

2013/2014 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

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Shell Game

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

Every year should start with a lecture! It was the best crowd we've had in a long time to welcome **Anthony Lindan** to London for his new lecture: "I'm so old, I'm new again!".

Anthony started his show with "The Thumbs", which was a nice opening to loosen up the crowd about how different people position their thumbs when they cross their fingers. He then allowed spectator's to eliminate balls of paper containing different types of shows ("People Choice Opener") until one type remained: magic (thank goodness!!).

Next up was the old camp game - "Telephone Game". A playing card was chosen and whispered to everyone one by one. At the end, the last named card was totally different than it started! But then Anthony opened an envelope containing a deck of cards – one card had the chosen card written on its back – and its face was the card named at the end!

Anthony then played the role of "Unknown Psychic" and had a spectator select a celebrity (in this case, Jason from the Friday the 13th movies). Anthony placed a bag over his head and drew a face on the front of the bag – but hardly looking like Jason. He then removed the bag and he was wearing Jason's mask!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 9

Time: 7:30 PM

Topic: SWINDLES, SCAMS AND CHEATS!

**Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253**

In "Calculated Surprise", Anthony added the human element to the selection of a lottery number. Three spectators each selected a random digit,

and with the help of a calculator, came up with a number. Anthony was able to determine the starting digit for each spectator!

He then ended the first half with the super-strong "Redonkulous", where a newspaper is torn into many pieces, one finally selected, one word is pointed to, and it's the same word chosen by another spectator before the show! It doesn't get stronger than that!

After the break, Anthony ripped up a business card and had a spectator select a piece and find a couple words on that piece – "Crazy Teeth" – which is exactly what Anthony was wearing! "Free Fall" was a wonderful piece with a picture of Anthony skydiving. A spectator stabbed at the deck with the picture trying to find a selected card – and it was found on the picture in Anthony's hand!

In "Psychic Connection", a key is given to a spectator and 3 cards are chosen which turn out to describe the colour, suit and value of a selected card! But the values of these 3 cards are also the number on the key! He also updated the classic "Magician's Insurance Policy" with a smaller-sized version that plays big!

Finally, he ended with his "Incredible Suit Jacket Escape" – a hilarious tribute to Houdini where Anthony escapes -- from his own jacket! This alone was worth coming out – a wonderfully funny and hugely entertaining effect!

Thanks so much to Anthony for coming to London to share his lecture with us – there was definitely something for everyone!

Mark Hogan

October's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, October 9
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

TOPIC: SWINDLES, SCAMS AND CHEATS!

Come one, come all, step right up and lay your money down. If you be brave, you'll win plenty - Five will get you Ten, Ten will net you Twenty!

Bring a sharp eye, and your billfold for a great night of Swindles, Scams and Cheats! The night will start with a short lecture on the three shell game, by our president **Mike Fisher**.

Mike will be bringing his collection of different types of shells for our amusement, he will then show and teach a simple routine. Then the cards will come out for a look at the three card monte. Two monte routines will be shown, as well as a Jumbo version.

The floor will open for anyone who has their own routine, we would love to see it!. To end the formal portion of the night another "game of chance" will be presented. The Fast and Loose chain swindle will be shown and taught! Extra chains will be provided so everyone can try their hand at "yanking the chain".

The night will be alot of fun, my chances though are two to one. So show me, show me if you can, how to win a prize from the shell game man.

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

News Of Interest

Mac King is coming to Burlington

WHEN: Saturday, March 1, 2014 8:00 PM

WHERE: Main Theatre

The Burlington Performing Arts Centre

Burlington, ON

Hailed by many as the premiere comedy magician in the world today, **Mac King** has appeared on his seventh TV special for NBC, just rocked on the Late Show with David Letterman, and has been regarded as one of the top 5 shows in all of Las Vegas for the past ten years. Now **Mac King** is bringing the best comedy-magic show in Las Vegas to Burlington!

"Gut-Busting! Brilliant! A must see. Three out of three stars."

- Frommer's Guide to Las Vegas

"A Razor-Sharp Comedian"
- Las Vegas Sun

For tickets, visit:

http://www.burlingtonpac.ca/what-s-on/event_/mac-king_8251.html

Penn & Teller coming to Casino Rama

(Casino Rama)

Edgy, provocative and hilarious, Vegas icons Penn & Teller's live show on any given night can involve knives, fire, or more. Known as the "Bad Boys of Magic," for supposedly revealing the secrets to their tricks, they may show you how it's done, but they still manage to leave you startled.

Penn & Teller are coming to Casino Rama on Friday, October 4 at 9:00PM (doors open at 8:00 PM). For tickets, visit <http://www.casinorama.com/Live/Artist/Penn---Teller.aspx>.



'America's Got Talent' finalist Collins Key casts a spell with his magic

(LA.com)

Key is one of six finalists on the NBC reality show competing for a \$1 million prize and a headline show in Las Vegas.

"I feel like so many doors have opened because of this, so many people are really supporting me," Key said. "I feel that if I lost, it wouldn't be a loss, it would be another opportunity to go out there in a new avenue."

"The doors that have opened are: being able to perform in larger venues, going on tours, doing TV spots, performing with and for celebrities, stuff that would normally take you years and years and years to get to that level. It's being on a fast track being on AGT."

During Key's first audition he took a dollar bill from judge Howie Mandel and noted its serial number, appeared to burn it with a lighter, and then made it reappear in a sealed bag of snacks. Out of nervousness, he feared he would get booed off stage. But when judge Howard Stern, considered the panel's toughest

critic, began enumerating all the reasons why he loved the performance, it brought the young magician to tears.

"When I judge an act, I put a lot of credibility into what the crowd feels and how they react and that reaction was genuine," Stern said. "You had people up on their feet. Your trick was flawless."

Key was approached by America's Got Talent scouts three times before this season asking him to audition, but he declined at first because "he just didn't feel that what he does is the right fit for the show," said his father Steven Muchnij, a professional emcee who owns the entertainment production company 11H Entertainment and its musical ensemble InfusionXperience.

"The type of magic that he does, is more intimate, more connecting," Muchnij said. "It's young, fun, hip, cool, different. He didn't think it was the right place for it on the show. He didn't think he was going to get a good response."

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Pictures from the Anthony Lindan lecture

