

**2018/2019 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

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community  
October 2018 Volume 14, Issue 2

## September's meeting

We started off the new year with a magic auction! Our good friend **Gail Burke** was auctioning off a large array of clowning and magic effects, and Mike Fisher also brought some tricky boxes and props. We had a, new guest, **Malachi Daley**, and his father Brett- as well as two returning friends, **Al Grose** and **Dennis Weir**. Welcome Malachi and Brett, and welcome back, Al and Dennis!

The crowd was small, but the effects were many. **Dennis Weir, Mike Fisher,** and **Jon Akrey** all bought additional items for auction.

While the number of items sold wasn't large, it was great fun to see Mike Fisher showing off many of Gail's clowning and magic items; watching Jon Akrey show our guest Malachi how to use the new effects he purchased, and Dennis demonstrating his many science magic effects he has performed for many years in London and in Arizona.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Date: Wednesday, OCTOBER 10**

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Topic: MAGIC HISTORY – AND RUBBER BAND WORKSHOP!**

**Beal Secondary School**

**525 Dundas Street, London**

**Room 253**

Many of those in attendance walked away with something new (at least, it's new to them!). Thanks to all those who offer items for auction, and to everyone who purchased something to make the auction worthwhile.

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Now for something a little different ...

**Mike Fisher** is going to give us a shortened version of his upcoming *Eldon House* lecture on famous magicians from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mike will also be presenting this lecture in Michigan, St. Thomas, and other venues, and we'll get a sneak peek at this fascinating topic.

Yes, it's old school. But it's still good! We had Dan Harlan at the club in the mid 90's displaying his incredible rubber band magic, and we'll show some of those amazing moves – and have you performing them! It could be the least expensive magic you'll ever do – but is so organic that it has a big impact!

Rubber bands will be provided – all you need to do is bring your fingers!

So come out in October, learn about our magic ancestors, and flex your fingers doing some rubber band magic!

**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



### Browser's Bash 2019 tickets now available

(Browser's Den)

Tickets for the 2019 Browser's Magic Bash are now available.

After 1 day, VIP Platinum tickets are already *sold out*! But there are still *Gold* (\$149 + HST), *Silver* (\$129 + HST) and *Bronze* tickets (\$99 + HST) available. And prices include meals!

*Card guys, mentalists, stand-up magicians, children's entertainers, jam sessions, close-up, stage performers, great stuff for sale, and everything in-between! If you love magic, the Browser's Magic Bash 2019 is designed for you!*

Jeff Pinsky, Owner, Browser's Den

The 2019 Browser's Bash (the fifth edition of this event) will be held on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** from **9:00am to 9:00pm** at the same location as in past years, the **Montecasino Hotel and Event Venue** (3710 Chesswood Drive, Toronto ON M3J 2P6), located just north of downtown Toronto.

Talent for the 2019 event announced to date includes:

- Dick Joiner:** Emcee
- Paul Richards:** Creative Conjuror
- Jenny Parsons:** Hidden Canadian Gem
- James Harrison:** Pickpocket
- Ryan Brown:** Rising Star
- Garrett Thomas:** Master Magician

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit:

<https://www.browsersden.com/bash>

Next month we will highlight some of the talent that is coming to the 2019 Browser's Bash.



## Al Grose's "Off the Table" workshop at Browser's Den

(BrowsersDen.com)

**Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Location: Browser's Den of Magic, 3220**

**Dufferin St. Unit 19 A, Toronto**

**Cost to Attend: Any \$ Amount Donation for  
Oscar Munoz's Son Fund**

Dear Magical Friends,

For those who don't know me my name is **Al Grose**. I am not famous, nor am I wealthy. I am a Magician who loves performing, creating, and sharing magic. Anyone who has ever met me knows all I ever want to do is share magic. I'm ironic. I'm the magician who wants to share his secrets.

I have conducted a number of workshops for *Browser's Den*. I have never asked for a penny to conduct them. I do them for the love of magic, and the friendships that incur as a result of the time spent with magical friends.

On **October 14th 2018**, I am inviting you to come join me for a workshop called "Off the Table." The reason I call my presentations workshops as opposed to lectures is because not all the material is mine, and as such I will not claim originality to all the effects. The theme in all of them is you will not require a table nor a close up mat for any of the effects. I don't sell lecture notes nor DVD's. Not because I can't, but rather because I'm too lazy :) to make them. That being said, feel free to write, photograph and/or tape any segment you'd like to hopefully use. I will cover coins, cards, rubber bands and a little mind reading. I'd also like to share some presentations of items no doubt you already own, but never thought of using in front of an audience. And if there's any move or sleight you've been wondering about, please yell it out so we can all improve.

**This particular workshop is a little different.** I will be asking a fee for this one. How much you pay, you decide. You see, I'm not keeping the money. Not a penny. I'm asking you to open your hearts to help a friend of mine. And I'm sure he's a friend of yours too; the incredible **Oscar Munoz**. Oscar's son

**Benjamin** narrowly escaped an Apartment Fire in his hometown of San Marcos, Texas. Oscar is trying to raise \$50 000.00 to cover surgery costs for Ben.

I don't believe I need to say more. If Oscar has ever made you smile, laugh or be amazed return the feeling to him and help in any way you can.

Thank you my friends, see you on the 14th!

## Chris Philpott lecture at Browser's Den

(Browser's Den)

Date: **Sunday October 21, 2018**

Place: **Browser's Den of Magic**

Time: **5:30pm**

Cost: **\$20** (or free for Bash VIPers)

My goodness we are excited to announce that **Chris Philpott** will be giving a rare lecture here at our shop!

He is the inventor of many very popular magic effects you have seen on so many shows. Including: *The 100th Monkey*; *Babel*; *Pantheon*; *Spellcaster*; *French Postcards*; *Tossed Out Book Test*.



Mr. Philpott has created and scripted magic for: **Derren Brown, Justin Willman, Cyril Takayama, Steve Valentine, Aiden Sinclair** and two of *America's Got Talent* finalists, **David Leeman & The Clairvoyants**).

The performance of his *100th Monkey* on AGT received a standing ovation and over 13 million YouTube views.

When **Dan Harlan** was asked "On the topic of Penguin lectures, what's been your most memorable moment" he replied " Chris Philpott...He brought the most dramatic presentations, things where you really cared about what was going on...Just so well thought. So smart"

But there is much more to Chris than a creator of magic...Chris Philpott is an award-winning screenwriter and director who lives and works in L.A. He has written and directed three feature films.

He has been an aficionado of magic since his teens, first working at Len Cooper's *Browser's Den* in Toronto. He collects magic books, posters and other

magic ephemera. Chris is a member of the *Academy of Magical Arts* and a regular contributor to *Magic* magazine.

In his lecture at Chris will be teaching a number of mentalist and magic effects from his arsenal of best selling effects and books including the *100th Monkey Principle*, *Intimate Mysteries*, *Narcissus* and more. He will also teach new effects and some twists on classics. He may even sneak in some theory applying the skills he has used during his years as a screenwriter to make your magic more powerful.

Other effects in his lecture include: *Spellcaster*, *Emotional Reaction*, *Photo of the Kids*, *Unhypnotized*, *Identity and Essence*, *Intuition* and more time permitting.

To buy tickets, [click here](#) or call the Browser's Den (1-888-469-3616).

## Shin Lim to headline Las Vegas AGT show

(LA Times)

If you didn't have tickets to the finale of "America's Got Talent," don't worry. Another chance to see the winner perform live is coming up in Las Vegas.



Tickets went on sale Friday for "America's Got Talent Live," the stage version of the popular TV show, appearing in Vegas from Nov. 2-4. Headlining the performances at *Paris Las Vegas* will be winner **Shin Lim**, the magician whose remarkable sleight-of-hand wowed audiences and judges alike. His first-place finish earned him \$1 million, plus four gigs on the Strip.

Joining Lim onstage will be several other Season 13 finalists, including comedians **Vicki Barbolak** and **Samuel J. Comroe**, trapeze artists **Duo Transcend**, singer **Courtney Hadwin** and electric violinist **Brian King Joseph**.

Shows will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2-3 and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 in the *Paris Theater*.

Tickets range from \$55-\$185, plus taxes and fees.

To see all the performances of this year's America's Got Talent winner, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqJOeBRk2xQ>



## Card Finder effect using Amazon Alexa

(Andy Makar)

Here is information on how to use the *Card Finder* Amazon Alexa card trick to have Alexa find one or more selected cards (i.e. "Alexa, ask Card Finder Name the first selection")

It's an easy free trick which can be enabled on any *Amazon Echo*, *Echo Dot* or Alexa enabled device. (The eBook costs \$2.83).

Here is the link to enable the skill (there are other Alexa magic tricks on this page):

<https://www.amazon.com/AMAKAR-LLC-Card-Finder/dp/B0755KJ25F/>

Here is a link to a portion of the eBook (click on the image of the book):

<https://www.amazon.com/Card-Finder-Amazon-Alexa-Magic-ebook/dp/B075748RL7/>

## Top 10 effects of 2018 (so far)

(Murphy's Magic)

Murphy's Magic is checking out the *Top 10 tricks of 2018 so far* (all sold by Murphy's, of course!) Here is a video showing and discussing all 10 tricks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZY-zcTj4bk>

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