



Shell Game

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

It's been a LOOOOOOOOONG time! Two and a half years! But it was finally time for the *London Magicians Guild* to rise from the ashes of the pandemic and start meeting in person again! Our first meeting was at the *Palace Theatre*, and the attendance was great for the first meeting back. It was great to see members past and present – and we even had a guest – welcome **Andrew Olmstead!**

The theme for the night was “*What did you learn during COVID?*”. **Jim Atkinson** lead off with **John Bannon's** “*Proxy Shock*”, where the magician misses his guess of the selected card, but magically changes it to the right one! **Kevin McQuillan** showed us his excellent *Ambitious Card* routine, a very visual vanishing rubber band, a selected card being fired out of a “loaded gun”, and a wonderful four card packet trick (his own creation!) where cards not only visually change, but finally turn into credit cards!

Mark Hogan tried out 3 effects he will use at an upcoming Halloween party: A “*Card Stab*” (complete with a Jason goalie mask!); determining if Jason is an efficient slasher using **Dani DaOrtiz's** “*The Lucky Magician*”; and putting together a Frankenstein monster using **Dani DaOrtiz's** “*Semi-Automatic Card At Number*”;

Andrew Olmstead performed a great version of **Bruce Bernstein's** “*Linking Safety Pins*”; **Alan Coombs** found 5 cards selected by 5 different spectators, **Mark Erhardt** showed us one of his favourite walkaround effects in

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"Red Hot Mama", and **Heather Meadows** made a hanky vanish and reappear in the other hand!

And our new president **Keith O'Brien** got in on the action with a take on **Woody Aragon's** "Love Ritual" where the spectator tears and mixes cards yet they find their match, but then using his phone to cause everyone to go back in time - to where a previously filmed video clip shows a spectator's selection inside a wallet!

For the first meeting in over two years – the consensus of the group gave it a huge thumbs up! Thanks to everyone who came out.

Mark Hogan

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The idea is simple – we go around the table and anyone can present anything you'd got or can think of. We keep going until we run out of tricks – or collapse from exhaustion.

Bring anything you want to share. Or just do something impromptu that comes to mind. Everyone who wants to can have a chance to shine ... and hopefully we'll all see a LOT of magic!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:

magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest

“Sin City Illusions” show - December 9 at the Wolf

(Keith O'Brien)

Come join us at the *Wolf Performance Hall* for a hilariously amazing night of magic and illusions, featuring 3 of Ontario's finest magicians. This includes *Penn and Teller's* **Matt Disero**, **Ken Margoe** from *Illusionarium*, and London magician **Keith O'Brien**.

You'll be treated to laughs, magical trickery, amazing illusions, and mind blowing mentalism. Tickets are just \$19 for general admission seats. This is a one night only event in London, so get your tickets before they are gone!

Your performers are:

Keith O'Brien: Our featured performer is the President of the *London Magicians Guild*, and is one of the premier magicians in all of Ontario. His Las Vegas style show is funny, mesmerizing, and all together incredible. You're going to love London's very own Keith O'Brien!

Matt Disero: One of Toronto's most sought after magicians, Matt has worked with comedy greats such as *Drew Carey & Jerry Seinfeld*. He has starred on *Penn and Teller's Fool Us*, and has headlined shows at the world famous *Magic Castle* in Hollywood, California. He has performed at exotic locales such as Tokyo, Italy, London, Cypress, Australia, United States. We are VERY lucky to have him on our show, and you'll see why!

Ken Pham: With a large following and over *10 million views* on social media, Ken has taken his act from behind the screen to the live stage with much fanfare. He's performed at sold out venues such as *The Rec Room*, *Showtime Comedy*, *The Royal Comedy Theatre*, and *Meridian Centrepointe Theatres*. His act involves mentalism, magical stage props, and a whole lot of laughter. This is guaranteed to be a fun and incredible evening for the whole family. See you there!

Showtime is 7:30pm. For more info and to order tickets, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sin-city-illusions-an-evening-of-magic-and-mystery-tickets-439930924237?fbclid=IwAR14advCQo4Tbkff87LIMYJqVPgHUsQohUerqRFWxl9uUeTiLjqXqDZeA3k&discount=Keith>



FISM 2022 World Champions

The *Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Magiques (FISM) World Championship of Magic* was held in Quebec City (the first time in the Americas) this past July.

Thousands of magicians from around the world gathered in Quebec City to watch the magic competitions, attend magic lectures by world renowned performers, watch incredible nightly gala shows, and take in all that Quebec City has to offer.

Here are a list of the winners – all newly acclaimed World Champions of magic!

<i>Grand Prix Winners</i>	Stage – Laurent Piron (Belguim) Close-up – Simon Coronel (USA)
<i>Manipulation</i>	Artem (Russia) Junwoo Park (South Korea)
<i>General Magic</i>	Laurent Piron (Belguim)
<i>Stage Illusions</i>	Yunke (Spain)
<i>Mental Magic</i>	Anca & Lucca (Austria)
<i>Comedy Magic</i>	Mortenn Christiansen (Denmark)
<i>Micro Magic</i>	Luis Olmedo (Spain) Simon Coronel (USA)
<i>Card Magic</i>	Markobi (France)
<i>Parlour Magic</i>	Shoot Ogawa (USA)

The next FISM World Championship of Magic will be held in Torino, Italy in 2025.

For more information, visit <https://www.fismitaly.com/>

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