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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message - Bryn Williams-VMC President

Happy New Year VMC! January is a very important month for our club with lots of important events. Membership dues are now due. Please ensure you have paid your dues by Jan 31 in order to ensure your spot in our roster book. Dues can be paid to our membership chair David Wilson. Elections for 2012 executive positions will take place at our January meeting. If you wish to nominate someone or are interested in running for a position, please contact our nomination chair David Watters immediately

Working on the Executive is a rewarding experience that gives you a strong voice about what types of events we provide our members. If you are passionate about our club and would like to contribute, I urge you to consider joining the executive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JAN 26th

7pm – AGM / Elections

8pm – New Member 3 tricks performances

Refreshments


9pm - New Member inniation Ceremony

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MEETINGS: IN REVIEW



November 2011 Christmas Dinner

The format for our annual Xmas diner was a little different this year. Organized by Graham Kita and Dennis Chan, the VMC held a potluck-style dinner at the Sunrise Community Hall. The decorations were amazing and everyone could hardly recognize the hall! Special thanks to Mike Aazuki of Bent Air Balloons for making the fantastic reindeer centerpieces and helium balloon arch. Adam Kozielec and Cleo Kobes of Party Empire supplied the helium and the balloons and also did some amazing balloon twisting for the kids. Another big thank you to Shawn Farquhar, who stepped into the roll of Sergeant at Arms for the evening and ran the sign in sheet and the raffle. Food helpers included Lori Farquhar (who also acted as our house electrician), Melody Hewson, Dennis Hewson, Michael Nemeth and Luis Cheng.

Thank you to everyone that attended, brought food and their families to help us celebrate the holidays in style. The evening felt more like a giant family dinner than an "event", a community spirit and wonderful atmosphere permeated the evening. This event would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Graham Kita and Dennis Chan, who both went above and beyond the call of duties to produce this fabulous evening. Thank you so much.



Stage Magic Competition Adult- William Shelly Trophy



John Stenning



Graham Kita



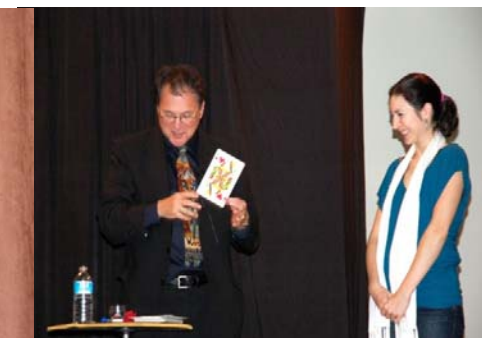
Phil Razon



James Hanson



MC- Alex Seaman



Lon Mandrake

Our Xmas dinner also played host to this years *Stage Magician of the Year* contest. The William Shelly trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in stage magic. This years competition did not disappoint. The contestants included John Stenning, Graham Kita, Phil Razon, James Hanson and Lon Mandrake. The competition was hosted by last years winner Alex Seaman. After 5 terrific and mystifying performances, the results were in. Second place was awarded to Lon Mandrake and the title of Stage Magician of the Year was awarded to **James Hanson**. Thanks to our judges, our Awards and Competition chair Henry Tom, Alex Seaman and all of our competitors.



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VMC ELECTIONS

The following executive positions for the VMC are open for nominations:

President : Duties include overseeing all other positions and chairmen, chairing executive meetings and monthly business meetings. The President is also typically responsible for responding to correspondence and organizing the summer picnic.

1st Vice President: Duties include overseeing and planning club activities, and organizing the Children's Magician of the Year show.

2nd Vice President: Duties include overseeing and planning club activities, and organizing the Installation Banquet.

Treasurer: Duties include bookkeeping of the clubs finances and collecting money from chairmen at the monthly executive meetings.

Secretary: Duties include recording the details of executive meetings, collecting reports from executive officers and keeping track of correspondences.

Sergeant at Arms: Duties include running the sign-in sheet at club events, acquiring items for our raffles and selling raffle tickets at club meetings. Sergeant at Arms also keeps order and makes sure all club rules are being adhered to.

Executive Nominations

The following individuals have been nominated by our present executive. These individuals have been approved by the executive and have agreed to stand for the following positions:

Nominated by Shawn Farquhar for the position of **President:** ALEX SEAMAN

Nominated by Alex Seaman for the position of **1st Vice President:** GRAHAM KITA

Nominated by Bryn Williams for the position of **2nd Vice President:** GORD MCINTOSH

Nominated by Shawn Farquhar for the position of **Treasurer:** T.B.A

Nominated by Graham Kita for the position of **Secretary:** ANDREW YEO

Nominated by Dennis Hewston for the position of **Sergeant at Arms:** DENNIS CHAN

Nominations will be open at our AGM on January 26th, 2012. If you wish to nominate anyone before this date or are interesting in running for any position, please contact our Nomination Chair **David Watters.**

If you wish to nominate any member for the **Stan Kramien Award** or for the **Murray Award,** please contact Henry Tom as soon as possible.

MAGICAL MEMORIES

Photos by John Smithman

See more of his amazing work at: <http://www.champions.ca/vmc.htm>





In Memoriam: Francis B. Martineau (1922-2012)

Sadly, Francis Martineau passed away January 8th, 2012. Francis was a charter member of the VMC and Past President (1954). Francis was a Canadian magician, magic illustrator and author. Best known for his amazing artistic contribution to the three-volume *Rice's Encyclopedia of Silk Magic* for which he drew thousands of illustrations and hand-lettered the entire text. Also a legendary nightclub performer in the '30s-'40s-'50s, as well as the creator of Mark Wilson's Train illusion (designing the Thin Sawing Illusion in the process) and associate producer of The Magic Land of Alakazam TV program. Francis also designed the 1964 New York World's Fair Hall of Magic for General Cigar Co.

PRO STYLE AND POISE REFLECT THE MANY SIDES OF Francis B. Martineau

- MARTINEAU'S SLOW MOTION IMPRESSIONS OF POPULAR SPORTS
 - The Golfer
 - Championship Bowling
 - Big League Baseball
 - Tennis
 - Football
 - Archery
 - Boomerang
 - The Boxer
- Wins over any audience and keeps them laughing - Hilarious Entertainment
- Martineau's stand-up comedy is new - original - visual with a flair of spontaneous mystery that always leaves an audience in wonderment "How did he do that?"
- When Martineau juggles oranges, it captivates each member of the audience to see how it might look if they tried it - Hilarious Stunts!
- Martineau's dexterous card shuffles "around the world" - He is entertaining anyone who has ever held a pack of cards - Smart Comedy.
- When there are two or three shows per night, Martineau offers a completely different performance. Speech and delightfully adapts each show to the occasion. -- Between shows, Martineau has treasured caricatures of the management.

FRANCIS B. MARTINEAU

A SHOWMAN - A GENTLEMAN A DELIGHT WITH MANY NEW TWISTS Francis B. Martineau

MARTINEAU'S HILARIOUS LAUGH PROVOKING LECTURE ROUTINES

- How to Quit Smoking
- How to Lose Weight
- The Monkey Rings
- Pain in the Neck
- The Caesar Salad
- Cluffy Cuffy
- Concubines
- The Enchanted Garden
- Ishtar
- The Selenites
- Microphone Sticks
- The Devil You Say
- Paper in Pot Majique
- Pickpocket's Expos
- Audience Participation

are sensational and convincing - gets the whole audience into the act - Wonderful Entertainment.

Martineau's 15 to 45 minutes of class, witty, Tie and Tails' Magic is unsurpassed and has inspired standing ovations. Smart Delivery - Intricate Timing - Winning Personality - Assuring Background - Versatile and Confident Skill will allow Martineau to adapt magically.

NIGHT CLUBS - CONVENTIONS - BANQUETS TELEVISION - INDUSTRIAL SHOWS FAIRS - STAGE

CARICATURES BY FRANCIS MARTINEAU VANCOUVER, B.C. 683-2666

"I knew Francis from the early 1970's and was quite impressed by his magic ability. However, It wasn't often that he showed anyone in the magic community his magic prowess.

Interestingly, very few local magicians ever saw Francis perform on stage and the one time I did, I was awe struck by his magic ability. The occasion was at one of the VMC formal shows and Francis was on the bill. All performers were allotted a number of minutes on stage and Francis ignored the time limit, so the mike was shut off.

Francis B. Martineau

GREAT GUY - GREAT ACT - GREAT PERFORMER - GREATLY

- Jack Parr
- CONTINENTAL PLAZA Chicago
- TWO YEAR EUROPEAN TOUR
- CENTURY PLAZA HOTEL Los Angeles
- FRONTIER HOTEL Las Vegas
- AMERICAN New York
- PLAYBOY CLUBS
- WILSHIRE EBELL THEATRE Hollywood
- HOLLYWOOD PALACE
- BANQUETS CONVENTIONS NIGHT CLUBS
- Ben Blue
- PALADIUM - LONDON BBC Television
- HONOLULU TOKYO HONG KONG THE ORIENT
- Johnny Carson
- CAVE SUPPER CLUB Vancouver, B.C.
- OLYMPIC HOTEL Seattle, Wash.
- MAPES HOTEL Reno
- EXPO - Montreal
- Jackie Gleason
- PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR GENERAL CIGAR HALL OF MAGIC New York World's Fair
- INDUSTRIAL SHOWS FAIRS TELEVISION

Francis B. Martineau might well have spent his life as a lumber jack in the Tall Timber of British Columbia had it not been for the Canadian Army. One out of the crowd, his amazing talent as a comic-dance-mime-magician and magician, received wide exposure throughout the world. The powerful "Big Bang" came at an international gathering of comedians in Toronto. There a puzzled Francis took no less than three trophies and a gold medal for Precision, Originality and Showmanship.

Returning to Vancouver, Martineau continued to successfully perform his act as "Canada's Funniest Magician Entertainer." Auditing and illustrating five books and a four-volume encyclopedia of magic that have gained world wide recognition. His magic and comedy developed outside the mainstream of U.S. show business, had a following and a new approach much sought after by fellow professionals.

"The Magic Land of Alakazam" a fantastically successful television show that ran for four years on CBS and ABC featured Martineau as Host, Director and Magical Advisor. Martineau went on to become Associate Producer and Host of the Canadian Department of Magical Productions, Inc., creating comedies and special magical affairs for television and motion picture - delightful sequences for Jackie Gleason, Jane Taylor, Dan Aykroyd, The Comedy Store, Art Linkletter, Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Show and Capen with Steve Allen.

The New York World's Fair - Expo '67 - based major competition contest for the public's attention with the most elaborate and expensive exhibits in history. Along with Charles Farnes and Walt Disney exhibits, many thousands were filled and captivated by General Cigar's "Hall of Magic" and other magical exhibits produced under the sponsorship of Francis B. Martineau.

Most performers would have caught-on and abandoned the stage, but not Francis Martineau! He went right into an expert bowling pantomime routine and kept going until someone shut the stage lights off on him.

He was an eccentric who garnered just about every magic award possible in Magic, as well as being an expert illustrator who's claim to fame was that he hand wrote and illustrated The three volume Rice encyclopedia of silk magic."

- Ray Roch

DID YOU KNOW...

The 2nd Annual SHARE THE MAGIC- The Magic of Alex Seaman raised over \$1200 and over 500lbs of food for the SHARE Food Bank. Way to go Alex!!



The Magic Round Table

The Magic Round Table is an informal gathering of local magicians to share ideas, practice, perform and generally hang out and entertain each other. Typically the group meets in Surrey at a secret location. Meetings are usually held once a month. If you would like more information, contact the founder of the group – Matthew Jones.

Newsletter Editor Needed: If you are interested in taking over the Magical Minutes, please contact me (BRYN). February will be my final issue before moving on to other projects. It's a fun project-based job that only requires basic computer skills and some time. Thanks!

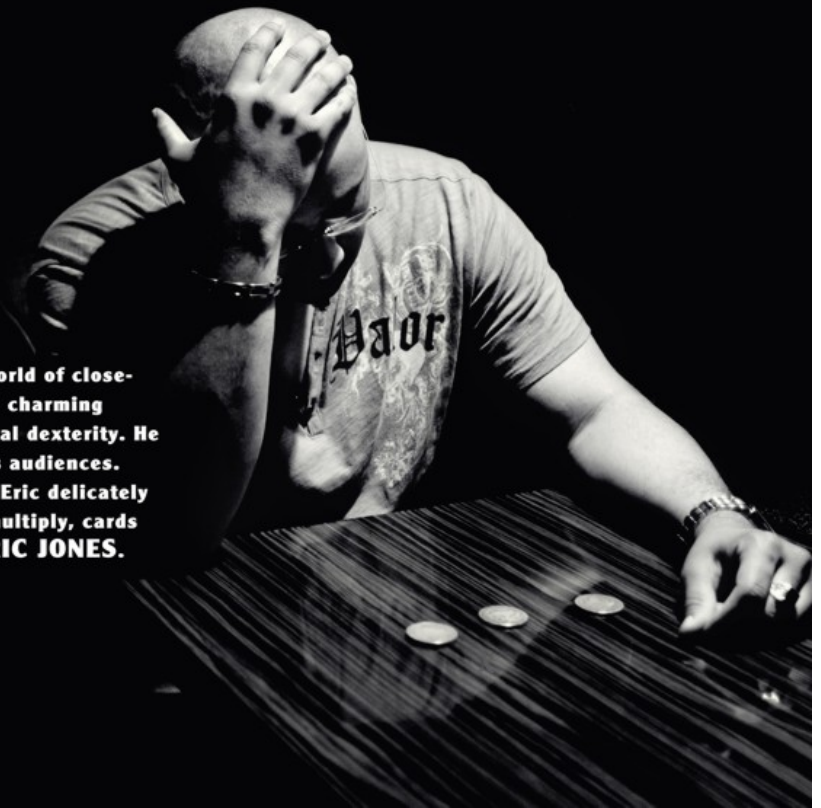
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COMING SOON

Photo By Peter McInnes

Eric Jones MAGIC

He is beginning to make a name for himself in the world of close-up magic. Armed with cunning sleight of hand and a charming personality, Eric dazzles his audiences with his digital dexterity. He uses these tools to politely deceive and entertain his audiences. Ordinary, everyday items become objects of fancy as Eric delicately handles them with feats of prestidigitation. Coins multiply, cards fly, and audiences cheer. Ladies and Gentlemen - **ERIC JONES.**



Eric Jones Lecture

7:30pm – Friday, February 24th, 2012

Douglas College – 700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster

VMC Members:

\$20 advanced purchase

\$25 at the door

Junior members:

\$10 advanced purchase

\$15 at the door

Non-members:

\$50 (includes Associate member application fee)

To pre-purchase tickets go to: <http://www.ibmring92.com/magic-lectures-vancouver.php>

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