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The Magical Minutes



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The Dennis Chan Report

The Vancouver Magic Circle's monthly meeting took place on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Several members arrived early for a chat session. **Rod Boss** and **Yoosik Oum** had previous engagements and would arrive later for the meeting. **Roy Hopwood** opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. as he greeted the members and guests. This was one trick night where members were asked to perform a magical effect. Performing their one trick were **Alex Zander**, **Robert Teszka**, **Roy Hopwood**, **Glen LaBarre**, **Scott Barker**.

This was also past president's night whereby past presidents are invited to perform a magical effect. Performing their one effect were **Shawn Farquhar**, **Rod Boss**, **Alex Zander**, and **Greg Dietlein**. **Yoosik Oum** performed his one trick as the current president.

Curtis Wiens and **Pranreet Arora** performed their three tricks, but as associate members, they cannot be initiated into membership until 2025.

At 8:35 p.m. **Roy** opened the AGM (a meeting within a meeting)

It was now time to vote for the new executive for the 2024 magic year. **Rod Boss** presided over the election process. Positions to be filled were president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary /treasurer and sergeant-at-arms. The board-approved slate for 2024 is President **Yoosik Oum**, First Vice President **Simon Cassegrain**, Second Vice President **Henry Tom**, Secretary/Treasurer **Roy Hopwood**, and Sergeant-at-arms **Dennis Chan**. **Rod** also invited additional names from the members for the above positions. He asked a second time and a third time for the above positions. There were no other nominees. **Greg Dietlein** Moved and **Shawn Farquhar** seconded the motion: "*that the board-approved slate of nominations be accepted*" The motion was carried unanimously. Therefore, by acclamation, the above nominees have accepted their new positions. Congratulations to the new executive for the 2024 magic year. They will be sworn in at the February meeting. The directors will be **Rod Boss**, **Graham Kita**, and **Shawn Farquhar**.

Yoosik Oum and **Roy Hopwood** handed out ballots for the 'Murray Award' for the most creative performance during the year. The nominees are **Blake Aleong**, **Billy Hsueh** and **Jack Schwartz**.

Ballots were also handed out for the 'Stan Kramien Award' for showmanship during the year. The nominees are **Graham Kita** and **Blake Aleong**.

As no further nominees were received for the above awards the members present were asked to cast a secret ballot for the two awards. However, members had to be present and personally witness the performance of the person being voted for. The winners will be announced at the installation banquet and awards evening in March.

There being no further business to be discussed **Roy** declared the AGM closed at 8:55 pm

This was also initiation night where new members who have not gone through this ceremony before must do so to become fully-fledged members of the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Members must perform three magical effects to the satisfaction of the members to take part in the ceremony.

Yoosik Oum told the members that there has been a change in the meeting months between the February and March meetings. The 'Installation Banquet and Awards' night will now take place on Wednesday, March 27 at **Stefano's** restaurant in New Westminster. This is to coincide with the magic festival that is being put together by **Shawn Farquhar**. The competitions for the 'Cecil Ackery' comedy trophy for adults and the 'Rick Honey' comedy trophy for juniors will take place at the February meeting.

The evening ended with **Rod Boss** leading the members to be initiated to the ceremonial stage who have in the past done their three magical effects to be initiated. **Alex Zander** and **Yoosik Oum** presided over the initiation ceremony. The members being initiated were **Scott Barker** and **James Nguyen**. Congratulations and welcome to the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Throughout the evening magic performances were done by **Rod Boss**, who also did an encore performance using giant coins, **Shawn** also demonstrated his technique for the second deal and other card techniques.

Rod Boss did photography. **Dennis Chan** provided the refreshments. Thanks to **Kim Fabbro** for giving me a ride to and from the meeting.

There were 18 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Dennis Chan and Roy Hopwood

The Presidents Report

Hi VMC.

Recently, I got reminded from Facebook that yesterday was International Magician's Day, and I saw posts from years back on my news feed of my magical journey.

The selfie below was from back in the Summer of 2018, when I did my very first paid gig at a school fundraiser. I got paid \$100 for 3 hours of strolling magic! Of course, since then, my fee has gone way up!



At our last meeting, we also had the pleasure of initiating two more members into the Vancouver Magic Circle: **Scott Barker** and **James Nguyen**.

This also certainly brought back memories like when I got initiated the same way 9 years ago. A lot of other great memories have come from being a member of the VMC, and I look forward to many more. I hope all of you will take time to reflect on your magical journey in the VMC and have many more great experiences to come in 2024 and beyond!

Yoosik Ethan Oum

Vancouver Magic Circle, IBM Ring #92 - President
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Happy Chinese Lunar New Year

The Editors Desk

The VMC year got off to a great start with our meeting at the Hall on Thursday January 25, 2024.

Once again I must give a huge shout out to my 'silent' partner **John Stenning** who not only contributes articles for TMM but works hard behind the scenes editing and suggesting changes and he does this with no recognition from the VMC. Instead of just telling me, tell John what a great (or terrible) issue we have produced.

Dennis Chan always has his interesting and informative column '*The Dennis Chan Report*'

Current president and president elect **Yoosik Oum** sends in his '*The Presidents Report*' on time, he also provides articles of interest for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Henry Tom (when not on a cruise somewhere) provides photographs of meetings and other events.

I thank all of the above as well as others who contribute to TMM in any way.

With your continuing support the VMC is set for an absolutely awesome year.

Whenever you are able to Get out and support VMC magicians or any other magician that may be performing in your area by attending their shows.

Remember to:

'Keep magic alive and live'

Magical Thoughts

(You might want to ponder)

"The art of a magician is not found in the simple deception, but in what surrounds it, the construction of a reality which supports the illusion."

Jim Steinmeyer

"The real secret of magic lies in the performance."

David Copperfield

"If I don't fool you, I'm not doing my job as a magician. If I make you feel foolish, I'm not doing my job as a human being."

Jerry Andrus

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J.Stenning (A.K.A. Melrick the Magician)

Feb 6, 2024.

## Chinese Lunar New Year 2024.

The Chinese Lunar New Year in 2024 is celebrated on Saturday, February 10. It marks the beginning of the Year of the Wood Dragon (longnian 龍年) according to the Chinese zodiac.

The Wood Dragon has been marked as the luckiest year in the Chinese calendar.

It's said to bring the most good fortune as the year progresses for those born in previous years of the Wood Dragon.

The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival or Chinese New Year, holds deep cultural and traditional significance in the Sinosphere—including mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Vietnam, and Korea. Families gather to pay respect to their ancestors and welcome the arrival of spring.

Whether celebrating with fireworks and parties on January 1st or enjoying traditional foods and dragon and lion dances during the Lunar New Year, both celebrations offer a wonderful opportunity to welcome the new year with joy and excitement.

The Chinese zodiac assigns each year to an animal sign, and five elements: wood, fire, earth, metal and water. 2024 is known as the Year of the Wood Dragon last time (2012) it was the year of the dragon, it was a water dragon and the next time it comes around in 2036, it will be a fire dragon year.

May this auspicious year bring prosperity, good fortune, and happiness to all!



Happy Chinese Lunar New Year to all.

岁寒知松柏，患难见真情。(sùihán zhī sōngbǎi, huànnàn jiàn zhēnqíng)

*“Only when the years grows cold do we see that the pine and cypress are the last to fade; only when we get into trouble do we know who our genuine friends are”.*

千里送鹅毛，礼轻情意重。(qiānlǐ sòng é máo, lǐ qīng qíngyì zhòng.)

*“Travel a thousand miles to bestow a goose feather— a small gift may be a token of profound friendship”.*

This month is

## Yoosik Oum

**MM:** Tell us a little about yourself and your family

**YO:** I was born in Seoul, but my parents raised me and my sister in Canada. I was a shy boy growing up who liked to draw a lot. No one back then, including myself, would have thought I would one day be publicly speaking in front of audiences at shows as my second job, let alone be the president of the local magic club.

**MM:** How did you become interested in magic?

**YO:** By accident, actually. Only about 10 years ago while I was surfing the web, I saw a Facebook ad for a free online beginner's magic course from Penguin Magic. It was taught by Oz Pearlman and covered all sorts of cool tricks with mentalism, coins, cards, rubber bands etc. That was the catalyst to getting me hooked on a new hobby which became a second career several years later.

**MM:** Who are your biggest influences in the magic world?

**YO:** They are, to name a few: Gregory Wilson, because he is a great creator of some amazing routines I still do today. Naathan Phan for his numerous talents and showmanship. Peter Nardi, is another amazing creator of very fun and commercial mentalism. Gerry McCambridge and Banachek, are two amazing mentalists with incredible Vegas shows. Their style of magic is my favorite and what I try to do in my shows.



**MM:** What is your favorite trick to perform and why?

**YO:** Whatever I can do on the spot if someone asks to see something, and that I always have with me. A couple of them are To Do Voodoo by Rick Lax (impromptu mind reading on my business card) and Kolossal Killer by Kenton Knepper, a single card prediction in my wallet.

**MM:** Can you share an interesting story from one of your performances?

**YO:** After one performance, an audience member said "I loved your performance but you really scare me". Other memorable feedback includes "he's a witch" and "It's black magic". I take it all as a compliment!

**MM:** What advice would you give to someone who wants to learn magic?

**YO:** Learn and study all styles of magic, such as cards, coins, mentalism, stage, close-up, etc. and find the style that you feel suits you best and focus on that.

**MM:** How do you come up with new tricks or routines?

**YO:** I created one marketable magic routine called Cartoon Chatroom which is currently on sale at Penguin Magic. Since I'm a cartoon animator by trade, I invented a routine that's based on what I know. It took planning step by step and trial and error and perseverance



**MM:** What's the most challenging part of being a magician for you?

**YO:** As a professional, I'm paid to be the life of the party. I have to speak in front of crowds at shows or constantly approach groups of strangers when strolling. For someone who grew up a shy kid (and still is somewhat), none of those things are easy nor come naturally to me.

**MM:** What's the most rewarding part of being a magician for you?

**YO:** The joy I bring to my audiences and that what I did brought something special to the event. And a lot of great memories.

**MM:** Can you share with our readers a fun, non magic, fact that we didn't know about you?

**YO:** I had my first (and last, lol) Hollywood movie acting credit in the controversial 2014 Seth Rogen movie, The Interview. I am credited as a South Korean Scientist.

### THE WEISER WALLET

Hello folks, February already if you can believe it and I've got another gimmicked wallet review for you.



The Weiser Wallet is Danny Weiser's take/variation on/of the classic Hember wallet. The first thing I'm going to say is that if you're familiar with the Hember wallet, don't expect this to be the same. Also, it's important to know that if you're looking for a wallet that you can do a signed card to wallet routine, this isn't the wallet for you, however, there are some interesting and visual effects you can do with cards and money (bills that is) that will be fully explained in the online/downloadable instructions that are less than 15 minutes long.



It is not a large wallet, nor one to put bills in the "regular" way and only has room for some id and credit cards, however, the clip on the outside locks magnetically and can be used to hold some bills as well as doing, some of the effects you'll learn.

The wallet is made from genuine leather, looks good and definitely has some potential as wells as tricks that other wallets cannot do.

You can get it from Penguin magic or Vanishing Inc for \$35.00 U.S. however, if you want a "**gorgeous**" one, make sure to order it from Van inc LOL!

Take care and all the best for 2024.

Stay magical my friends.

J.Stenning A.K.A. Melrick the magician

Feb 12, 2024

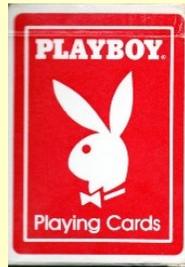
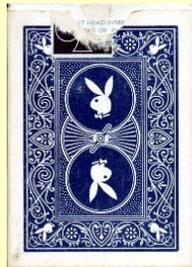
**Yoosik Ethan Oum** entertaining the staff of the **Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver** for an anniversary function.



## Vintage 1973 Playboy Playing Cards

The 1973 Playboy playing cards printed by USPCC were a standard poker sized deck of cards featuring the original Playboy Femlin design on the aces and jokers. The back design was based on the Bicycle brand, with a blue or red Rider Back with images of a Playboy Bunny Head. The cards had an air cushion finish and were available in poker size. The cards were produced by the United States Playing Card Company (USPCC) in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, under license from Playboy Enterprises. The cards were popular among collectors and magicians, as they were made with high-quality stock and finish. The cards are now considered rare and vintage, as they are no longer in production.

The value of the 1973 Playboy playing cards printed by USPCC may vary depending on the condition, rarity, and demand of the cards. According to some online sources, the cards can range from \$15 to more than \$200 per deck. However, these prices are not official or guaranteed, and may change over time. If you are interested in selling or buying these cards, you may want to consult a professional appraiser or collector for a more accurate estimate.



I have 2 decks, one blue back and one red back, it is my understanding that there is also an orange back and a green back. I have estimated the value of my two decks at \$60 per deck. They are opened with only one joker in each deck. Using the following [Hochman grading system](#) as published with permission by Lee Asher I would grade my decks as Good.



## CARD REVELATIONS VOL 4

Vol 4 of Daryl's card revelations, once again features the former world champion magician teaching many (in this DVD, 36) more ways to reveal a chosen card; if you can force a card, you can do these, or at the very least, some, if not most.



Again, I must state, that Daryl explains things clearly and is easy to follow. Many of these card effects/tricks are quite easy to do, so you can work on presentation. Some of the gems you'll find in vol 4 are:

- ◆ A direct stab (Karrell Fox)
- ◆ Righting a wrong
- ◆ Riffle shuffle flip over
- ◆ Clap
- ◆ Card between plates
- ◆ My first gun (Daryl)
- ◆ TV aces
- ◆ Best card in pocket
- ◆ Sandwich #1
- ◆ Mindreading with any assistant.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg! Enjoy the performance and learn how to do the effect, or sit back and enjoy watching some interesting card tricks and try to figure it out for yourself, either way, you'll enjoy this DVD and get much mileage out of it.

J.Stenning (A.K.A. Melrick the magician)

Feb 13/2024

# VMC Membership Fees

## A friendly reminder

VMC Membership Fees became payable on January 1, 2024 and should have been be paid before January 31, 2024  
If you have not paid your VMC Fees for 2024 It would be appreciated if you would do so before February 29, 2024.

These fees can be paid via the VMC website <https://ibmring92.com/pay-for-stuff/> or:

**eTransfer** (no fees incurred by VMC) [treasurer@ibmring92.com](mailto:treasurer@ibmring92.com) or **PayPal** (Incurs fees by VMC) [treasurer@ibmring92.com](mailto:treasurer@ibmring92.com)

| Membership type              | Fees—1 Year | Fees—3 years |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| General member               | \$40.00     | \$105.00     |
| Senior member (starts at 65) | \$30.00     | \$75.00      |
| Junior member                | \$30.00     | \$75.00      |
| Out of town member           | \$25.00     | \$60.00      |

If you are unsure if your fees are due for payment or have any questions contact the Treasurer (Roy Hopwood): [treasurer@ibmring92.com](mailto:treasurer@ibmring92.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the VMC.

Roy J Hopwood  
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## Magicians for Hire

In the past VMC members wishing to promote their services could do so on the 'Magicians for Hire' page of our website for an annual fee.

Recently members have promoted their services without paying a fee.

The VMC Executive Committee has agreed that a fee is to be reinstated and the fee be \$20.00 per year (January to December).

If you previously had an ad or wish to have one (or more) and would like to run it (them) in 2024 please submit a short bio and photo, if you haven't already done so, to **Roy Hopwood**, Secretary/ treasurer [hopwood.vmc@gmail.com](mailto:hopwood.vmc@gmail.com). Payment can be made, with a note saying what the payment is for, via either:

- **PayPal** ([treasurer@ibmring92.com](mailto:treasurer@ibmring92.com))
- **eTransfer** ([treasurer@IBMring92.com](mailto:treasurer@IBMring92.com))

The VMC Executive Committee has agreed to publicize the following event in this issue of our Newsletter '*The Magical Minutes*.'

### Spokane Magic Club magic sale

Last year the Spokane Magic Club acquired a large magic collection from the estate of **Jeffery (Jeff) Fasolino**, and they are planning to have a sale of this collection sometime this spring. The sale will be on-site in Spokane. Many of the items in this collection are new, or in new-like condition. Some of the items are unopened and some appear to be unused but more on that later. (However, I would like to add, curiously, there were no books in this collection...not a one!)

Here is a link to photos of the items in the upcoming magic sale...please note much of this is brand new like new and/or never opened.

<https://1drv.ms/a/s!AvD80MeRyKrDi0xSnFQRFZzyEqdM>

Right now, they are probably looking for the third Saturday in April for the sale.

Please contact **John Hill** ([jehill51@yahoo.com](mailto:jehill51@yahoo.com)) or **Matt Van Zee** ([mvanzeemagic@hotmail.com](mailto:mvanzeemagic@hotmail.com)) if you have any questions or need more information and they will try to help the best they can.

# Roy's 5 question quiz

Answers in the next issue

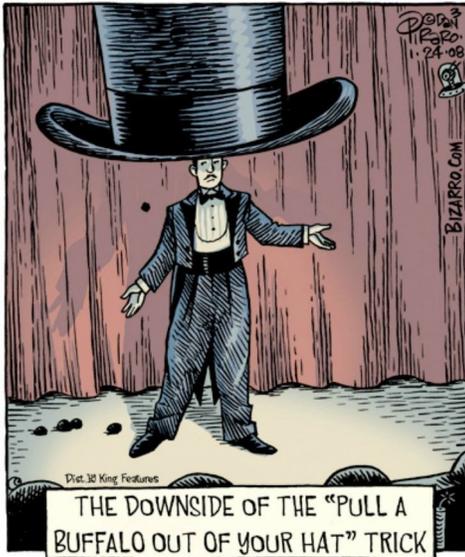
- 1 Who was known as the '*Whirlwind Illusionist*'?
- 2 Who wrote the book '*Cards as Weapons*'?
- 3 What is the name of the person who punched **Harry Houdini** in his dressing room at the Princess Theatre in Montreal on October 22, 1926?
- 4 Who is credited with inventing the '*Egg Bag*'?
- 5 Who is **Richard Valentine Pitchford** better known as?

If you know one or more of the answers without the help of Mr. Google and friends let me know how you go and I'll list the top 5 responses

*Good Luck*



# Jest for Fun



## Groaners ... sorry

- ◆ Son, remember these two magic words. They will open up the doors in your life.” Push and Pull.
- ◆ What kind of magic do cows believe in? Moodoo.
- ◆ Did you hear about the magician who did magic with chocolate? I heard he had loads of Twix up his sleeve.
- ◆ Why did the magician open a bakery? He’s obsessed with the ‘bread-th-taking’ art of levitation!
- ◆ How do magicians write letters? With invisible ink.
- ◆ Why did the magician become a writer? He had a knack for spell-ing.
- ◆ What’s a magician’s favorite sport? Trick-et.
- ◆ How do you know if a magician is still learning? His rabbit is taking notes!
- ◆ Why did the magician refuse to perform at the bank? He was afraid of revealing his sleight of account.



## A Blast from the past

Thanks to VMC member **Scott Barker** for finding and sending in a copy of *'The Magical Minutes'* from February 1998. this is page 2 of a 4 page edition. Enjoy.

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# CONJURORS' CALENDAR



**WED. FEB. 18 - MON. FEB. 23**  
"REVEEN - THE IMPOSSIBLIST"  
Queen Elizabeth Theatre

**FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 1**  
Shawn Farquhar & Felicity  
Disneyworld - Orlando, FL

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
V.M.C. Installation Banquet  
and Annual Club Photo  
Burnaby Mountain Golf Club

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27**  
Danny Archer - Working Alone Lecture  
Douglas College - 7 pm

**THURSDAY MARCH 19**  
Shawn Farquhar, Ray Medway,  
Rod Boss and Steve Dixon  
at Old Country Inn - Langley BC

**MAY 1, 2, and 3**  
10th Annual MAGIC JAMBOREE  
See enclosed flyer for details

**JULY 31-AUGUST 3**  
P.C.A.M. Convention  
Tacoma Washington

IF YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING DATE  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE HERE  
CALL GRAEME KINGSTON AT  
525-5233 WITH THE DETAILS

## V.M.C. KICKS OFF YEAR WITH GREAT A.G.M.

The Vancouver Magic Circle's January meeting took place on Thursday, January 22nd. It was the Ring's Annual General Meeting, election of the new Executive and a magic auction all wrapped up into one.

The evening got underway with a impromptu workshop led by **Graeme Kingston** on the subject of "Comedy and Physical Movement".

The Business Meeting was chaired by VMC President **Bill Kling** who thanked the various Officers and appointed people. The election of Executive Officers followed with Bill Kling remaining President and Graeme Kingston staying on as Vice President for the coming year. Last Year's Sargent at Arms, **Gary Savard** will be the other Vice President with **George McVey** taking over Gary's vacated position. The new Secretary will be **Michael Hiebert** and **David Wilson** returns to the Office of Treasurer, a position he had filled for many years in the past.



Bill Kling congratulates new member Greg Dietlein as he receives his IBM certificate.

Bill Kling noted that member, **Keiko Muto**, will soon be returning to her home in Nagoya, Japan and will remain an Out-Of-Town Member there. Keiko recently won the Shelly Trophy for Best Stage Magician of the Year with her fan act that she had originally performed at the VMC Weekend of Magic.

Bill also had the honour of presenting new members with their IBM credentials. They were **Greg Dietlein**, **Jens Hendriksen** and Junior Member **Joseph Hirabayashi**. Each received their IBM certificate, suitable for framing (oooooh!), their IBM membership card (aaaaah!) and their IBM

lapel pin (ouch!)

Sargent-At-Arms, Gary Savard had a table set up at the front door of the hall and had people sign in and get their 50/50 tickets as they entered. According to the sign-in sheet there were 55 members and 36 guests attending that evening, although some thought the numbers were higher. Possibly some slipped in without signing in - was it you? After the Meeting was closed, everyone enjoyed a variety of drinks and refreshments prepared by and served by George McVey. Then there was an auction of



Joseph Hirabayashi shows his IBM Membership Certificate

magical equipment, books and other paraphernalia that took almost three hours to complete.

The 50/50 draw was one of the highest ever. As everyone checked their tickets to see whether they had won, Gary Savard dragged out the suspense by slowly announcing one number at a time. Finally it was over and visitor Rick Poltaruk had the lucky ticket that was turned in for the \$138 jackpot.

The Ring's portion of the 50/50 draw is used to finance the refreshments for up-coming meetings and other events.



Jens Hendriksen is all smiles as he gets his IBM documents



# THE MAGICAL MINUTES

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# Diary Dates\*

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| <b>Vancouver Magic Circle</b><br><br><a href="http://lbmring92.com">lbmring92.com</a> | Generally meets on the fourth Thursday of the Month—January; February; March; April; May; June ; September; October: November; Plus August—Picnic on date tba. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                       | <b>VMC Executive Meeting:</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>TBA - via Zoom</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                       | <b>February 2024:</b>                                                                                                                                          | Thursday February 22, 2024<br><br>Installation of Office Bearers<br>Workshop — Donovan wert Atretides<br>Competitions<br>Comedy Magic. The Cecil Ackery Trophy. Adult<br>Comedy Magic. The Rick Honey Trophy. Juniors |
|                                                                                       | <b>March 2024:</b>                                                                                                                                             | Wednesday March 27, 2024<br><br>Installation Banquet—Stefano's                                                                                                                                                        |

## Shows (as a courtesy)

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| <b>Hidden Wonders</b><br><br><a href="https://hiddenwonders.ca">https://hiddenwonders.ca</a> | Shows are generally on Thursday 7 PM, Fri & Sat 7 & 9:30 and Sunday 3 & 7<br>TBA—check web site for dates and times |
| <b>The Parlour Magic Show</b><br><br><a href="#">The Parlour Magic Show</a>                  | Monthly on the third Wednesday<br>TBA—check web site for dates and times                                            |

## Other Clubs (as a courtesy)

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| <b>Society of American Magicians #95</b> <a href="#">SAM#95</a> | Meetings of the SAM #95 are held the <b>first Tuesday of the month</b> at members homes.<br>TBA—check web site for dates and times                   |
| <b>Fraser Valley Magic Circle</b><br><br><a href="#">FVMC</a>   | Regular monthly meetings take place on the second Friday of most months, at a private home in Mission, BC.<br>TBA—check web site for dates and times |

**For your dairy**

**The 2024 Installation Banquet is on:**

**Wednesday March 27, 2024**

**at**

**Stefano's in New Westminster**

**Tickets will be on sale soon**



**VMC Library**

**The Vancouver Magic Circle Library Catalogue is online!**

Remember: if you want a new trick, look in an old book! Our hope is that whenever our members see a trick they really want, or are trying to learn a difficult piece of theory, or are interested in buying a book— they will first check the library. This is one way we can improve our magic, and this [searchable online catalogue](#) is the first step towards taking full advantage of this incredible resource.

**Please Do Not Forward The Magical Minutes to Non-Members\***

This is just a friendly reminder to all our members to please not to forward our newsletter, 'The **Magical Minutes**' or any private newsletter links, to people who are not financial members of the **VMC**. The online **VMC Library**, and **The Magical Minutes** newsletter are a membership privilege. It takes a lot of time and effort to write our newsletter, and we do it exclusively for the benefit of our members. If a non-financial member asks you to forward **The Magical Minutes** to them, please refrain from doing so. Lastly, the **Executive Committee** would like to thank everyone who has contributed to and / or sent positive messages about **The Magical Minutes** newsletter. It is truly appreciated and makes all the hard work worth it.

Thank you  
The VMC Executive Committee

\* Except with express permission of the VMC Executive Committee.

\* Do NOT rely upon this newsletter for critical dates and times of meetings; events or shows. Always check the official source of the information.