

Shell Game

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

The February meeting was in a different location than normal – we took over *Procurier Hall* at the *Palace Theatre*, where the first of three public shows being offered by our club was to happen in a couple days.

All of the performers for the first show (**Steve Seguin, Keith O'Brien, Andrew Olmstead** and **Leonardo Martins**) were there, as well as others who will be performing at the second show in March, and on the *Palace Theatre* main stage in April. We are actually able to take a peek at the main stage during a show intermission.

We could check out the stage, the backstage, lightning, and angles in *Procurier Hall*. Several performers tried out material that is going into their performances (including **Steve Seguin, Mark Hogan, Andrew Olmstead** and **Leonardo Martins**). It was great to figure out the transition of performers and prop management for the stage managers.

For a writeup of the March show, see the article in this issue.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and seeing some great stage magic!

Mark Hogan

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, MARCH 20 (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!)

Time: 7:00 PM

Topic: COIN MAGIC!

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

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TOPIC: COIN TRICKS

By special request: It's time to break out the coins.

Some of us do a lot with coins; some of us not much – but we all have `em! So bring out some of your favourite coin routines, or any routines that include a coin or two. And if you don't do much coin magic, come out and see some routines – you might to learn what you see!

So come on out in March and let's perform and learn some coin magic!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

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

magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest

Show #1 at the Palace Theatre

(Mark Hogan)

The first of three public shows being performed by our club was held on Friday, February 16 at the *Procurier Hall* at the *Palace Theatre* on Dundas Street in the Old East Village. It was a terrific turnout, with 60 people in attendance – almost a complete sellout – and all of them in the mood to see some great magic!

The performers were **Steve Seguin**, **Andrew Olmstead**, **Keith O'Brien** and **Leonardo Martins**. Steve did double duty as the emcee for the evening. **Kohl Strange** did all the camera work for the event, and **Scott Hood** and **Mark Hogan** were the stage managers.



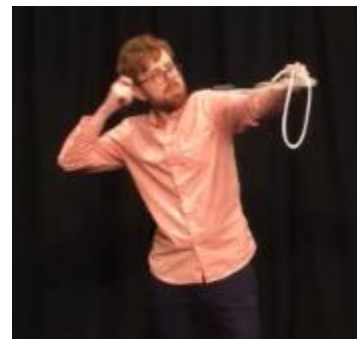
First up was **Steve Seguin**, who got the audience both laughing and amazed with some comedy mind reading and of course **Anthony Linden's** hilarious *Suit Coat Escape!*

Next up was **Andrew Olmstead**, who kept the comedy and the amazement coming with a terrific comedy rope routine and ending with an impressive *Magic Square!*

Keith O'Brien kept the good times rolling by showing the audience how to do a trick with his *Egg & Hanky* routine, then his *Floating Table* and finishing with **Bill Abbott's** *NoBrainer!*

After intermission, the main event started as Leonardo Martins took the stage. His mind reading act - using numbers, cards, books and a dictionary – mesmerized the audience as you hear audible gasps when he finished his reveals. What a great performance to end the night!

All the feedback received that night was very positive, and we even got some nibbles of people wanting to come out to the club to see what it's all about! We couldn't have asked for a better first show!





THE OLD EAST VILLAGE PALACE OF WONDERS! **The London Magician's Guild's 2024 Spring Cabaret Series**

The next two shows are:

FRIDAY MAR 22 at 7:30 PM, in PROCUNIER HALL at The Palace Theatre

AND

FRIDAY APRIL 19 at 7:30 PM, LE GRAND SPECTACLE, on The Palace Theatre Main Stage

General admission seating, however, tickets are required.

All tickets are \$30 (Inclusive of fees).

PROMOTIONS:

SAVE \$5 on SINGLE TICKETS courtesy of OEV with code "OEVMAGIC" at checkout, makes your ticket \$25* (Regularly \$30, *incl fees).

\$90* MAGIC & WONDER FOUR PACK: Grab your friends and enjoy four tickets for the price of three, courtesy of the London Magic Guild. \$90*, Regularly \$120, *incl fees).



SAVE OVER 15% & SEE ALL THREE SHOWS FOR JUST \$75, courtesy of The Palace Theatre Arts Commons.

Get one general admission seat to all three shows for just \$75* (Regularly \$90, *incl fees).

Performers:

Friday, Mar 22: Andrew Olmstead, Mark Hogan, Mike Fisher, Ryan Joyce, Peter Mennie

Friday, Apr 19: Mike Fisher, Scott Hood, Al Coombs, Byron Berry, Mark Erhardt

The Palace Theatre:

<https://palacetheatre.ca/>

710 Dundas St., London, ON, N5W 2Z4



European Championship of Magic (FISM Italy 2024)

(FISMItaly2024.com)

The European representatives to the 2025 *FISM World Championship of Magic* will be determined at the *European Championship of Magic* being held in Saint-Vincent, Italy on May 23-26, 2024.

The cast of performers and lecturers for this amazing event include:

- **David Stone**
- **Francesco della Bona**
- **Laurent Piron**
- **Luis de Matos**
- **Topas**
- **Armando Lucero**
- **Dani DaOrtiz**
- **Bernardo Sedlacek**
- **Miguel Angel Gea**
- **Luke Jermey**
- **Giancarlo Scalia**
- **Ding Yang**
- **Paco Agrado**
- **Jeki Yoo**
- **Francesco Fontanelli**
- **Zhu Mingzhu**
- **Raul Cremona**
- **Z. Wenju & W. Meiqi**
- ... and more announcements to come!

Planned events include the competitions, six lectures, dealer hall, Magic Tricks hall, Gala shows and Midnight shows, a Theme Party, a Spaghetti party, and free tours.

Ticket prices are 397 euros for a standard ticket; 199 euros for students 14-18; and a VIP ticket for 497 euros which includes a special welcome pack, VIP pass, reserved areas for competitions, shows and lectures, and a special workshop.

For tickets and more information, visit <https://www.fismitaly2024.com/>.

10 Magicians who Died While Performing Magic Tricks

(WatchMojo.com)

WatchMojo.com has highlighted 10 magicians who paid the ultimate price in service of their craft. They have created a video going over the tragic stories behind individuals who have passed away while attempting to perform feats of prestidigitation. Their countdown includes **Chanchal Lahiri**, a.k.a. **Jadugar Mandrake**, **Johan Moller**, a.k.a. **Balabrega**, **Madame Delinsky**, and more!

Visit <https://www.watchmojo.com/articles/10-magicians-who-died-while-performing-magic-tricks>.

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