

**2016/2017 Club Membership Dues are now due!!**

Please bring your **\$40** membership renewal dues to the September meeting, or mail them to: *Mark Hogan, 21-455 Hyde Park Road, London ON N6H 3R9*



# Shell Game

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## September's meeting

We started the year with something we haven't had in a while – an **auction!** And it brought out a few people we haven't seen in a while – thanks for coming, **Vincent Anthony** and **Jon Akrey**, plus **Hugh** (a guest who found himself looking for some deals!) – hope to see you at a future meeting! And we had a special guest – *IBM past president* **Joan Caesar!**

Several members brought items for sale. The main feature of the night (apart from the *7 foot tall guillotine* brought by Vincent!) was the magic items our our past member, Don Tuckey. A large number of boxes of vintage magic were brought out by his two sons, **Ken** and **Dave**. And **Mike Fisher** has spent a good deal of effort with Don's items documenting, categorizing and putting prices on them.

It was suggested that instead of a regular auction format, we allow people to browse all the items brought by all the members and make bids when hidden gems are found. A couple sets of competing bids happened, but overall the offers were made and accepted.

Many people (even Joan!) walked away with something new (to them)! Thanks to everyone – most especially Mike, and Don's brothers – for putting on a fine auction!

Mark Hogan

### **Next Meeting:**

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**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Topic: ROUND ROBIN!**

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## TOPIC: ROUND ROBIN!

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The idea is simple – we go around the table to each person & they present anything they have or can think of. We keep going until we run out of tricks ... or collapse from exhaustion.

Bring anything you have that you want to share ... and as many of them as you like ... or just do something impromptu that comes into your head. Everyone gets their chance to shine ... and we all get to see a LOT of magic.

Dust off some tried-and-true effects or demo something you've never done ... we'd love to see them all!

**We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!**

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:  
[magic\\_london@yahoo.ca](mailto:magic_london@yahoo.ca)

# News Of Interest



## How female magicians broke through the Magic Circle boys club

(NewsWeek.com)

In a year that Britain appointed only its second female Prime Minister in **Theresa May** and **Hillary Clinton** is on the cusp of her own historic presidential race in the United States, female magicians across the world are also celebrating a milestone: 2016 marks 25 years since the elusive and prestigious *Magic Circle* allowed entry to its first female members.

Founded in 1905, The Magic Circle is the secretive society that illusionists across the world want to join. Its current members include **David Copperfield**, arguably the most famous magician alive, and British magician **Dynamo**. The late **Paul Daniels** was also a member. Its most famous member isn't a trickster by trade—but royalty; **Prince Charles** gained entry in 1975 by performing a cups-and-balls trick.

Gaining membership is the ultimate approval of a magician's showmanship; before joining, he or she must complete a rigorous process that includes being recommended by two current members, complete an interview with the Magic Circle's council and, finally, perform a show in front of a panel of judges and members. "You get judged on three counts. It was terrifying, I don't think I've ever practised so much for anything in my life," the British mentalist Katherine Mills tells *Newsweek*. "It was a landmark in my career. I wanted to be part of the Magic Circle so much."

However, until recently, the opportunity to become a Magic Circle member wouldn't have been open to Mills or any of the sixty-odd female magicians that make up the Circle's estimated 1,500-plus ranks.

Mills believes there was something of a "*boys' club mentality*" within the magic world. "Most definitely, there was that mentality to the club. I'd imagine it was something to do with the nature of the club itself—it is a secret society. There's an expression in magic: 'The door of magic isn't locked but it is closed.' I think with that nature, you isolate yourself a bit," Mills explains. "So it's understandable why it would lag behind the rest of society pushing forward."

As times changed in the 1990s, more than 75 percent of the society voted to include female members in 1991. That October, nine women were admitted as members to the Circle, including **Debbie McGee**, Daniels' wife and assistant turned magician in her own right, and **Fay Presto**.

"The club has come a long way," says Mills, who, along with McGee, Presto and an all-female lineup, will mark the Magic Circle's 25th anniversary of gender parity with a special show on October 9. "It's now in a very inclusive

place. I'm a girls' girl, I love being in a place where you can represent women in an industry. [This event] is celebrating where the Circle is now."

Mills began her magic career after completing work experience at an event-planning company that handled magicians, including **Dynamo**. "I remember watching and thinking, 'This is amazing.'" After finishing university she decided to pursue her newfound passion for the world of illusions and card tricks. In February 2009, she auditioned for membership into the mysterious Magic Circle and was accepted. In 2014, she became the first female magician in the U.K. to have her own prime-time television program, *Mind Games*, on cable channel Watch.

While the general public do not necessarily consider the issue of equality in magic in the same way as the more publicized political or sporting arenas, there is a misconception about female magicians that still persists. That is the image of the scantily clad, white glove-wearing assistant. "Outside of the magic community there are preconceived ideas of what a magician looks like: 'Oh, you're a magician? You're not an assistant?'"

Mills has experienced this first-hand. "I never felt it was in a negative way," she says. "It's a novelty value. A magician's novel anyway, but being a female is a bit of a bonus."

As the Magic Circle celebrates the inclusion of its female luminaries in October, Mills now hopes to champion a new generation of female magicians to embrace magic and the society. "There's a really nice friendship within the magic community, especially within the women because there are so few of us," she says. "Everyone has a different spin on the art and that's a positive—it pushes things forward."

## MAGIC on TV - October 6 - 16

★Oct 6:	Death Defying Acts on MMX.
★Oct 7:	Pat Hazell on Johnny Carson on ANTTV.
★Oct 7:	Happy Days: The Magic Show on METV.
★Oct 7:	Tanked: Love Is AN Illusion on ANIMAL.
★Oct 7:	Tanked: Lifestyles Of The Fish & Famous on ANIMAL.
★Oct 7:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUTV.
★Oct 8:	Make Room For Daddy: The Magician on COZI.
★Oct 8:	The Mad Magician on GETTV.
★Oct 8:	<b>NEW!</b> Fameless: The Vanishing on TRUETV.
★Oct 8:	Rules Of Engagement: Uh-Oh It's Magic on WGN.
★Oct 8:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUTV.
★Oct 9:	The Avengers: Box Of Tricks on COZI.
★Oct 10:	David Blaine: Street Magic on DESTINATION.
★Oct 10:	David Blaine: Magic Man on DESTINATION.

★Oct 10:	David Blaine: Vertigo on DESTINATION.
★Oct 10:	David Blaine: Frozen In Time on DESTINATION.
★Oct 10:	David Blaine: What Is Magic? on DESTINATION.
★Oct 10:	David Blaine: Drowned Alive on DESTINATION.
★Oct 10:	Columbo Goes To The Guillotine on HALLMARK.
★Oct 10:	Laredo: Any Way The Wind Blows on GETTV.
★Oct 11:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUTV.
★Oct 11:	Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, & Dawn: Abraquadabra on NTOON.
★Oct 12:	Boj: The Amazing Cloppity on GETTV.
★Oct 12:	Criss Angel Mindfreak: multiple episodes on A&E.
★Oct 12:	MTV Cribs: Penn Jillette on VH1CL.
★Oct 12:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUTV.
★Oct 13:	Ugly Americans: An American Werewolf In America on COMEDY.
★Oct 14:	<b>NEW!</b> Elizabeth Stanton's Great Big World: Magic and Illusion on MYNET.
★Oct 14:	Emergency! Computer Error on METV.
★Oct 14:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUTV.
★Oct 15:	Criss Angel Mindfreak: Trick'd Up on A&E.
★Oct 15:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUTV.

## Motor City Close-Up Convention - November 11-13 - Detroit

(John Luka)

I am very excited to announce that this year the Motor City Close-Up Convention features **David Malek, Geoff Williams, Francis Menotti, Dan Block, Aaron Fisher, and Adam Grace.**

If you haven't registered yet, now is a good time to do so. As you can see, the line-up for this year's event is awesome. This year, you will see some terrific magic and attend SIX great lectures. There will be other surprises.

Being a small convention you will get the opportunity to see what larger conventions usually don't provide: CLOSE-UP MAGIC.....CLOSE UP. You will also get a chance to hang out with the performers and get to attend six great lectures. **Aaron Fisher**, one of today's most popular magic teachers, will be lecturing at the convention. Along with Aaron will be **Adam Grace.**

**Adam Grace** is the co-founder of *Conjuror Community*, the fastest growing online magic community for performing magicians. Adam is also the creator of the *Magical Marketer* and the host of the live show *Sell Out*, a show for magicians who want to book more shows, get bigger clients, and more performance opportunities.

Adam's lecture will cover the basics of promoting your magic online in 2016. His tactics and tips are meant to empower magicians to easily run the "business" side of show business. If you are struggling to figure out how to use Facebook and the internet to get some major momentum, then Adam's lecture will shed some light on real actionable tactics that you can start using right away to "stand out" and get more bookings. Adam will make it easy to understand and reveal some 'sneaky' tricks that every magician should know. This is a lecture you don't want to miss.

Treat yourself to a GREAT time and a FUN FILLED weekend! Register soon. It's getting close. The Motor City Close-Up Convention will be here in less than two months.

In addition to our featured performers, you will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of **Ben Train, Nathan Kranzo, Chris Mayhew**, and others TBD. Rumor has it that **Lee Asher** is hoping to be here as well.

Two Close-Up Shows, Six Lectures, Optional Workshop, Dealers, Pizza Party, plenty of sessioning, The Best Attendees Anywhere, and a lot of good magic and fun.

All events take place at the Best Western Woodhaven Inn (<http://www.bestwestern.com/woodhaveninn>) located at 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI 48183. (Metro Detroit Area) Phone (734) 676-8000 Call the hotel for room reservations or hotel information. There is a special room rate of \$79 plus tax per diem for the convention. To qualify, when you make your reservations request the Motor City Magic rate.

The dealers will include: Wunderground Magic, ABC Magic, Pattrick's Magical Surfaces, Roy Kueppers Magic, Nathan Kranzo Magic, and Gordon Miller Magic.

Interested in memorized deck work? You REALLY need to check out the [workshop](#). It will be intense. It will be fun. It's a great deal!

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this year's event. I look forward to seeing you there.

For more information go to: [www.johnlukamagic.com](http://www.johnlukamagic.com)

John Luka



## ABC commits to crimefighting illusionist pilot

(TVFinaleSeries.com)

Magic is coming to ABC. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, the network has committed to a new pilot titled *Deception*.

The drama comes from **Chris Fedak, Martin Gero, Greg Berlanti**, and **David Kwong**. The latter three serve as producers on NBC's *Blindspot*.

Here's the show's official description:

"When a superstar magician's career is ruined by scandal, he has only one place to turn to practice his art of deception, illusion and influence — the FBI. He'll become the world's first consulting illusionist, helping the government solve crimes that defy explanation, and trap criminals and spies by using deception."

Fedak will write the script and executive produce alongside Berlanti, Gero, Kwong, and **Sarah Schechter**.

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