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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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Savard Hosts Ring 92 Annual Auction



The next meeting of IBM Ring#92 the Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, October 26th, 2006 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver.

The entire evening will be devoted to the club's Annual Magic Auction. Your President guarantees the quickest business meeting ever – cause he will be in Las Vegas! Anyone wishing to sell some of their unwanted magic is welcome to do so. Please call David Wilson at (604) 467-7887 to register as a seller. Our usual protocol for the evening will be in effect - 'First come, first sell, ten items, and then rotate' with 10% of all sales going towards the club.

Doors to the hall will open at 6:00pm for setup, viewing, and socializing, with the auction itself scheduled to start at 7:30pm. Auctioneer, Gary Savard, will be at the gavel leading the proceedings. Plan on a lively, action packed evening, sprinkled with a few bargains and the possibility of the odd treasurer.

Cathy Watters will be supplying her now famous 'Halloween Food' – you don't want to miss this! Also, as our meeting falls just days before prizes will be awarded for the best Halloween costume. Wear yours ... if you dare.



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President's Perspective



Hello Ring #92

Happy Halloween! I hope

everyone has a busy schedule – and if not then enjoy the festivities and eat a lot of candy. I am sorry to report that I will not be at the October meeting. This means I won't be able to buy everyone's great deals at the auction either. I booked a little vacation to Las Vegas and did not take into account the day or our meeting. I am sure the business meeting will go faster when I am not there anyway?

My better half, Nicole, and I are going down for a week and taking in as much magic as possible. We

have already purchased tickets to see the following shows:

Mac King
Nathan Burton
Lance Burton
Penn & Teller
Worlds Greatest Magic Show
V- The Variety Show
Rick Thomas

And some Cirque De Soleil show to appease the wife....

I will report on what was good and what is not (hopefully nothing!) and will bring back some pictures for sure. On another note – please make sure you purchase you tickets for the Christmas Dinner on November 26th. It was a sell out

last year and we want to make sure everyone is given an opportunity to attend. Please contact Walter Ruteck if you would like to come.

Since this year we are not doing potluck (it is being catered by the Sands Hotel!) I thought we could all bring a non-perishable food item, or monetary donation, and collect a box or two of food for the Food Bank. It is always nice to help out those less fortunate than us and Christmas is the time for giving! I will provide the boxes, deliver the food myself. To start it off I will be the first to put a case of soup and a \$20 bill. If you can spare a little something I will make sure it goes a long way. Enjoy the Auction and I will see you at Christmas! Viva Las Vegas!



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PLEASE READ THE BACK PAGE!
IT HAS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Day-o-Magic was delightful

Day O Magic was held down in Everett, WA last month and a few of your fellow Canadians went down to enjoy the Sothern hospitality. Hosted by the Lynwood Ring of Fire and run very efficiently by Brian Cook, this year was a blast.

Many Canadians could be seen hanging out at Brian's pad for a little warm up party on the Friday night (or should we say Saturday morning?). Two Ring 92 members competed in the "Anything Goes" contest: Greg Ladret did a funny and visual comedy routine and Mike Norden did his Tiptop & Tootsie trophy winning "Knife under Bag" routine. Mike Norden walked away tied for 2nd place with Payne – yes, that means he is as good as Payne now folks! Second place was only a half point away from first too! Way to go Mr. President!

The dealer tables were doing brisk sales and

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Thursday - October 25th, 2006

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle
OCTOBER MEETING - MAGIC AUCTION!
6:00pm - Set-up
7:30pm - Auction

Saturday - October 28th, 2006, 8PM

Milt Larsen & Terry Hill present
IT'S MAGIC - 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW!
Mount Baker Theatre
104 North Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA
Tickets available from TICKETS.COM or by calling (360) 734-6080.

Friday, November 3rd, 2006 - 7:30pm

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
MAGIC LECTURE BY DAVID MALEK
Room #2203 - Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC
Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

Sunday - November 26th, 2006

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW!
Best Western Sands Hotel, Vancouver

Thursday - January 25th, 2006

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle
JANUARY MEETING!
Annual General meeting
2007 Initiation night

Friday - February 23rd, 2007

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle
INSTALLATION BANQUET
Best Western Sands Hotel, Vancouver

the lecture by Oscar Munoz was a real treat. The evening had a gala show where the juniors performed followed by Oscar and some supporting acts. A truly great time had by all!



Brian Cook and Oscar Munoz minutes before showtime

TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

Stan Kramien phoned to once again offer his Canadian friends an early bird special for his 20th annual Northwest Magic Jamboree, April 27/28, 2007. Book now to save \$25! Early registration is only \$100 (spouse \$50) but must be done by October 31, 2006. There will be no extensions to this date... so contact Stan today at 503-277-2478 or stankramien@yahoo.com.

To make your calendar even more full there is the touring show of "It's Magic" by Milt Larsen. Starring Les Arnold & Dazzle, Michael Finney, Danny Cole, Dana Daniels, James Dimmare, John Walton, and Chuck Jones – this is a show you do not want to miss! It will be held at the Mount Baker Theatre in Washington on October 28th, 2006 at 8:00pm. Visit www.mountbaketheatre.com for tickets and more information.

Your Executive has met and decided we will be looking at putting on the Weekend of Magic again for 2007. We know you have missed this event

and we are going to try to make it the best ever. If you are interested in participating in the planning and implementing process please let us know!

We have some sad news to report. Eric Wolstenholme's lady friend Kathleen died suddenly on Sunday September 4th. Our hearts and prayers go out to Eric and all the family members.

After many years of coaxing from Tony & Ann Eng, Dennis Chan finally made the trip to Victoria. Tony spent some time showing Dennis the many sights of the beautiful city and also invited him to attend a Victoria Magic Circle meeting, where he gave multiple method demonstrations of the second deal. He also showed the members how to make his infamous playing card origami box. Dennis very much enjoyed meeting the members of the Victoria Magic Circle and would like to thank Tony and Ann for their gracious hospitality.



Up for auction: Levitating Spirit Bear
www.SpiritBearsintheCity.com

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

Another month has passed us by. Visit our website to check out what is happening in our club and around town. There are links to the latest lectures and tons of pictures! Take a look at our latest 'Member Spotlight' and see who it is.

A little twist to the 'Web Corner' this month – I thought I would review a few current movies about magicians. Last month, "The Illusionist" starring Edward Norton (no relation) and Jessica Biel (wish I had a relation) with a great supporting role played by Oscar winner Paul Giamatti, opened with rave reviews!

I went and saw it, and I can honestly say I was impressed. While the magic might not be as prevalent as you would like, the storyline and acting is fantastic and I recommend that all members see this film!

Coming soon is "The Prestige." Christian Bale (who played the title character in "Batman Begins") and Hugh Jackman (Wolverine in the "X-Men" series) square off in this drama but it will have nothing to do with superpowers.

They play competing magicians whose rivalry turns increasingly personal and exponentially nasty. The story takes place in the early 1900s, which raises the stakes for their confrontation. I look forward to this one, and I hope you can check it out too!

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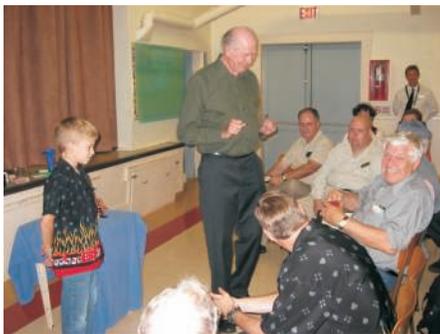
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Eight Members Initiated in SECRET Ceremony

Our regular meeting started with a bang, with Jack Bastow doing a workshop on Dollar Store magic and what could be bought for this princely



Jesse Boyes(l) and Jens Henriksen(r) assist Jack Bastow(c) with some Dollar store magic.

sum. With numerous references to the famous Tarbell series he demonstrated exactly how to do it on a miser's purse. Really illuminating.

The evening competition was for the Tip Top and Tootsie trophy requiring at



Karen Eskilson (l) volunteers to help Denzil Bee (r) with a complicated card trick.

least one Halloween effect. This delightful trophy was donated by George Patey, deceased, and Bill Eliason, two big time participants in magic, stage and vaudeville in the 60's and 70's.

With Trevor Watters acting as emcee (and providing a scary huge monster



Anthony Young receives Order of Excalibur from president Mike Norden... very serious business!

backdrop) Mike Norden did a dangerous knife in a bag routine with the help of 4 fearless assistants; Chris Pataki caused a Queen of Spades to fade away to a white card; and Mickael Glenister, very appropriately costumed, sawed Jesse Boyes in half. The judges awarded Mike Norden first place.

Next up was our welcome and initiation for new members. They had to demonstrate three successful tricks before the secret part of the initiation ceremony. (Being a secret, I cannot dwell on that aspect, sorry!) We had a

WIDE spectrum of magic performed for our delight. Denzil Bee, Mike Norden, Big John Fleming, Thomas Jono, Gord Boyes, Dawn Jones, Gordon Humeny and finally Joji Yamashita all performed satisfactorily and then were inducted formally and secretly into the club.

The winner of the 50/50 draw - \$55 was Dennis Hewson who had the number just ahead of mine. 42 members and 6 guests enjoyed the evening.

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By attending Mr. MAlek's lecture you will learn...

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Break down a routine and analyze its various aspects including its strengths and weaknesses. Sure you can do this, but can you build it back up to make effect a winner?

*Reserve your seat by calling
David Wilson at (604) 467-7887*

Come to the David MAlek lecture...

*David Malek puts on presentations for law enforcement, casino personnel and celebrity clients. He works as a gambling consultant for film and television productions, as well as giving demonstrations at trade shows and hospitality suites for a variety of Fortune 500 companies.

Friday, November 3, 2006 - 7:30pm
Room 2203, Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue
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