

Eastbourne
1958

22ND ANNUAL CONVENTION



(BRITISH RING No.25)



**THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF MAGICIANS**

(British Ring No. 25)

Twenty-Second
Annual Convention

EASTBOURNE 1958



**BRITISH****RING**

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LES. LEVANTE

The President's Message.

What can a President say more than WELCOME. For that is the paramount thought in my mind, as I write this message. Welcome to Eastbourne, and the I.B.M. Convention for 1958. If the amount of work, put in by the Committee stands for anything, this should be the best ever Convention. We go from strength to strength each year. In my opinion, the I.B.M. organisation in England is in such capable hands, that one can expect little else but the ultimate. May you have a joyful and happy time, and profit by your association with your Fellow Wizards.

To my fellow members, I say thank you for having me as your President, for this year.

Sincerely,

LES LEVANTE.





**MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF EASTBOURNE
TO THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS.**

I am delighted to have the opportunity of extending a welcome to the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians on the occasion of its 22nd Annual Convention to be held in Eastbourne.

We shall do everything we can to ensure that your stay in Eastbourne is a happy one and that your Convention is a successful one.

It is, I understand, your first visit to Eastbourne but I trust that such will be the justification for your visit to our town, that you will return to Eastbourne in the not too distant future.

J. W. G. Howlett,
Mayor.





**A BRIEF CONVENTION MESSAGE FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS**



VERNE W. UKER

I wish that I could attend the Convention you are having in Eastbourne this year, but I find that impossible, so I am sending my best wishes for a very fine convention and greetings to all those attending.

I have been reading of the convention each month in "The Budget" and only wish I could personally be there and meet many of my old friends and get to know more of the magicians across the sea.

My thanks to the many fine members who are doing such a splendid job for the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Fraternally yours,

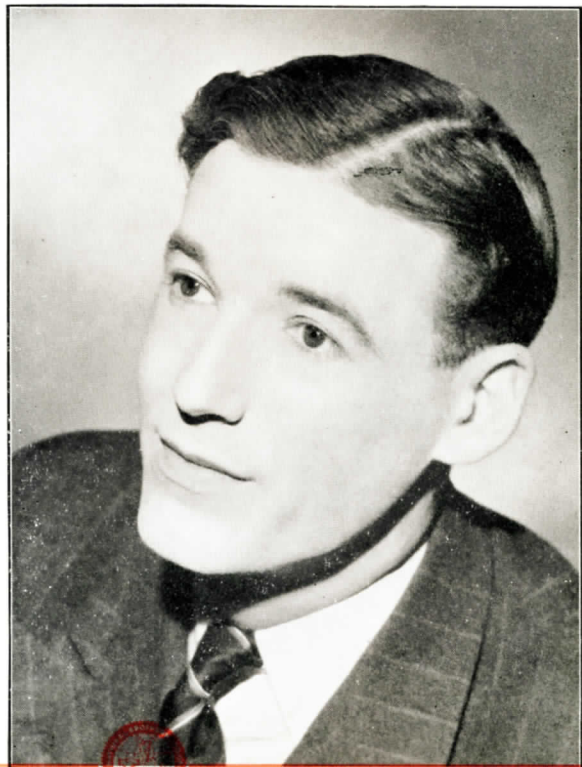
VERNE W. UKER,

International President.





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THE BRITISH RING WELCOMES ITS
OVERSEAS VISITORS

including :

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SLYDINI
Mr. & Mrs. JAY PALMER
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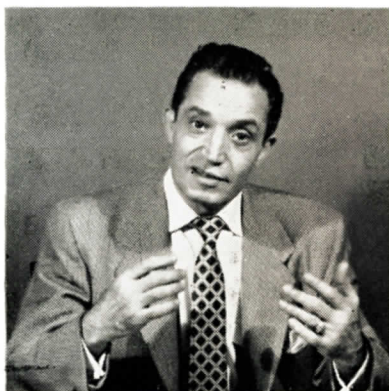
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Amsterdam



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CHUNG CHIN FOO (Italy)



CAS G. ZIEKMAN
Amsterdam





CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS — THE WINTER GARDENS

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: THE GRAND

The events will be announced on the fixture boards at the Registration Office, Convention H.Q., and a blackboard will be provided for any alterations or special announcements.

We have official Convention hosts on duty (distinguished by 'Ask Me' rosettes) and they are particularly anxious to assist newcomers to conventions who should make themselves known to the hosts with a view to introductions being effected. The Stewards too (a list appears on page 26) will be very happy to give information regarding any events.

THE REGISTRATIONS DESKS will be open in the headquarters throughout the convention. There are two desks, one for the delegates who have previously registered, the other for registrants at the convention.

Please wear your Convention badge which shows all delegates your name, and the rule "Admission only by badge" will be strictly enforced for convention events.





WEDNESDAY, 1st October
At 2-30 p.m.

At the Wish Tower

TIMOTHY DILL-RUSSELL

“ the teenage Houdini ”

who has already duplicated
virtually everything
the Master ever did
will attempt the feat
that Houdini was practising
unsuccessfully
at the time of his death

Escape from a Block of Ice

During the attempt
Timothy Dill-Russell
will be isolated in
an Eldorado Cold-storage van

He has already legally indemnified
the International Brotherhood of Magicians
against responsibility
for any consequences of
this experiment





WEDNESDAY, 1st October
At the Floral Hall, 2-45 p.m.

AN OVERTURE OF INCIDENTAL MUSIC
will be followed at 3-15 p.m.

by

“ INVENTORS’ PARADE ”

which will include the magic of

★	George Blake	★
★	Devano	★
★	Louis Histed	★
★	Jack Hughes	★
★	Eddie Joseph	★
★	S'Amuse	★





THE CLOSE UP CASINO

The Devonshire Lawn Restaurant

(adjacent to Winter Gardens)

will be reserved exclusively for Close-up Performers.

CLOSE-UP MAGIC SESSIONS

Organised by

FRANCIS HAXTON

and

FRED LOWE



FRANCIS HAXTON

WEDNESDAY
October 1st
5-15 to 6-15 p.m.

FRIDAY
October 3rd
11-45 a.m. to 12-15 p.m.

SATURDAY
October 4th
11 a.m. to 12 noon

With the following performers :—

HANS TRIKER, GUS SOUTHALL, HIS HONOUR ERNEST WETHERED, ALEX. ELMSLEY, FRED LOWE, PETER WARLOCK, JOHN RAMSAY, GEORGE BLAKE, TOM HARRIS, JACK AVIS, ROLAND T. SMITH, FRANCIS HAXTON

Chairman — TED BEAL



SATURDAY, October 4th at 3-30 p.m.

MICRO-MAGIC CONTEST for Zina Bennett Trophy



AT ALL OTHER TIMES OF DAY AND NIGHT THE CASINO WILL BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF DELEGATES FOR PRIVATE SESSIONS





WEDNESDAY, 1st October
at 8-30 p.m.

In the Floral Hall

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

by

THE PRESIDENT, THE GREAT LEVANTE

Speech of welcome by the Worshipful the Mayor of Eastbourne
Councillor **J. W. G. HOWLETT, J.P.**

Introduction of Overseas Visitors.

“HAPPY TO MEET”

A light-hearted Convention prelude

with

- **Esme Levante**
 - **Lào Tang**
 - **Tommy & Phyllis Rowe**
 - **Derrick Speight**
 - **Alastair**
 - **Hans Trixer**
 - **John Salisse**

and to conclude

DANCING to the music of
GORDON RIDER and his **ORCHESTRA**

until 12-30 a.m.





JOHN SALISSE



ESME LEVANTE



ALASTAIR



DERRICK SPEIGHT



TOMMY & PHYLLIS ROWE





Arranged by **EDDIE DEXTER**

THURSDAY, 2nd October

MAMMOTH DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

in the

Winter Gardens Theatre

(adjoining Pavilion Hall)

ORDER AND TIMES OF APPEARANCE :

10-15 a.m.	TONY CORINDA (Corinda's)
10-27 a.m.	CLIFF LOUNT (Bradford Magic Studios)
10-39 a.m.	OSCAR OSWALD (Magical Mart)
10-51 a.m.	WIZARD'S DEN
11-03 a.m.	DAVENPORT & CO. (Demon Magic)
11-15 a.m.	JACK DELVIN (Delvin Enterprises)
11-27 a.m.	HARRY STANLEY (Unique Magic)
11-39 a.m.	CHAVEL
11-51 a.m.	SUPREME MAGIC
12-03 p.m.	MURRAY
12-15 p.m.	MAGICAL EXCHANGE
12-27 p.m.	JACK HUGHES
12-39 p.m.	THEATRICAL SUPPLIES
12-51 p.m.	GIL LEANEY (Magic to Design)

Announcer : **EDDIE DEXTER**

Owing to the number of demonstrations and in the interests of all a bell will be sounded at 9 minutes — **CURTAINS WILL CLOSE AT 10 MINUTES.**



DEALERS' EXHIBITION

OFFICIAL OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

Wednesday	9-30 a.m. until 10-30 p.m.
Thursday	9-30 a.m. until 10-30 p.m.
Friday	11-30 a.m. until 10-30 p.m.
Saturday	9-30 a.m. until 10-30 p.m.
Sunday	9-30 a.m. until Mid-day.

The Pavilion Hall will be opened and closed at these times by an officially appointed Steward and the Hall will be cleared of all Delegates.

Dealers desiring to remain at their Stands preparing for the next day, may of course do so by arrangement with the Steward, on the strict understanding that there will be no selling to Conventioneers.





Wednesday · Thursday · Friday · Saturday · Sunday

THE GRAND DEALERS' EXHIBITION

in the Pavilion Hall, Winter Gardens

Opening Times : 9-30 a.m. until 10-30 p.m. each day, except FRIDAY, on which day the Exhibition will not open until 11-30 a.m. to allow as many members as possible to attend the Annual General Meeting.

MURRAY
BRADFORD MAGIC STUDIOS
JACK HUGHES
GEORGE A. JENNESS
GIL LEANEY
VAL ANDREWS
CORINDA
WIZARD'S DEN

DELVIN'S ENTERPRISES
GEORGE ARMSTRONG
MAGICAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
OSCAR OSWALD
CLIFF LOUNT
SUPREME MAGIC CO.
THEATRICAL SUPPLIES
UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIOS

DICK CHAVEL

L. DAVENPORT & Co. on the Stage of the Pavilion Hall.

Each year dealers go to considerable expense to present their exhibitions at the British Ring Convention, and your attention to their demonstrations is welcomed. All are eager to show you their "latest" and many exclusives will be on show for the first time. Take this opportunity of making a full round of the dealers. You will not regret it. One of the most important features is the Dealers' Trophy presented by MYSTIC CRAIG for the MOST ATTRACTIVE STAND, and this will be awarded during the convention. It is held for one year.



MYSTIC CRAIG
with the Dealers' Trophy

**JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, 2nd OCTOBER
at 9-15 a.m.**

by D. G. de GRUCHY, Display Manager, Bobby's Ltd. (Eastbourne).

Present Cup Holder — Gil Leaney.

WHO WILL WIN IT THIS YEAR?





THURSDAY, 2nd October
at 2-30 p.m. prompt.

In the Floral Hall

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS



arranged by and under
the chairmanship of
Peter Warlock . . .

Session one :—

EDDIE JOSEPH

“Deluding the Senses”

Until his arrival in this country the name
of Eddie Joseph was a legend.

His contribution to the literature of
magic by way of books and writings
in magazines is immense and all those
who delight in subtlety have profited
well by the reading of these works.

Winner of the ‘Sphinx’ Award in 1947.

Those who were at Edinburgh will
remember the fine lecture that he gave
on that occasion.

This afternoon he will cover completely
new ground offering practical subtle
effects using ordinary objects.



EDDIE JOSEPH





Session two at 4 p.m.

LECTURE DEMONSTRATION on THEATRICAL MAKE-UP

by **RICHARD BLORE**
of Leichner Make-up Studio, London.

This fascinating side of theatrical art should be of great interest and help to all conventioners giving as it does, in most practical form the means for looking at one's facial best on the artificially lighted stage or cabaret floor.



RICHARD BLORE



Session three at 5-30 p.m.

MYSTIC CRAIG will present
'CHEATING and GAMBLING'
a film in which the great sleight of hand performer
JOHN SCARNE displays his talent.

'CARDINI'
a film of this great magician's act, specially loaned
to Craig for exclusive use at this Convention.





**THURSDAY, 2nd October at 2-15 p.m.
in the Grand Hotel Ballroom**

FLOWERS FOR MILADY

a demonstration of flower arranging
by Mrs. BEST of the
CONSTANCE SPRY FLOWER SCHOOL

Half a dozen different floral arrangements will be built up in full view using nothing but the flowers and foliage, vases and wire mesh.

The demonstration will end in time for the ladies to take tea, then join the gentlemen for the Lechner lecture on Theatrical Make-up, by Mr. Richard Blore, at 4-0 p.m. in the Winter Gardens.

HOSPITAL SHOWS

Thursday, Commencing at 2-30 p.m.

The Chaseley Trust Hospital

at Chaseley, South Cliff, Eastbourne.

Performers: HORACE KING, HAROLD VERNON,
GEOFFREY ROBINSON, TOM HARRIS.

The Princess Alice Memorial Hospital

Eastbourne. Children's Ward.

Performers: CYRO, WILFRED TYLER and ALASTAIR, assisted
by the Clowns: FRED WILES, E. JACKSON LAURIE,
MASKO, WILL NORMAN, JEAN DOREN, Lady of
Magic.

Note: Will performers be ready in Foyer of Winter Gardens at 2 p.m. at which time transport will be available to take them to their respective venues.

Any conventioneer who wishes to witness either performance will be welcome.





THURSDAY, 2nd October
8-30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

In the Winter Garden,
Devonshire Park.

CIVIC RECEPTION, BALL AND CABARET

given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne
(Councillor J. W. G. Howlett, J.P. and Mrs. Howlett)

RECEPTION 8-30 to 9 p.m. • Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

CABARET

EDWARD and DARE'S "VANITY FAYRE"
CHUNG CHIN FOO
HORACE KING and BETTY



CHUNG CHIN FOO (Italy)

Dancing to the music of Harry Loveday and his Orchestra

Evening Dress.





FRIDAY, 3rd October

At 10 a.m. prompt — Grand Hotel

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

Members only admitted

Chairman — Les. Levante, Esq.

NOTE—Printed agenda will be handed to each member, and voting papers must be left at the Reception Desk **not later than 4 p.m., Thursday, 2nd October.**

THE HARRY KAYE MEMORIAL ALBUM

This album will be on view at the Registration Desk and all members and visitors are invited to record their names in it.

12-45 p.m.

**OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
in the Winter Gardens grounds.**





FRIDAY, 3rd October
Commencing 2 p.m. sharp

In the Floral Hall

JACK POTTER introduces . . .

The Competition for THE BRITISH RING SHIELD

JUDGES :

Chairman : THE GREAT LEVANTE
 MAURICE ROOKLYN, Esq.
 GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM, Esq.
 ERNEST WETHERED, Esq.
 HENK VERMEYDEN, Esq.
 GEORGE HILL, Esq.
 A. TEAR, Esq.

Stage Manager : MO HOWARTH, assisted by
 COLIN COOK and TREVOR DAWSON.

Musical Director : ALFRED GABRIEL.

Timekeeper : GUS SOUTHALL.



JACK POTTER

BAND CALL 11 a.m. in the FLORAL HALL

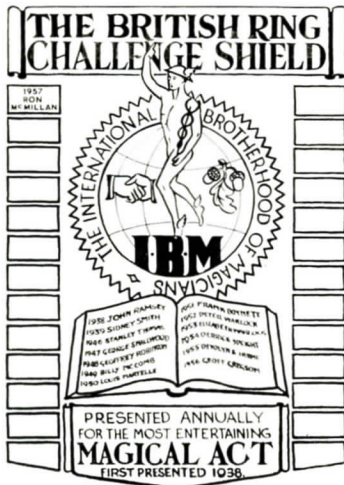
Competitors in order of appearance :

1. CHARLIE SPRATT, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.
2. DE-GAR, Coventry.
3. JON and JO, Harrogate.
4. HUBERT CADDY, Lewes.
5. MADGE E. KWAND, Birmingham.
6. Rev. MICHAEL SEACOME, Gloucester.
7. WILLANE, Kirkby Lonsdale.
8. ARTURO, Hull.
9. KAL ELLIS, Terrington St. Clement.
10. HEDLEY FAWCETT, Otley.
11. MARJORIE WADDELL, Beenham.
12. DENNIS GARDNER, Nottingham.
13. A. N. OTHER
14. SHIRLEY ANN, Cheadle.
15. TONY HEMMINGS, Hanley.
16. T. NORMAN STONE, Cranleigh.
17. CLAUDE PERRY, Linton.
18. MASKO, Birmingham.
19. DAVID HAGGARTY, Paisley.

IMPORTANT TO COMPETITORS : Allowing TEN minutes for each turn competitors should work out approximate time of appearance and report to the Stage Manager half an hour before time due.

For the guidance of competitors a red light will be flashed after nine minutes of every act.





COMPETITION for the

NEW SILVER
**BRITISH RING
SHIELD**

2 p.m., October 3rd

**Conditions Relating to Performance in the British Ring
(International Brotherhood of Magicians)
Annual Competitions**

These competitions shall be open to all paid up members of Ring 25 THE BRITISH RING. There shall be three main awards as follows:—

1. **THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD** and Cash Prize £10.
This will be awarded for the presentation of the most entertaining magical act and is held for one year.
2. **THE CONVENTIONEERS' TROPHY**
For greatest originality shown either in effect, method or presentation and is held for one year.
3. **THE CRAIG TROPHY**
For the best performance by a lady magician and is held for one year.

In addition there are the

THEO SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize £5 for runner up.

To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE £3.

TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy)

DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation)

No bar is placed upon the number of awards that can be obtained by a successful competitor and thus a male winner of the British Ring Shield, could, having presented the most entertaining and at the same time most original act, qualify for two awards.

In the same manner a lady competitor equally successful would be entitled to all three awards.

The length of act submitted by each competitor should not exceed ten minutes playing time, and to assist him or her, a warning light will be flashed at the end of nine minutes. **Any competitor exceeding a time of ten and a half minutes will be automatically disqualified and such disqualification will be announced from the stage immediately before the appearance of the next competitor.**

The judges would consist of five members of the Ring, the local entertainments manager and the editor of the local paper. This composition might have to be varied according to location. There would be an umpire, a senior official of the Ring, who would have complete powers to accept or reject the judges' decisions. If he rejected them, he would be required to place his decision and reasons therefore before the Committee.

For additional guidance, the Instructions to Judges are appended.





ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

There are three competitions which require your judgment. The first is for the major award, the **BRITISH RING SHIELD**.

This will be won by the act, which in your opinion constitutes the most **entertaining** magical act.

In view of this the act should be considered from the point of view of **entertainment**. Imagine you are seeing it in a concert, or dinner or other show, either by itself or with a number of other acts of various types. Does it entertain you?

The following points may assist you in judging :—

A. Consider general entertainment first—that is important—then, if you have several acts which you consider equally entertaining give your attention to the following :—

B. Consider the entrance and exit of the performer, the stage setting and condition of apparatus, his or her dress, deportment and elocution, the nature of the tricks performed and the reaction of the audience. If the act is a silent one note the effectiveness of the mime.

C. You will take into account magical ability, but as you are viewing this from the layman's angle of entertainment with magic, your judgment must not be biased by a display of advanced technical ability which would **only be apparent** to a magician.

The points made above may help you decide. **YOU ARE NOT LOOKING FOR NEW TRICKS**—and if a performer does old ones very well in an **ENTERTAINING MANNER**—he deserves your marks. Remember that a layman may not have seen that vast repertoire of tricks that you know so well. Naturally the same remarks apply to patter.

The **SECOND AWARD** is for **ORIGINALITY**, and is in the main, the concern of those members of the panel who are magicians.

The merits necessary for this award are :—

1. Newness of effect, so far as is known.
2. A novel presentation employing twists on standard effects.
3. The entertainment value contained in such presentation or effects.
4. An adequacy of mystery.

The **THIRD AWARD** is that given to the best lady performer. This requires no further elucidation, the merits previously stated applying equally in this case.

So as to allow for any disparities in judgment which may arise you are asked to write down the names of what you consider to be the best four acts, adding, if these do not qualify in the first four places, the performers entitled to the second and third awards. Seal your paper in the envelope provided and hand it to the Umpire. **PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS YOUR DECISION WITH ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE JUDGING PANEL** until you have all handed over your envelopes.





STEWARDS

REGISTRATION	Jeffery Atkins
BANQUET	Francis Haxton
CLOSE-UP MAGIC	Francis Haxton
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME	Peter Warlock
DEALERS' EXHIBITION	Eddie Dexter
TOMBOLA	George Smallwood
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME	Wilfred Tyler
GENERAL MEETING	Captain J. Turner
LADIES' AFTERNOON	Robert Johnson
GALA SHOW	Wm. G. Stickland and Jeffery Atkins
CHIEF STEWARD	Captain J. Turner
"HAPPY TO MEET"	Peter Warlock
PUBLICITY and OUTSIDE ATTRACTIONS	Bob Johnson
SHIELD COMPETITION	Jack Potter
LECTURES	Peter Warlock
MAGIC FILMS	Mystic Craig
RETURNING OFFICER	Rev. Michael Seacome
HOSPITAL SHOWS	Wilfred Tyler
MUSEUM	Dick Armour
COCKTAIL PARTY	Eddie and Mollie Dexter

Delegates requiring information in respect of any of the above mentioned events should consult the organising steward concerned. Those willing to assist as stewards should offer their services to Captain J. Turner.

N.B.—Your Convention Badge admits you to all events excepting public shows and banquet.





FRIDAY, 3rd October

6-30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

Convention Banquet

at

GRAND HOTEL

Eastbourne

Toastmaster :

LES. DOWNHAM

MENU

—
Tomato Soup

—
Fried Fillet of Dover Sole
Tartare Sauce

—
Roast Spring Chicken
Mushroom Garnish
Garden Peas a la Francaise
Chateau Potatoes

—
Pineapple Ice Cream Gateau

—
Coffee

TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

Proposed by The President.

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE

Proposed by Edward Love, Esq.

Response by The Mayor of Eastbourne
(Councillor J. W. G. Howlett, J.P.)

THE BRITISH RING (I.B.M.)

Proposed by Maurice Rooklyn, Esq.
(Australia).

Response by The President.

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Proposed by Donald Crombie, Esq.
Response by Hans Trixer (Rhodesia).

10-00 — 11-30 p.m.

DANCING

in

Hotel Ballroom

to

**Harry Loveday
Trio**

during which

**THE
BRITISH RING
SHIELD
and TROPHIES**

will be presented by
THE PRESIDENT





FRIDAY, October 3rd

11-45 p.m.



**The
FLORAL HALL**



**Witching Hour
of Midnight
approaches
when the
following**

'Witches and Wizards'

WILL CONJURE UP SPELLS FOR YOUR
ENTERTAINMENT AND AMAZEMENT:

1. **YVONNE**
2. **MAGINI**
3. **MARJORIE WADDELL**
4. **FRANK BAUMFORTH**
5. **ELIZABETH WARLOCK**
6. **GEORGE GRIMMOND**

COMPERED BY
MYSTIC CRAIG

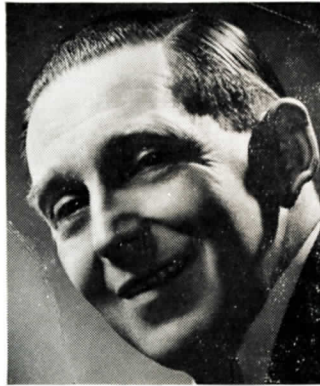




ELIZABETH WARLOCK



MARJORIE WADDELL



GEORGE GRIMMOND



FRANK BAUMFORTH



YVONNE





AUTOGRAPHS



**The International Brotherhood
of Magicians**

(British Ring No. 25)

presents

**GRAND
INTERNATIONAL
GALA OF MAGIC**



The International Magician
SLYDINI
(U.S.A.)



THE AMAZING MR. ROOKLYN
Internationally Famous
AUSTRALIAN MANIPULATOR

**WINTER GARDENS
EASTBOURNE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th
1958**

at

5-30 p.m. and 8-15 p.m

Programme arranged by
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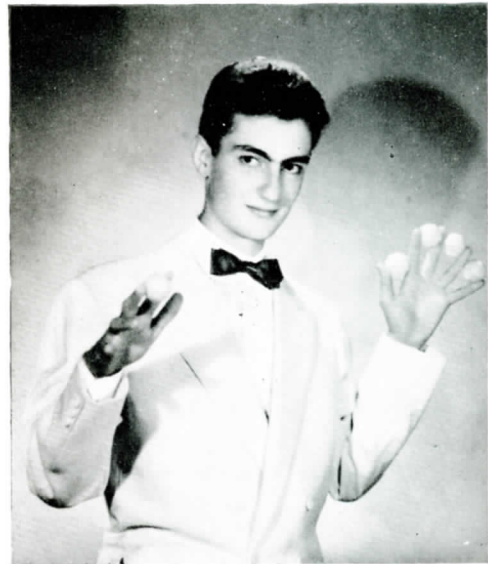
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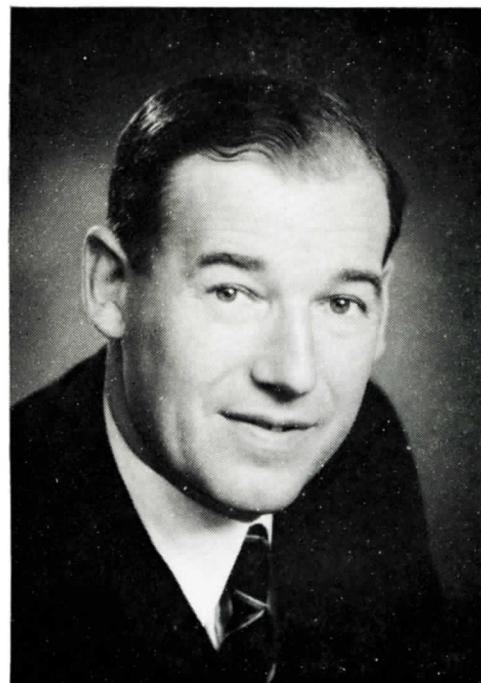
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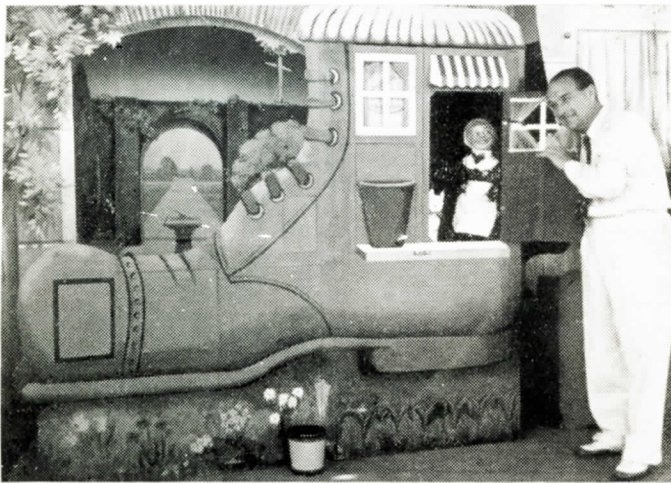
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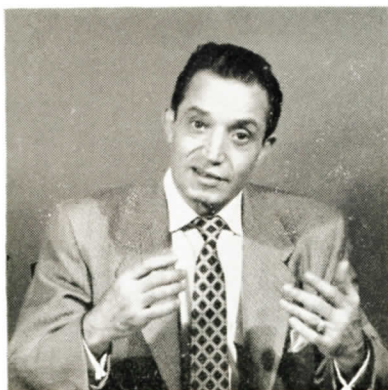
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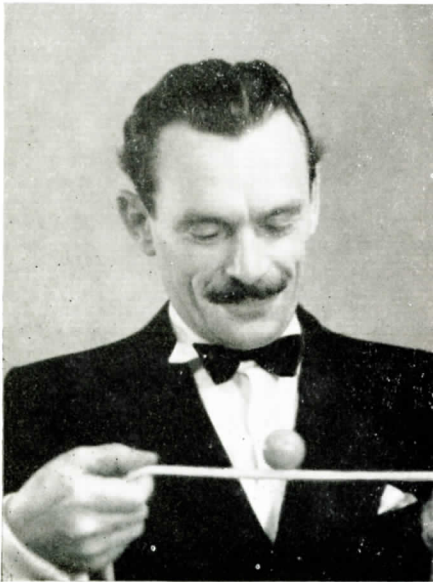




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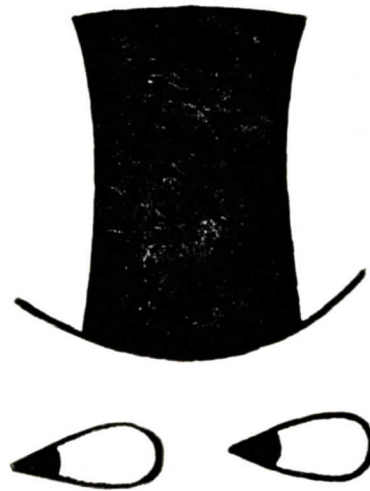
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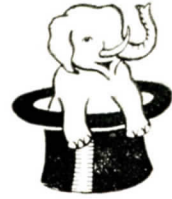
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