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Meeting Update: April 3rd Making the Leap from Magician to Performer with Matt Olson

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Come join us this Wednesday for what will be a very informative and hopefully eye opening lecture from our very own Matthew Olson. We always want to improve our art. How do we become a magician and not just some guy that does tricks? Practice, practice, practice. But how do we go beyond a magician to become professional performer? What is it about Lance, David, Siegfried and Roy that make their shows so memorable and entertaining? It's that little something extra. That special flair. It's the application of theatrical principals to their show (and let's be honest an amazing budget). Well we can't help you with your budget but Matt can help you give your performances that little extra something. He has a history in the world of theater. He has directed and participated in many productions. He has been professionally trained in all aspects and I want to help his fellow magicians have a lasting impact on their audience thus improving the chance of becoming booked. So come join us at our regular IBM meeting this Wednesday. See you there.

NEW MEETING AGENDA

- 6:30 Magic 101
Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.
- 7:00 Refreshments/ Socialize and Jamming sessions
- 7:30 Member Lecture
- Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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QUOTE:

“One man's "magic" is another man's engineering. "Supernatural" is a null word.”

Robert A. Heinlein quotes
(American science-fiction
Writer, 1907-1988)

John Shryock Lecture May 6th at Airport Hilton

NEW TIME 6:30pm!!



Top Shelf Magic by John Shryock

John Shryock has traveled the globe with his illusion, parlor and close-up routines "wowing" audiences with his engaging personality, mastery of the performance, and unmistakable sense of fun. John was a favorite at Caesars' Magical Empire in Las Vegas, and is one of the few magicians who performs regularly in all three show rooms at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. A professional magician since 1984, John has performed in over 100 cities across five continents in a variety of venues including cruise ships, theaters, night clubs, conventions, and trade shows. This repertoire of experience led to the creation of some very practical magic, applicable for almost any

situation. John is the author of the book, "*Slightly Tricky*," and the star of the DVD, "*Live at Caesars' Magical Empire*," as well as the brand new and best selling "*Ring in Walnut*."

About the Lecture

John's comprehensive lecture not only teaches great tricks, but also how to perform great magic as well. The lecture is taught in a "let's have fun" manner with plenty of room for questions about any aspect of magic, from "What makes a trick work?" to "How do I get booked on a Cruise Ship?" to "Where do you find the right kind of music?" A wide range of topics from act structure, to the proper use of various sleights, to "stage presence" are covered in this entertaining and informative session. Featured topics include:

☛ **Ambitious, Triumphant, Color Changing Deck:** An Ambitious card, a Triumph, and a Color Changing Deck, all in the same routine with one deck of cards. And, at the end of the trick, you're completely clean!

☛ **Copper, Silver, Brass "Trio":** A staple of John's act for fifteen years. Three different coins magically assemble under two cards. This one will fool you hard.

☛ **Cards-R-Us:** Any number of spectator's cards are selected and secretly controlled to the top of the deck. The cards are then found, each in a different and entertaining manner. John's favorite impromptu routine. The audience always goes crazy!

☛ **Mini Cups and Balls:** Some unique twists on a classic effect in magic. Designed to be carried in the pockets, perfect for restaurant work.

☛ **Ring in Walnut:** Recently featured on "The Late Show with David Letterman." A borrowed ring ends up in a walnut. A true reputation maker. This one will knock your socks off.



What They Are Saying About John's Lecture

"Our members found your material to be very practical and useable...and your ideas and tips on routining, music and stage presence were right on the mark. For quite some time following your lecture our members were still talking about how good it was."

-David Sandy, Lecture Coordinator, Kansas City

"John always taught the 'why' of each performance, as well as the 'how.' Several members went out of their way to thank me for having John lecture. 'Wonderful!' If you have the chance to see John perform...or lecture...don't hesitate!"

-Tom Craven, Lecture Coordinator, Youngstown, Ohio

Ring Report: April 2013

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

On February 18, the Ring sponsored a lecture featuring Devin Knight. He shared the “secret” of each trick he performed for the Ring. He explained that most of his tricks were easy to learn but would amaze an audience. His favorite trick, which he performs for all his shows, was one involving a saltshaker and a light bulb. He performed most of the tricks on his list of tricks he had for sale. The members enjoyed his lecture and purchased many of the items he was selling.

At the March meeting, Magic 101 was led by Steve Finklestein. Steve was the Ring’s former Magic 101 lecturer until Mike Hindrichs took it over. The Ring was excited to have Steve back as a guest lecturer. The first trick he taught was called “Impossible Coincident.” This involved using two decks of cards which were different colors. He explained that it was a commercial trick he had learned years ago but it baffles an audience. The Ring participants were baffled also. He then taught the group Brett McCarron’s “The Mailed Deck” trick. This involved mailing a deck of cards to a friend. They open the deck and follow the directions provided. They select a card and mail part of the deck back to the magician. The magician then is able to know which card they had selected. Steve distributed handouts of both tricks to the group with detailed directions. The Ring appreciates the opportunity to attend Magic 101 before most Ring meetings.

Mike Niehaus, the Vice President, led the meeting since Terry Richison was unable to attend. Mike explained that the topic for the meeting was “Special Interest Groups.” There would be three short “hands on” magic lessons taught by three of the Ring’s experienced magicians—Harry Monti, Randy Kalin, and Mike Hindrichs. Each member could choose to participate in only two of the lessons. However, the Ring members wanted to be able to hear all three magicians. Therefore, each lesson was shortened so everyone could rotate around the room and participate in all of the lectures. Harry Monti taught the group the Linking Rings. Harry always makes it look so easy. He explained that his first set of rings as a child was made out of cardboard. The group was amazed as they watched. It obviously took “lots” of practice in order to perform as well as Harry did with the rings. Randy Kalin taught the group several self-working/mathematical card tricks. These tricks even amazed the most experienced magicians. Each trick was easy to learn and perform, yet still baffle any audience. Randy provided each participant with a handout of six of these card tricks. Even the most experienced magicians learned new tricks and techniques from Randy. Mike Hindrichs (this year’s close-up contest winner) was the third lecturer. He brought ropes for the participants and shared his routine with the members. Each participant was able to practice with the ropes. Mike is always so patient teaching even the beginner magicians. He also brought several different kinds of ropes so the members could feel the difference in ropes so they would know which kind to purchase.

All three presenters were excellent. They all spent a great deal of time preparing for the evening. The members all left the meeting knowing new magic tricks and techniques. It was a very productive meeting for those in attendance.

There is a different theme for each of the meetings. Visitors are always welcome to attend Ring 1’s meetings.

Schedule of Events 2012 – 2013

September 5
Poker Run

September 21
Jon Armstrong Lecture
Airport Hilton

September 28
President’s Banquet

October 3
Halloween and Spooky
Magic

October 7
JDRF in Forest Park

October 19-21 and 26-28
Purina Farms
Haunted Hayloft

November 7
Danny Fleshman lecture
Maryland Heights
Community Center

December 5
Holiday Party
White Elephant

January 9 (Special date)
Keith Smith’s New Years
Post Apocalypse Party

February 6
Ring 1 Close-up Contest

February 18
Devin Knight Lecture

March 6
Special Interest Groups

March 16
Ring 1 Spring show
Kirkwood Comm. Theatre

March 18
Murray Hatfield Lecture

April 3
Making the Leap From
Magician to Performer
w/ Matt Olson

April 27
Ring 1 Spring show
Florissant Civic Theatre

May 1
“Packs Small, Plays Big”
w/ Terry Richison

June 5
“History of Magic”
w/ Harry Monti

July
No Meeting

August 7
Ring 1 Ice Cream Social

August 17
Midwest Magic Jubilee

Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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International Brotherhood of Magicians

St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July) at the *Maryland Heights Community Center 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043*. Unless noted in the schedule.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7pm Announcements

7:15 Break

7:30 Meeting Theme

9pm Workshop / Social Time

Board Meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month. If you have something for the good of the club please contact one of the officers. All are welcome at the board meetings.

Directions

From the St Louis Airport:

Take I-70 West to I-270 South, Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Right onto Dorsett, Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

From I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55 West to I-270 and go north.

Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Left onto Dorsett

Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd)

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This Just In...

Special Announcement!!!

It's not too early to register!

Call 314-791-9108

The Midwest Magic Jubilee

August 15 - 17, 2013

at the Airport Hilton Hotel

St. Louis, MO

11 Great Lectures 3 Outstanding Evening Shows
Close-up & Stage contests International Magicians

Pre-Registration Special

Thru Jan. 31, 2013

Adult - \$145.00 each

-Plus-

Free Spouse Registration

Youth (ages 16 & under) - \$75.00 each



The Midwest Magic Jubilee Organizational Meeting

Open to All IBM & SAM Members!!!

We want your help!!!

If you would like to be apart of one of the Nations Finest Magic Conventions, Now is your chance! Get involved!

The monthly meetings will be the third Weds. of the month at

6:30PM at The St. Louis Airport Hilton Hotel

Call 314-791-9108 for more info

www.mmjubilee.com