be there. And if you come out - **we'll buy your ticket!** That's right – if you're associated with the London magic club, you'll get your ticket for free! Just see Mark and he'll buy your ticket.

As our last meeting before the summer break, let's support Mike in his first Fringe show!

News Of Interest

Six magic shows at London Fringe

(Peter Mennie)



There are 6 magicians in this year's London Fringe.

You can get the full program here:

<http://londonfringe.ca/sites/default/files/festivals/files/LondonFringeProgram2017-Online.pdf>

Vision Quest

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - 5:00pm
Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 6:30pm
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - 7:00pm
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - 8:00pm
Friday, June 9, 2017 - 9:30pm
Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 2:00pm

Show Length: 60min

Featuring: **LupiViator Garcia**

Directed By: **Lupi**

Venue: *The Good Foundation Theatre*

Warnings: Some illusions are dangerous, please do not try at home. Lights, slow colour changes.

Audience: Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

\$12.00

<https://tickets.londonfringe.ca/TheatreManager/1/login&event=298>

An interactive Magic-Show that integrates traditional stories/folklore to promote Aboriginal culture. On this journey of self-discovery, Lupi has handpicked his favourite stories, transforming them into visual works of "magic". This performance will intimately raise a spark of wonder that transcends language, and opens up a new world for you!

Mark Toland, Mind Reader

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - 7:00pm
Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 4:00pm
Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 3:30pm
Monday, June 5, 2017 - 8:30pm
Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 9:30pm

Friday, June 9, 2017 - 5:00pm

Show Length: 60min

Featuring: **Mark Toland**

Directed By: **Mark Toland**

Venue: *Procurier Hall*

\$12.00

<https://tickets.londonfringe.ca/TheatreManager/1/login&event=301>

Mark Toland knows what you're thinking and proves it in this fast-paced performance. Can he read your mind?

AMAZE - A Comedy Magic Show

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - 5:30pm

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 7:30pm

Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 5:00pm

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - 8:30pm

Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 6:30pm

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 7:00pm

Show Length: 60min

Featuring: **David A. Eliot**

Directed By: **David A. Eliot**

Venue: *Spriet Family Theatre*

\$12.00

<https://tickets.londonfringe.ca/TheatreManager/1/login&event=274>

Do you hate laughter, witnessing the impossible, and just all around having a good time? If so you will hate this show. AMAZE is filled with gut busting comedy, mind boggling illusion, and jaw dropping physical and mental feats. Although appropriate for all audiences, the effects, comedy, and stunts performed in this show are best enjoyed by audience members over the age of 12. During this show David will attempt to catch a paintball bullet with his mouth, if that fails he will attempt to catch it with his face. Either way it should be entertaining for the audience.

Lights, Camera... Magic!

Friday, June 2, 2017 - 7:15pm

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 9:30pm

Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 3:00pm

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - 5:30pm

Friday, June 9, 2017 - 6:30pm

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 7:30pm

Show Length: 60min
Featuring: **Savio Joseph**
Directed By: **Savio Joseph**
Venue: *The Good Foundation Theatre*

Best Suitable for ages 13+. All ages are welcome, but the magic is best enjoyed by this age group.

\$12.00

<https://tickets.londonfringe.ca/TheatreManager/1/login&event=297>

A high impact, interactive, comedy magic show that allows YOU to be a part of the magic. Savio Joseph presents Lights, Camera .. Magic ! A show that you will not only make you laugh but will also leave you astonished at the impossible feats of wonder, truly a show to see!

The Charming Cheat

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Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 9:15pm
Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 7:00pm
Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 5:30pm
Friday, June 9, 2017 - 8:45pm
Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 4:30pm

Show Length: 50min
Featuring: **Michael Fisher**
Directed By: **Mike Fisher**
Venue: *McManus Studio*

\$14.00

<https://tickets.londonfringe.ca/TheatreManager/1/login&event=291>

Corbin's an award winning, highly skilled conjurer, card cheat and con man. He's president of the London Magician's guild and has performed for audiences across North America. Is he cheating, lucky or is it all just a trick? It will be up to you to decide!

Hotter Than Potter

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - 8:30pm
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Monday, June 5, 2017 - 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - 6:30pm
Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 9:30pm

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 2:30pm

Show Length: 60min

Featuring: **Keith Brown** and you, yes, YOU!

Directed By: **Keith Brown**

Venue: *The Arts Project*

Warnings: Cake, beer, and moments that will make you question reality.

\$14.00

<https://tickets.londonfringe.ca/TheatreManager/1/login&event=282>

Expect the unexpected from world-class Magician Keith Brown with his new show *Hotter Than Potter*. Toronto's Best Magician & he's not even from Toronto! See it to believe it! It's Absolute Magic!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

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

magic_london@yahoo.ca



Escape room with magic theme in Orange County

(Nerd Reactor)

Escape rooms are really huge now with locations popping up all over the place. The market is definitely booming, and that's great news for escape room enthusiasts.

The Nerd Reactor team recently went to check out **Unlocked: Escape Room's The Return of the Magician** in Orange County, CA.

What makes this a novel and amusing experience is the magician theme that throws illusions at you. If you are able to escape the room, you'll feel like an escape artist like **Houdini**. (No, you won't have to dunk yourself inside a water tank while being tied upside down.)

The Return of the Magician is located in the *Sky Park Circle* in Irvine, which also houses two other escape room companies. Since the magician is gone, we have one hour to escape while also figuring out clues for the many different magic tricks like swords through a box and disappearing acts.

Upon entering the first room, everyone had to be tied or handcuffed. Furthermore, one person is stuck in a straight jacket and another tied to a chair. And the rest are cuffed to the walls. The first step is to read the clues around

the room to find the key to the handcuffs. Once it is found, we can then figure out clues to open up a chest that led to another clue. This resulted in us walking into a room that transformed into another room. I had a mind-exploding moment, and you really had to experience it yourself to see what I'm talking about.

The main magician's room is where most of the puzzles are at. It comprises of notable magic items like the magic box where you saw a person in half or the sword that stabs through a box. (No, you're not supposed to crawl inside the person cut in half box, however, you can enter the sword through the box. This is where the room can split the group in half. Groups will be in for a treat as they get to witness many hidden surprises. And to reveal them would ruin the experience.

Our group had to use two hints, something I'm not too proud of. But in the end, we were able to make it out. The room has a success rate of 44%. You can also opt for the Ultimate Challenge that gives you no hints. The success rate for that is 11%.

If you're in the Southern California area, be sure to check out **The Return of the Magician** in Irvine. The puzzles are inventive and clever with many magical twists.



Making a magician-themed accordion mailer

(Printing Impressions)

This week's super-cool fold is full of surprises! Imagine checking your mail to find a clear envelope holding a magician's hat with rabbit ears sticking out of it. Must. Pull. The EARS!!

Expertly produced by our friends at *Think Patented* in Miamisburg, Ohio, a gentle and intuitive tug of the shaped insert reveals a fun, folded surprise.

Designed by **Kevin Burke** and the in-house team at *LexisNexis*, this promotional mailer has a clever and efficient production plan, too. We think you'll love this week's surprising shaped-mail idea.

To see the video on how to make this promotional mailer, visit:

<http://www.piworld.com/article/surprise-magician-themed-accordion-mailer/>

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