

2011/2012 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

Please bring your \$40 membership renewal dues to the next meeting, or mail them to: Mark Hogan, 133 Fairlane Ave, London ON N6K 3E5



Shell Game

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

The summer is all but over – that's the bad news. But the good news is that magic is back – and the year started off with some "bizarre magic".

But not before we had Rodrigo Martinez perform his club audition. And he fooled us badly with a mental effect where an unopened letter was passed around a group of spectators, and when the last spectator holding the letter opened it, the letter was found addressed to them! Needless to say, Rodrigo is the latest member of our club – congratulations!

Mike Fisher (our new club Prez!) started the "bizarre" part of the evening with his own version of Pseudo Psychometry where he matches the spectators to their desired vacation destination – and even announced the destination of the final spectator without seeing it! Mike later did a terrific Blackbeard routine, where Blackbeard's long lost coin called out to him from a spectator's hand; it cut the deck at a spectator's selection; and caused Blackbeard's portrait to reappear in a picture frame!

Steve Seguin mixed it up by performing a great juggling routine to a story about a boy and girl dating!

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 13 7:30PM
(NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!)

Topic: LECTURE by KEITH FIELDS!

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253

Mark Hogan performed Brother John Hammon's Gemini Twins card routine, where two twin girls and two twin boys have a night on the town. He also performed his Ring & Rope routine as a fabled story about a King finding a

suitor for his daughter. He also did a mental routine about pain, where a spectator marked a clock at the same time that an accident happened to Mark!

And Peter Mennie demonstrated to us his newest acquisitions – two very large, very colourful, and very compact Square Circle props.

It's great to be back after the summer break, and there's lots of magic in store this year!

Mark Hogan

October's Meeting

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TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

Topic: LECTURE by KEITH FIELDS!

Keith Fields is from London, England and over the last 25 years has worked in just about every conceivable performance situation, his lecture reflects his vast experience; corporate events, street magic, close-up, kids, cruises, theatres, television, comedy clubs, shows for the troops, trade shows... the list goes on!

During the lecture Keith demonstrates and explains elements from his award winning street show, the material that won him the accolade of International street entertainer of the year; his close up and strolling material, with which he was made the Magic Circle Close-up champion; and some of the amazing magic he has invented that has taken him, quite literally, around the world! Not just once but several times!

Guaranteed no pipe dreams... all the material in this lecture is from his working repertoire and honed by thousands of performances. In this lecture a true working pro tips it all! This is material that has resulted in many TV appearances in the UK and Europe.

Keith is an excellent and very funny performer; hugely experienced in all areas of the business. He guarantees that you will have an entertaining, educational and magical evening!

The lecture typically covers most of the following

- Keith's ground breaking work on the Chop Cup. A very easy and very funny bill routine.
- Running the Numbers (a fantastic new book trick).

- Money Money Money (an easy to make close-up trick).
- Cold Cure (a great geek item with a balloon).
- Psychic Hangman. A discussion on audience management and hecklers.
- The Human Xylophone (the best kids/family routine I know).
- Spots – the greatest paddle routine ever.
- Blank Ambitions (an ambitious card routine with some twists). A new look at a double lift and replacement. An easy method to switch a deck – so easy that you won't realize that you have done it!

News Of Interest



Murray Hatfield tour - coming to a city near you!

Here are the dates and city location for Murray Hatfield's Magic 'N Miracles tour this year, featuring Eric Buss, Darcy Oake and Mickey O'Connor:

Nov 25
ETOBICOKE, ONTARIO, Canada

Nov 26
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Nov 27
MISSISSAUGA, Ontario, Canada

Nov 28
HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada

Nov 29
OSHAWA, Ontario, Canada

Dec 1
NORTH YORK, ONTARIO, Canada

Dec 2
ST CATHARINES, Ontario, Canada

Dec 3
OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada

Dec 4
OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada

Dec 5
TORONTO, Ontario, Canada

Dec 6
KITCHENER, Ontario, Canada

For more details on the show and the performers, visit:
<http://www.magicmiracles.com/show.html>

For tickets, call 1-800-268-7371

Lecturer for November

In November, Marsha Bergeron will be giving us a customized talk on the anatomy of a speech (vocal variety, the use of gestures, stage movement, opening and closing a speech, breathing, eye contact etc) with magicians in mind. This will be followed by a question/answer demonstration and evaluation (what individuals do well and areas for improvement). This will give us an opportunity to learn how we can improve how we can better present our magic!

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

Red Hot Halloween - Elmhurst Inn - Friday, October 21

The Elmhurst Inn is presenting "Red Hot Halloween". Dress in red and experience a fiery night complete with a haunted casino, bonfire, spooky storytelling and spellbinding magic (the magic being none other than Mr. Eman (i.e. "mystery man"!)).

Red Hot Halloween supports the restoration of the Red Antiquities Building, a partnership project of Pathways Skill Development and Placement Centre and Heritage London Foundation.

For tickets, visit <http://redhothalloween.eventbrite.com>

Motor City Close-Up Convention - Nov. 4 & 5 - Taylor, Michigan

(Message from John Luka)

The 15th Annual Motor City Close-Up Convention will take place the weekend of November 4-5, 2011. Please note that this is a NEW DATE. Also note that the convention will be held at a NEW VENUE.

The convention will take place at the Knights Of Columbus Hall located at 24900 Brest Rd., Taylor, MI 48180.

The performers will be staying at The Days Inn located at 9501 Middlebelt Rd., Romulus, MI 48174. The hotel is located between Goddard and Wick Roads across from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. (DTW) The phone number for the hotel is (734) 946-4300.

I have reserved a block of rooms for the convention. A business class room is available at \$69 plus tax per night. A standard room with either two beds or one bed is available at \$59 plus tax per night. In order to obtain this rate you must mention Motor City Close-Up Convention or John Luka Magic. The hotel will hold the rooms at the above rate until October 21, 2011. If you plan on staying at the hotel be sure to register before then.

The hotel has 24 hour shuttle service to and from the airport. It also has a full service restaurant and bar. The hotel is three miles from the Knights Of Columbus Hall which will make it an easy trip back and forth.

All magic activities will take place at the Knights Of Columbus Hall. The Motor City Close-Up Convention will feature David Roth, Ed Ellis, David Corsaro, & Cody Fisher. I am very pleased with this year's line-up.

As usual, you will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with these performers, ask questions, and share some of your ideas with them. You can find more convention information, including the schedule of events, by going to the convention website. <http://www.johnlukamagic.com/>

There will be three optional workshops this year.

- David Roth will conduct a two hour workshop on Saturday. The cost of David's workshop is \$100.
- Ed Ellis will conduct a two hour workshop on Sunday morning. The cost for Ed's workshop is \$30.
- David Corsaro will conduct a one hour workshop on Friday evening. The cost for David's workshop is \$15.

More details regarding the workshops will follow. You will find more information at my website listed below.

I am looking forward to seeing you at this year's event.

John Luka
Motor City Close-Up #15
www.johnlukamagic.com

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