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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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AUCTION IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR

The next meeting of IBM Ring 92, the Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, September 27th, 2007 and the entire evening will be devoted to the club's Annual Magic Auction.

There will be a quick business meeting – and yes we mean quick – and then onto the bidding! Anyone wishing to sell their unwanted magic is welcome to do so. Please email mike.norden@telus.net to register as a seller or you can sign up the night of the auction. 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. Non-members can sell, but in this case, 20% goes to 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 - with assistant Mike Norden, 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.

Quick notes about the next few meetings:

Our October meeting will be Halloween themed so start thinking of your goulsh costumes now! This year the prize is pretty good so dust off that old ballerina costume. As we are trying to be proactive we will have a sign up sheet for the Christmas dinner at the meeting. The event will be Sunday November 26th at the Sands Hotel. The cost is \$20 and will be more than worth the price of admission. We hope to see as many members as possible at these next functions!

ANNUAL PICNIC

Full of food, folks, fun and flim-flam!

On July 29th, thirty-one members and guests converged on the picnic shelter at Queens Park in New Westminster. The weather was a little overcast but we all cast our magic spells to keep us dry for the whole event. Thanks to some great negotiating, Karen Eskilson and Cathy Watters secured a part of the picnic shelter for us to eat in - way to go. David Wilson had the BBQ all spiffed up and raring to go, all they were waiting for was the VMC president who had all the food! Once he arrived there were cheers all around, until they discovered he didn't have the food.

Luckily his lovely wife, Nicole, had the food and was only five minutes behind him.

The BBQ was great and hot dogs and hamburgers, with salads, chips, and pop were scarfed down with no thoughts to calories. Next up was David Watters with his infamous party games. Everyone was paired up in teams and had to compete in various games like: Bean Bag Toss, Rocket Launcher, Card Toss and carrying a ping pong ball in giant gloves while roaring like an idiot (a crowd favourite).

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IBM Ring 92 members compete in a Card Throwing competition at the annual picnic

7 MAGICIANS COMPETE IN MAGIC FOR YOUNGSTERS COMPETITION

On Sunday June 10th 2007, The Vancouver Magic Circle (VMC) presented its Annual Magic for Youngsters show at the Shadbolt Center for the Arts in Burnaby. There were seven Magicians competing for the coveted Wilf Rutherford Trophy for Children's Magician of the Year. The winner is decided by the audience, as each attendee is given one voting ballot.

First up was Amanda O'Leary - the Amazing Amanda, who entertained everyone with her wands. Next was Dave Watters The Magic Guy, who was upstaged by his assistant, Rocco the Racoon. Don Pacht came out as Dr. Incredible and did an on-stage check-up of one of the audience members. Gary Savard was the Magic Party Guy who did some superhero themed magic.

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Picnic pictures destroyed

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Hundreds of pictures were taken, but MANY were destroyed to prevent blackmail issues, we think. There were some funny shots of people doing some crazy things! Munro Mackenzie kept score of the events and the winners were Dennis and Melody Hewson. Way to go! There was a close second place finish by Mike and Nicole Norden, but this was only because Nicole did so well, as Mike did not.



David Wilson, Melody & Dennis Hewson and Mike Norden accuse each other of doing it! (we're not sure what...)

To end the afternoon we did a trivia contest about magic hosted by David Waters. David Wilson was the winner but chose not to take the



We were going to put a caption to identify these guys but we decided you should know them. If you don't... lucky you!

prize (a vintage Weekend of Magic shirt.) Not only did Dave chose not to take the prize, nor did second place, nor did third... did anyone take the shirt?! David Wilson was also the winner of the *Longest Card Toss* this year. Both David Watters and Mike Norden threw it further, they just could not keep it in bounds, to which David Wilson's reply was: "Nay nay nay na nah!"

Thank you to the Dave's for their efforts in putting on a great show and to Nicole for trucking in the food and preparing it with Karen and Cathy - and to the BBQ master chef Mike Norden. A great time had by all!



a crazy Dave Watters game

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President's Perspective



Our famous Convention is getting near - October 19th and 20th, 2007. Only TWO months away and we can certainly use some help from our members to help showcase our club

What can you do? Well, registering would be a great start and then tell all your magic friends to register as well!

After you and your magic friends have registered, then you can offer to pick up the talent from the airport, or do the sound, or organize the lectures, help with registration - let's all work together to make this the best Weekend of Magic yet.

The big question is always, "Who's coming

this year?" The Magic Castle's Comedy Magician of the year, Michael Finney, will be our headline act. Back up singers include: Woody Pitman, Murray, Bruce Myers, Clinton W. Gray and MORE! You will not want to miss this laugh fest folk. We plan on having a huge dealers room so there will be bargains galore and not to mention the hospitality suite!

We are 50% sold out - so don't wait until the next price increase - register now! See David Wilson to register or do it online at www.ibmring92.com

Look for your **WEEKEND OF MAGIC** flyer in this issue!

HEWSON'S MAGICAL TRAVELS

Dennis and Melody meet magicians where ever they go!

Dennis Hewson and his wife, Melody, recently took a vacation to Alaska, and while in Anchorage, found a notice in the local newspaper that the Alaska Magic Circle were meeting for lunch that day!



Members of the Alaska Magic Circle with Dennis at their lunch meeting

As any self-respecting magician does, they immediately changed their plans for the day, located the restaurant and joined in! It was a wonderful afternoon of good food & great magic.



Dennis with Don Russell's junior magicians club

At the meeting they recognized Don Russell, whom they had previously met a few years ago at Stan Kramiens Magic Jamboree. Don invited Dennis and Melody back to his home to park their RV overnight and spend the evening visiting with he and his wife Jan.

Later that week, Dennis was able to attend one of Don's monthly meetings for his junior magicians. They were a great group that are doing a fantastic job of keeping the magic going in the far north.



Dennis meets Alan Shaxon, president of the London Magic Circle

Dennis and Melody were also recent guests at the Magic Circle Headquarters in London, England. On April 30th, they showed up at Number Twelve, Stephenson Way, were greeted warmly and within minutes were being given the grand tour of their premises. They were introduced to the president, Alan Shaxon, and posed for photos. There was to be a lecture that evening but it somehow got cancelled and instead the host of the evening, Scott Penrose, introduced a wonderful selection of magicians to entertain the Hewson's for the next 3 hours.



Dennis & Melody Hewson outside the London Magic Circle... look at the size of the door!

Dennis recommends, "Anyone traveling over to London to prearrange a visit to this fantastic place. They have an intensive Library, a Museum of Magic, a Clubroom that is used for smaller formats and a State of the Art Theater that sits 162 guests and a refreshment bar. Well worth the visit."

All visits to The Magic Circle clubhouse must be by prior arrangement and can be arranged through their internet site, www.magiccircle.co.uk.

Next Lecture:
Eric Anderson
SEPTEMBER 21

SPONSORSPOTLIGHT

GREMLIN MAGIC -WWW.GREMLINMAGIC.COM

One of our sponsors since last year is Gremlin Magic (formerly BC - Magic). They have been doing a lot of advertising of late in the magic magazines and have a diversified array of products.

Some original concepts and tricks can be found here and nowhere else. For all the children entertainers out there, you



will find tricks like "The Boot" and "Potions" that will fit into any routine. They stock a large selection of flashing LED pins with magic themes as well.

They are based in Tucson, Arizona and love Canadians. Visit them at www.gremlinmagic.com or call 520-982-3006... and make sure you let them know the Vancouver Magic Circle sent you!

Broken Rules Hamper Children's Competition

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Cameron Fisk a.k.a. Mac Backwards entertained the kids with his hats and change bag. Bruce Hunt was Merlin and did some wizard themed magic. Jack



Stars: Jack Bastow, Amanda O'Leary, Bruce Hunt, Don Pacht, Gary Savard, Mac Backwards, Dave Watters, Mike Norden (seated)

Bastow as Magic Jack, finished up the competition, with his ancient \$2 million box illusion.

At intermission, the audience was invited to cast their vote for their favourite magician. The field was narrowed to five, as unfortunately Cameron and Bruce did not stick to the exact rules. We were entertained by Jack Chow, Jesse Boyes, and Michael Glenister during the break.

After the break, youngsters Nicholas Chow and his assistant Melody Choi put on a very entertaining show for us, followed by last year's winner (and VMC President) Mike Norden.

Finally, it was time to present the award to the winner. Our

winner however, had mysteriously disappeared. Apparently his wife had needed the car, so he had left early! Congratulations to Jack Bastow, 2007



Michael Glenister (top left) & Gord Boyes (bottom right) entertain during intermission

The River Rock hosts MagiCasino™



Rick Mearns and Clinton W. Gray entertained attendees of the Canadian Special Events Industry Awards at the River Rock Casino earlier this month. While many magicians perform magic in casino showrooms and lounges, Rick and Clinton's company, MagiCasino™, is the only entertainment agency actually licensed by the BC Lottery Corporation. This unique licensing and security clearance allows them to perform magic (including card tricks) on the gaming floor, which ordinarily is not permitted in Canadian casinos.

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

WWW.IBMRING92.COM

Hello Webheads!

Work is underway for the new YOUTUBE section on our site. Maybe I have will gotten around to doing the photo albums too (but probably not!) Either way we always keep the Events part up to date so you will always know what is going on in your club. We are renewing the 'magician for hire' section and we have a deal for you! If you paid for a Deluxe ad in the past you will never pay again. If you paid for the one line regular ad - well, now you can have a deluxe ad for only \$10!

Never had an ad in there before? Well, we have 10 new spots open for deluxe ads for only \$10 for an entire YEAR! Members can attest to getting booked through this page on the website - what are you waiting for - call now! I mean right NOW! (unless it is after 10pm...I need my beauty rest..)

If you have any great YOUTUBE magic related clips and links please send them my way. See you next month!

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. Contact him at mike.norden@ibmring92.com

MAGICIAN FOR HIRE WEBSITE ADVERTISING

If you paid for a Deluxe ad in the past you will never pay again. If you paid for the one line regular ad, you can upgrade to a deluxe ad for only \$10!

There are also 10 new spots for only \$10 for an entire YEAR! Contact our webmaster, Mike Norden, for all the details!



PCAM Convention by Mike Norden

On Thursday August 2nd, 2007 twenty-one Ring #92 members and spouses descended upon the Radisson Calgary Airport Hotel in Calgary, Alberta for the 2007 PCAM convention. Some drove, some flew, and some got lost on the way - but all were glad they made it to this truly unique and entertaining event.



Steven Bargatze, Cameron Fisk, Johnny Thompson

The program started off slow, with a meet and greet and registration that fell a few hours behind. Followed by an introduction to the convention and a short 'tricks' lecture. Then we were off to eat, drink and be merry for the night. The next day was kicked into high gear with a lecture by Lee Asher's father - Mark Horowitz, with it being all about comic books with magic themes and old vintage magic kits. Finally something different at a convention - not just about tricks!

The day continued with the close up show and stage competitions. Entering in the stage competition from Vancouver were Mike Norden, Damien Carriere, and Zoran and Marie (our two newest members). We had an afternoon lecture from funnyman extraordinaire, Stephen Bargatze and then it was off to the Pro-Challenge where again Vancouver had Matthew Johnson and Gary Savard competing with 3 others.

The show was great and Matthew did his brand new set based on the 'drive thru' fast food window and was very original and innovative. Gary did his '8-ball' billiards routine with some new twists and was exceptionally smooth and poised. In the end Gary placed second and in our mind was deserving of first place! An evening lecture with JC Wagner ended the night.

For Saturday we had Stephen Forrester lecture on witchcraft and old books, of which he brought many. Mike Caveny presented his amazing lecture and in the afternoon Dean Hankey

lectured on the business side of things. A great mix of talent for the day. We had a BBQ dinner included with the registration and then onto the Jaw Droppers evening gala show starring Mark and Ginger! Need we say more?

On Sunday the 5th we had another non-magic lecture - this time by a mime! Yes, and it was one of the best. Shawn Kinley took us through activities, games and some improv to help improve your mind, way of thinking and how to think outside the box. Very impressive. Lee Asher then rocked the house with his lecture and everyone took something away from this one. Almost all the attendees were able to do some impressive card sleights at the end.

After a discussion panel we were treated to Johnny Thompson's lecture. Between him and Martin Nash one could only feel humbled in the presence of such legends. Next up were the award presentations, drum roll please...

And the winners from Ring #92 were - ALL WHO ENTERED! Mike Norden won the Children's, Damien Carriere won the Stage, and Zoran and Marie won the Most Innovative with Marie picking up the Best Assistant. A full sweep for



Mark Kalin chats to VMC members Jiri Slovencik, Dennis Hewson, David Wilson & Cameron Fisk

our members - way to go everyone!

The evening ended with the famous bag of tricks hosted by the one and only David Wilson. Jesse Boyes, Mike Norden, Bruce Hunt, and Jonathan Hamilton represented Ring 92 and all did a great job. Jonathan came in second - and that was with getting the bag of tricks 45 minutes before the start of the contest! (we hear he had a team of experts helping him...) an impressive feat if there ever was one. However no one could beat Sheldon from Calgary as one might say it was a FISM quality bag of tricks routine.

On the Monday there were bonus

lectures by Lee Asher and Dean Hankey and some members stayed to take advantage of these. Others drove back home (no David - head West...yes, THAT way...) and some headed to the airport. All made a safe trip home and we are all looking forward to PCAM 2008 which will be held in Monterey, California!

See you all there!



Gary Savard with Pam and Johnny Thompson

VMC Meeting... I'll be back

by Clement Fung

I've been a member for years but have not been to a meeting in awhile. I attended the June meeting and wanted to share my experience with you. I was notified by email from the President of when and where the meeting was. I thought this was a nice gesture and planned to attend. When I arrived I was greeted warmly by many members and sat down to enjoy the evening.

The meeting started on time, and ran smoothly. The workshop was a mentalist from Washington and it was great! The business portion of the meeting was short, to the point and informative. David Wilson stepped in and bought food and prepared it for the group, and the contest ran without a hitch and the contestants stuck to the true spirit of the contest i.e. without extraneous props, no over-extended routines, etc.

The president, who won the 50/50 draw, was generous enough to donate his winnings back the club! It was a great night and for all the members out there who have not made it to a meeting in a long time - what are you waiting for? It is fun, interactive and informative. I look forward to seeing more of you there - because I, for one, will be back!

OPEN LETTER FROM ERIC ANDERSON:

I promise everything you'll learn in this seminar is totally legal!

Dear Vancouver Magic Circle,

Congratulations and thank you for thinking about attending my Performance Marketing Seminar for magicians. Thirty one years ago I fell in love with the art of magic and I still have that same excitement about it today. I will share that excitement with you when you decide to attend my seminar. Here's why you should not miss this it.

Making a great living performing magic is simple. Finding all the information that shows you how is what takes so long. I have the information. My performance marketing seminar will save you time and teach you how to make more money from your magic.

Here is what you will learn:

- ⊕ **The lecture opens with a performance. I will teach you the opening routine I perform in almost every single show. And why.**
- ⊕ **The secret to getting four times the amount of money you make per show, and how to do it on your very next phone call with a client.**
- ⊕ **The first question you must answer for every single client – Answer this question and the vault opens. If you don't it's like pulling teeth trying to get booked. I will give you the answer**
- ⊕ **How to get \$5000.00 for a particular type of kids show. (I'm not joking.) How to get your clients to prepay for services 8 out of 10 times.**
- ⊕ **How to get the check cut, delivered and in your bank account in less than 10 days Guaranteed!**
- ⊕ **41 words that you can leave on your potential client's voice message, email, and cover letter or fax that will book shows almost instantly. This is a powerhouse!**
- ⊕ **One simple technique that when applied will have people following you around an event and begging you to perform.**
- ⊕ **How to put together your promo video so you become the only logical choice. I suspect when you hear this information you will change your entire video.**
- ⊕ **Why a little BS will book more shows then no BS at all. This is not the BS you think I'm talking about.**
- ⊕ **I will teach you how to book a show in less than seven days.**

I realize everyone is at different levels. Some of you perform all of the time, some enjoy this as a great pastime, some of you are fairly new, some are hardcore technicians and some are all of the above. Because of that I have included a few things for everyone involved. But, make no mistake about it, this is a seminar about Making Money performing magic for a living.

Here's what I want you to do! Reserve the date on your calendar and when I come to your area make sure you are there. We are going to have some serious fun together.

Sincerely,

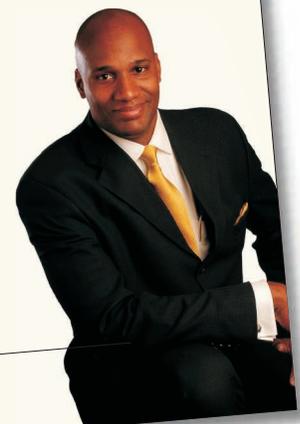


Eric Anderson
 Showman on Paper

P.S. Early this year I presented my Performance Marketing Seminar in Chicago and after the seminar two things were brought to my attention. First, I was told they have never had that many full time working Professional Magicians come out to a lecture. Second, after the lecture Bill Malone said Eric you are giving away entirely too much. So, I went home and changed the lecture. I Added MORE! The version you will attend is JAM PACKED. You don't want to miss this.

Eric Anderson

A CORPORATE ENTERTAINER



TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

The North American Deaf Magicians Festival scheduled to take place in Vancouver this fall, has been cancelled. NADMF chairperson, Neil Marshall cited low registration as the official reason for the cancellation. For more information contact Neil at neil@nadmf2007.com

Lon Mandrake and his wife, Linda, just returned from Nova Scotia where they had a delightful time. Unfortunately just before they returned, their house was burglarized and among many other things the thieves broke into Lon's office and stole his collection of Mandrake comics and Mandrake memorabilia (including rare programs of Mandrake, Dante,

Blackstone, Thurston and some others.

Lon's family has been very saddened by this random act, as most of these items are irreplaceable and have little value to the thieves. If you happen to hear of someone trying to sell these items please contact Lon at 604-591-5839. He would prefer to buy them back from the thieves, rather than see them destroyed.

The Roster Book is coming - Call DAVID now with last minute corrections before it goes to print. Dues are past due and all members not listed will now pay the non-member price for events and lectures.

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Friday, September 21, 2007 - 7:30pm

IBM Ring # 92 presents
MAGIC LECTURE BY ERIC ANDERSON
Douglas College - Room 2203
Advance - \$30 / \$20 for members
At Door - \$35 / \$25 for members

Thursday - September 27th, 2007

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle
SEPTEMBER MEETING - AUCTION NIGHT!
NEW night this year! September NOT October!
6:00 pm - Doors Open for viewing!

October 19 - 21, 2007

IBM Ring #92 presents:
WEEKEND O' MAGIC 2007!
Yes - it's back! And you won't want to miss it!
Talent line-up announced in this issue!!
Dealers room, contest, prizes, lectures, gala show, food and more!

Thursday - October 25th, 2007

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle
HALLOWEEN MAGIC NIGHT!
The Tiptop & Tootsie Award (Halloween Effect)
Best Costume Award and Special Food Night!

Sunday - November 25th, 2007

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING
Details TBA

JERRY ANDRUS: The world loses another brilliant mind



Jerry Andrus & Clinton W. Gray surrounded by magic and science at The Castle of Chaos

"I can fool you because you're a human," Jerry Andrus liked to say, "You have a wonderful human mind that works no different from my human mind. Usually when we're fooled, the mind hasn't made a mistake. It's come to the wrong conclusion for the right reason."

Magician, illusionist, skeptic, and humanist Jerry Andrus died Sunday, August 26, 2007 of cancer at the age of 89. Jerry is a little bit hard to describe.

Magician, illusionist, thinker... he delighted in making people see things in a different way. It is nearly impossible for any of us to see the world as differently as he did, though. He was a true skeptic. He took nothing for granted; he looked for something different, some new way of observing things which would lead to either improving them or using them as a way of getting others to think outside their normal parameters.

Most magicians remember Jerry for his routine *Zone Zero*, his completely original card handling, and his immense work on the magic of safety pins. His most celebrated illusion, the *Tri-Zonal Space Warper*, has been seen on television in 28 different countries on 6 continents. Rudy Coby renamed it the *Hypnotron 2000*, and it was seen by millions during his LabMan television shows. It's an amazing optical illusion that consists of concentric rings of black/white stripes that rotate in alternating directions. After staring at the animation for about fifteen seconds, the

viewer can look at a an object and it appears to completely distort in front of their eyes.

Of interest to Vancouver magicians, Science World has an entire wing devoted to illusions Jerry created, including his famous Paradox Box and Brass Nuts illusion.

I first met Jerry when I was about 12. I'll never forget my first visit to Jerry's Castle of Chaos, a small Victorian house in Albany, OR. The Castle was packed to the ceiling with books, tools, and inventions. Jerry had customized everything. He refitted a treadmill with a computer so that he could walk and type at the same time. He re-configured his keyboard and added levers to make typing faster. His stove had only one element for cooking; the other three had been converted into various "experiments."

We've lost yet another brilliant mind, and the world is a poorer place because of it.

Eric Anderson

Ex-street performer turned Corporate Entertainer reveals more than he should!

Eric Anderson will take you behind the scenes into marketing yourself and making more money as a magician. If you have ever wondered if there are real secrets to getting booked as often as you like at top dollar the answer is: **YES**

Here are a few reasons why you should attend Eric's lecture:

- You're considering going fulltime but you don't know how to get started.
- You would like to book a show in seven days or less.
- You perform on a regular basis but you're interested in moving to the next level but you don't know how.
- You're tired of fussing with clients over fees.
- You need some money.
- You want to see some great magic.
- You heard about Eric and you want to see him live.
- You have never heard of Eric, you just need to get out of the house.

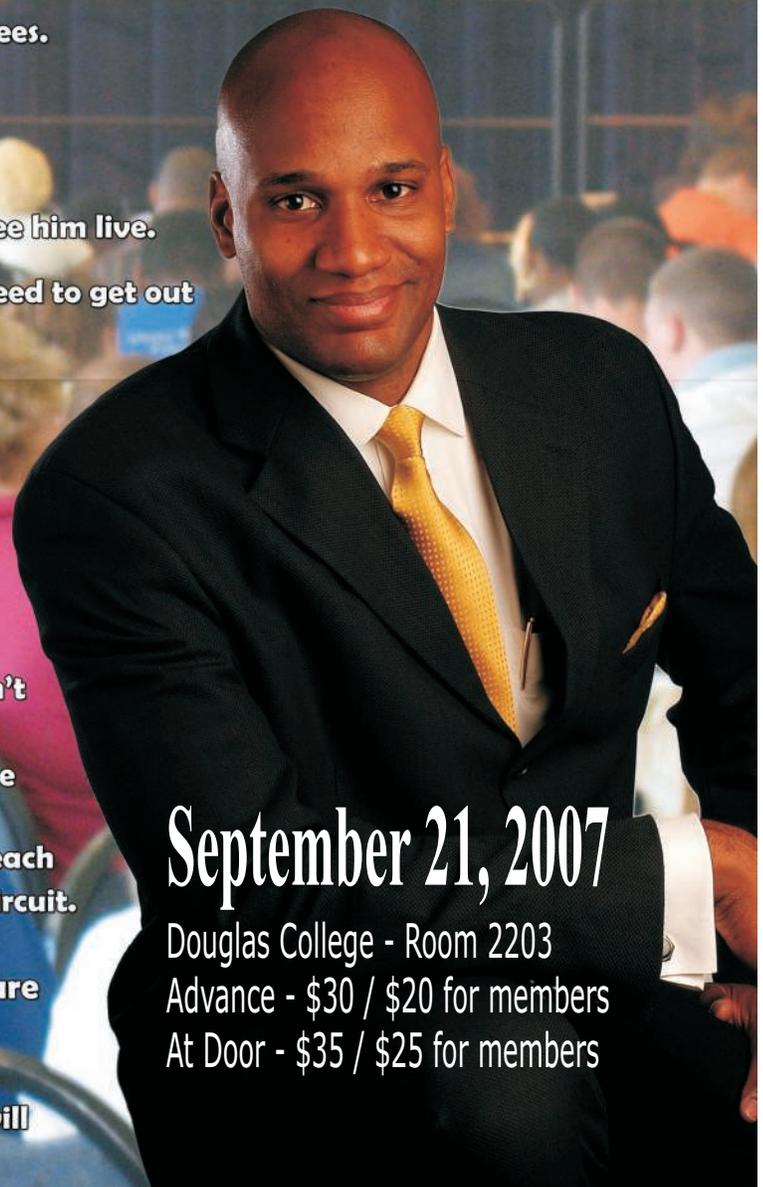
If you answered yes to any one of these statements you need to be at this lecture.

In all seriousness the Eric Anderson Performance Marketing Seminar is not to be missed.

If your worried about learning tricks - don't because in addition to giving a live performance Eric will teach a few things he actually does for paying audiences. He is taking time out of his hectic schedule to teach his material on the Xelent Lecture Series circuit.

Remember the main focus of this lecture is making money performing magic.

Mark the date on your calendar and we will see you there.



September 21, 2007

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