



Shell Game

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October's meeting

On Wednesday, October 11, the venue for the evening was close to the regular room, but dramatically different! This night, we left the comforts of the music room at Beal Secondary to venture onto the stage in the Beal Auditorium.

And what a stage it is!! Seating hundreds of people, and with access to the stage lighting and sound systems that let members show off their stage effects in style. Mike Fisher even brought a sound system for playing music (thanks, Mike!)

Joan Caesar (our IBM TVP, and International President Elect!) lead off the meeting by making a pitch for the combined IBM/SAM convention in July 2008 in Louisville, Kentucky. She also had special Lifetime Achievement Awards for Lorne Overholt and Max Scott for their dedication and contributions to the Art of Magic. Congratulations, Lorne and Max!

Mark Hogan started the stage magic with Larry Becker's Clearly Predictable, where three predictions are given to a spectator days before the show and all shown to be true!

Max Scott was close behind with his Chinese Laundry (Torn and Restored laundry ticket). He brought Joan and

his lovely wife Edna on stage and gave them each two coloured handkerchiefs, which happened to tie and untie themselves, then turn into one, four-colour large hanky!

You can't keep Andy Parr off the stage – not when he can demonstrate his Magic Square, as well as a great stage effect where a spectator randomly chooses a puzzle piece which matches the only puzzle piece missing from another completed puzzle!

Next, Mike Fisher launched into a terrific new opening act for his show – a terrific parasol routine, complete with music from his sound system. Mike had parasols, canes, hankies and streamers – all packed into a wonderful routine.

It was time for a guest to perform their initiation for the club, and Matthew Kim blew everyone away with an outstanding Jeff McBride-style card manipulation routine that was brilliant. Welcome to the club, Matthew!

Next Meeting:
Wed. November 8, 7:00 pm
Beal Secondary School,
Room 225
525 Dundas St., London

Topic: Comedy magic!

Andy Parr was back with his famous Survivor routine where he predicts the outcome of the Survivor castoffs made by the audience! And Mike brought up Joan and Peter Mennie to perform a "duet" of the Torn and Restored Newspaper!

It was an exciting night for everyone. Here's hoping that wasn't the last night under the lights of the big stage!

- Mark Hogan

November's Meeting

Date: Wed. November 8, 2006
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Room 225

Topic: COMEDY MAGIC

November's meeting should be a lot of laughs, because this month's topic is COMEDY MAGIC!

So bring effects that make people laugh. For kids or grown-ups: if it's funny, we want to see it!



News Of Interest

December Lecture
by Chuck Hickok

As mentioned at the last meeting, the December meeting will feature a lecture by renowned mentalist Chuck Hickok.

Author of "Mentalism, Incorporated", Chuck will share his secrets for strong, entertaining

mentalism proven successful before corporate audiences of all kinds.

This lecture will change December's meeting night to Tuesday, December 5. So mark your calendars now for this highly entertaining night!

See the club web site for more information on Chuck's lecture.



Magic Seminar in Niagara Falls

The Niagara Falls Magic Seminar is a day-and-a-half seminar that runs January 27-28, 2007 for magicians who want to learn about comedy and add humour to their performances.

The line-up includes some of the best comedy magicians – John Ferrentino, Bob Sheets, David Merry and more!

Registration is limited to only 50 to guarantee personal, hands-on learning. For more information, go to www.ComedyMagicSeminar.com



Motor City Close-Up Convention

November 10-12,
2006

The 10th anniversary of the Motor City Close-up Convention in Detroit will feature four lectures, two optional workshops and three close-up shows.

- § Lectures by Max Maven, Chad Long, Justin Miller and FISM champ Rick Merrell
- § Workshops by Max and Chad

For more information, visit:
www.hometown.aol.com/johnlukamagic/convention.html

Volunteers needed for Thames Valley Children's Centre "All Stars Event"

The Thames Valley Center has once again requested the services of the members of the London Magicians Guild to entertain at "All Stars Event" on Monday, January 15. Similar to last year, we would perform walkaround magic for the kids for a couple hours in the morning. The Thames Valley Centre said we were the highlight of last year's event, and they are hoping we will do it again.

We are asking for volunteers to ensure there is sufficient interest. Last year we had eight performers! – Let's try to beat the figure!

Jonathan Pendragon recovering from accident

Jonathan Pendragon has recently been discharged from hospital following an accident involving an arrow from his archery. He fell on the non-sharp broken end of the arrow while trying to hang a light fixture. The arrow pierced through his stomach, liver, an artery and several inches in his heart.

His surgeon, Dr. Edwin Hayashi said this injury is always fatal and it is a miracle Jonathan is alive.

Canada tops in average mark at FISM

The three acts performed at this year's FISM world championship earned Canada first place overall. Shawn Farquhar and Shawn Richards average score of 78 was first out of the 28 countries competing!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks! Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:
magic_london@yahoo.ca

See page 4 for more information on the Niagara Comedy Magic Seminar!

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www.ComedyMagicSeminar.com

Learn about performing
with humor from

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Bob Sheets

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