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39th ANNUAL CONVENTION — 1975

SEPTEMBER 24-28

BRITISH RING NO-25

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**From the President
TED WHEBELL**



It is with especial pleasure that I welcome all delegates to this, our 39th Convention. Southport holds particularly happy memories for me, and I could not wish for a better venue. In the past we have enjoyed many successful Conventions at this favourite seaside resort, due largely to the hospitality and co-operation of the Mayor and Civic Authorities.

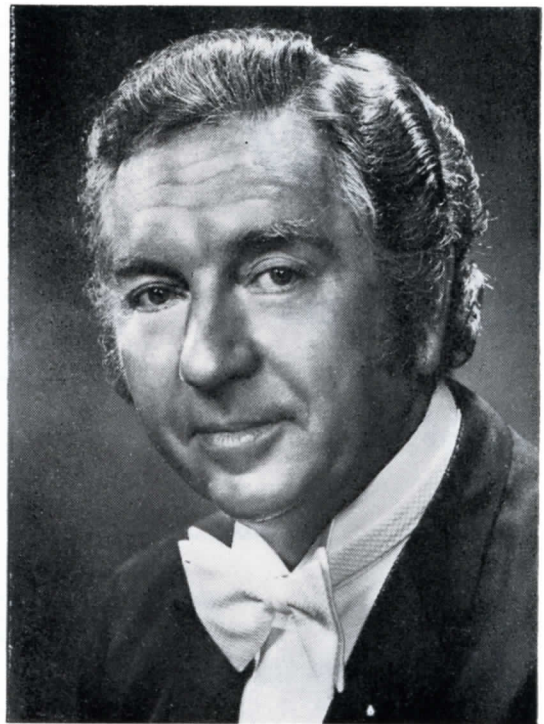
To our overseas visitors, a special greeting, and sincere thanks for travelling so far to be with us. To new members, attending perhaps for the first time: do not feel as a stranger in our midst; make yourself known to any of our Stewards. I am sure that you will find, as we have all found, that your list of friends will grow with each successive Convention. It is my earnest desire that my welcome to you should be as warm and sincere as that I myself received, at my first Convention at Hereford in 1946, from our Founder President Oswald Rae.

To those absent through illness or for other reasons: you will be in our thoughts and prayers, and our team of Budget reporters, headed by our Editor, will, I am sure, provide you with full news and details of all events.

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all members of the Committee and helpers for their hard work in preparing what promises to be another splendid British Ring Convention.

TED WHEBELL

**From International President
PRESTON**



As International President of the I.B.M. I would like to convey my warmest regards to each of you attending the British Ring's 39th Annual Convention.

Since Mildred and I are in attendance at this great affair we hope that we will have the pleasure of meeting you personally.

We bring you best wishes of the other international officers who were unable to be with us

We are looking forward with great anticipation to every minute with you during this 39th Convention.!

PRESTON

International President,
International Brotherhood of Magicians.



From the Mayor
of Sefton
E. ROWLAND BALL, Esq.



THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
Town Hall, Bootle, Lincs, L20 7AE
September, 1975

I am glad to know that Southport has again been selected as the venue for the Conference of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all delegates and friends, with a special greeting to our overseas visitors.

The Mayoress and I are looking forward to your visit and we hope to meet a great many of you during the functions we shall attend.

E. Rowland Ball,

Mayor,
Metropolitan Borough of Sefton.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE



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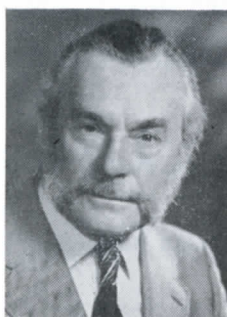
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PETER WARLOCK

A Hearty Welcome to Wm. Preston

International President
International Brotherhood
of Magicians



and our other Overseas Guests

AUSTRALIA

Kevin Robinson
I.B.M. Territorial
Representative for
New South Wales
Allan Sullivan

AUSTRIA

Peter Kester
(President F.I.S.M.)
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Flip
John & Yvonne
Peter Presti
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L. Sicking
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Mr. Van Hulst

IRELAND

E. Malcolm
R. McVeigh
E. Pollock
M. Rogers
P. Sullivan
Miss Kelly
Tony Thursby
Ted Oldham
Quentin Reynolds
Jack Sharp

ITALY

Silvan

MALTA

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I.B.M.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Steve Halstead
Basil Horwitz

SWEDEN

Evan Alan
Topper Martyn
U. Morling
Mr. Gustavsson
Mr. Olsson

U.S.A.

Syd Brockman
W. Gydeson
Rodman
F. L. Catiller

NIGERIA

Professor Peller

INDIA

Anand

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL OVERSEAS VISITORS

The Mayor and Mayoress of Southport invite you to a COCKTAIL PARTY at the Midnight Lounge, Floral Hall, on Saturday, September 27th, at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, September 24th

By the shore

At about 11.30 a.m.

HOWARD PETERS

will attempt

'THE DIVE OF THE DEVIL'

This seemingly impossible feat of escapology is based on an idea that in past history anyone who was said to be possessed by the Devil was given a trial by ordeal in a ducking chair. Howard will be hung suspended chained and manacled and then lowered twice into the water and each time raised. On the third time he is allowed to drop and he will then effect his escape whilst under the water.

Wednesday afternoon at 2.45 p.m.

In the Southport Theatre

OFFICIAL OPENING
of the
39th ANNUAL CONVENTION

by the President

TED WHEBELL, Esq.

Southport Theatre — Wednesday 24th September at 3 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL MAGIC

Compered by ALASTAIR (Scotland)

We welcome our overseas visitors and thank those appearing this
afternoon for our entertainment

- 1 BERNANDO (Rhodesia)
 - 2 DAVID ANTON (Wales)
 - 3 SILVANO AND SUSAN (Ireland)
 - 4 IGOR JEDLIN (Russia)
 - 5 TOPPER MARTYN! (Sweden)
 - 6 PETER PRESTI "Giant Card Mysteries" (Holland)
 - 7 EVEN ALAN (Sweden)
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At the Organ	—	Keith Hurford
At the Drums	—	Bernard McGovern

Wednesday 24th September — 8.15 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. in the Floral Hall

Civic Reception Ball and Cabaret

by

The Worshipful The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

Councillor E. Rowland Ball

and The Mayoress

With kind permission of the Mayor and Mayoress our Overseas Visitors will be introduced

Cabaret

TONY SHELLEY & ELIZABETH

“Magic a la carte”

Dancing to the Melodi-Beats Showband

MCs Andrew and Mills – International Enterprises



TOMBOLA STAND

HELENE STRACHAN & LILIAN LEES

Look forward to meeting you all at the Tombola Stand. Please come along and give us your support. All the proceeds are for our BENEVOLENT FUND.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Members who have given Gifts and help in any way, and it is so encouraging to be able to count on so many generous friends.

Yours sincerely,

HELENE and LILIAN

DEALERS MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

Organised by
EDDIE DEXTER

Assisted by
JOHNNY NEPTUNE

CANVAS & METAL EXHIBITION HALL ADJOINING THE FLORAL HALL

In Alphabetical Order

Anverdi
Ken Brooke
Roy Baker
Books by Post
Davenport's
Peter Diamond
David Hemingway
Micky Hades
Adrian Harris
International Magic Co.
Jack Hughes
Hamilton Kaye
Kovari
Luna Magic

Magitrix
Murrays Magic Mart
Tom Owen
Practical Magic
Playtime Balloons
R. A. Roth
Repro 71
Joe Riding
Ring Emblem Stand
Supreme Magic Co.
Miss Terry Magic Studio
Terry and Norma
Alan Warner

SEE THE GREATEST — WITH THE LATEST

Times of opening and closing of the Exhibition'—

Wednesday	.....	.....	9.30 am - 7.30 pm
Thursday	.....	.....	12.00 pm - 6.30 pm
Friday	.....	.....	11.30 am - 6.30 pm
Saturday	.....	.....	9.30 am - 6.30 pm
Sunday	.....	.....	9.00 am - 12 noon

THE CRAIG TROPHY (Present Holders—**SUPREME MAGIC CO.**). This will be awarded to the dealer presenting the most attractive display at the exhibition. The adjudication will take place on Wednesday at 5.00 p.m.

Adjudicator: D. TINSLEY, Esq.,
Display Manager,
Broadbents Group of Companies

The organiser would like to thank all dealers for appearing at this **BRITISH RING CONVENTION**. It is hoped that conventioners will do their utmost to support the dealers in their efforts.

DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

ARRANGED BY JOHNNY NEPTUNE

Thursday, 25th September—9.30 a.m. in the Southport Theatre

Time and order of appearance

1	9.30 a.m.	JOE RIDING
2	9.39 a.m.	FLIP! (Holland)
3	9.48 a.m.	ADRIAN HARRIS
4	9.57 a.m.	LUFF AND MOORE
5	10.06 a.m.	KOVARI MAGIC PRODUCTIONS LTD.
6	10.15 a.m.	MAGIC BOOKS BY POST
7	10.24 a.m.	ROY BAKER
8	10.33 a.m.	PRACTICAL MAGIC
9	10.42 a.m.	LUNA MAGIC
10	10.51 a.m.	HAMILTON KAYE
11	11.00 a.m.	MURRAY'S MAGIC MART
12	11.09 a.m.	DAVID HEMINGWAY
13	11.18 a.m.	MINI MAGIC
14	11.27 a.m.	MAGICTRIX
15	11.36 a.m.	JACK HUGHES
16	11.45 a.m.	L. DAVENPORT & CO.
17	11.54 a.m.	TERRY AND NORMA
18	12.03 p.m.	INTERNATIONAL MAGIC STUDIO
19	12.12 p.m.	ANVERDI
20	12.21 p.m.	SUPREME MAGIC CO.
21	12.30 p.m.	PLAYTIME BALLOONS
22	12.39 p.m.	REPRO—71
23	12.48 p.m.	MICKY HADES
24	12.57 p.m.	TOM OWEN (UNIVERSAL MAGIC)
25	1.06 p.m.	PETER DIAMOND

TIMEKEEPER: DOUG JONES

STAGE STAFF & DEALER LIAISON: ALAN HOLMES, BRIAN ROE, DAVID BECKLEY,
ARTHUR SETTERINGTON, PETER GREENWOOD, BILL SCOTT

Your Convention Committee take this opportunity of extending thanks to our Member Dealers who are giving up this morning in order to present for our enjoyment their latest magic.

Owing to the number of Demonstrations and in the interest of all a warning Orange Light and a Buzzer will be used to indicate 7 minutes. A Red Light will be shown at 8 minutes. The Curtains will be drawn whether the demonstrator is finished or otherwise. We very much regret having to enforce this Rule, and do so only in the interest of the Performers.

This is a Mammoth Demonstration and in fairness to the first Artiste please be seated in good time. The Curtain will rise at 9.30 a.m. promptly.

Thursday 25th September at 2.30 p.m. in the Ballroom, Prince of Wales Hotel

THE LADIES' AFTERNOON

"A woman's role in magic today"

by Elizabeth Warlock

*to complete the occasion there will be
afternoon tea*

RAFFLE FOR THE WELFARE FUND ★ BINGO

STEWARDS –



JACK GRIGGS
Chief Steward

KEN BAMBOROUGH
GILBERT K. BARKER
HARRY BENSON
CYRIL CAPON
SISSIE ENTWISTLE
GEORGE HATTON
DR McKEE
ROBERT SCOTT
LES WOODCOCK

LECTURE SESSIONS — Chairman : PETER WARLOCK

Thursday, September 25th at 2.30 p.m.

In the Southport Theatre

Magic for everyone when we shall welcome

TOPPER MARTYN

who gives you

in his lecture/demonstration . . .

TOPPER'S TRICKS



Saturday, 27th September at 2.15 p.m.

In the Floral Hall

And a welcome too for FLIP HALLEMA

with his

F	L	!	P
Q	U	!	K
T	R	!	K
^s T	R	!	P

HOSPITAL/HOMES SHOWS • Southport 1975

Thursday afternoon September 25th—each commencing at 4.30pm

Allocation of Shows are as follows. Please make own arrangements re transport to venues. I.B.M. Clowns will congregate at main entrance of H.Q. at 3.50 p.m. ready for departure at 4 p.m. (prompt) under direction of "Smokey." I will have maps available at the Dealers Dem and given out after, on the Thursday Morning.—*Wilfred Tyler.*

Bradstock Lockett Children's Special School for Handicapped Children, St. Anne's Road, Southport

Martin Grundy
Robert Rae
Keno
Cynthia Neptune
Roy Darnley
Drew Masters and Tess
Compere, Johnny Neptune
Stage Manager, Mel Collings
Pianist, Norman Thomas

Children's Convalescent Home, Hawkshead Street, Southport

John Pye
Mo Howarth
Tony King and Pam
Richard Stupple
Granville and June
Douglas Gregg
Compere, Arthur Settingington
Stage Manager, Joe Scoble
Pianist,

Salvation Army Children's Home, Albert Road, Southport

Sly Smith
Arthur Leo
Dee Jay
Michael Rogers
Phil Wye
George Rodwell
Compere, Ted Beal
Stage Manager, Tom Goodband
Organist, Ernie Tongue

British Legion Convalescent Home, Byng House, Promenade, Southport (Close Up Show)

Michael Seacombe Donald Crombie Rovi Chris Pratt David Beckley Walt Lees
Host, Dr. Eddie Dawes Stage Manager, Tom O'Beirne

The I.B.M. Clowns will visit each home except the British Legion Convalescent Home

Anyone wishing to visit any of these shows will be welcome but must be responsible for getting there themselves. CHOOSE YOUR SHOW . . . MAKE YOUR WAY THERE . . . AND ENJOY WHAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED . . . more are attending these each year, if only to see how many of the performers approach the different conditions for presentations.

School for Partially Hearing, and Dr. Barnardos' Home, combined show (stage show)

Eric Sharp
Trevor Lewis
Ken Savage
Les Nottle
Ralph Hall and Mollie
David Tomkins
Compere, Jack Mayes
Stage Manager, Bob Haydon
Pianist, Dennis Derby

Peacehaven Old Folks Home, Roe Lane, Southport

George Hatton
Jack Stephenson
Tudor Brock
Matheson Taylor
Lou Flyn and Dorothy
Peter Westlake
Don Lees and Lilian
Compere, Terry Spencer
Stage Manager, Harry Benson
Pianist, David Hatcliff

Hatherlow Homes for Old Folk, 40 Leyland Road, Southport (small stage show)

Tony Shelley
Duncan Fletcher and Olive
Harry Rugg
Dave Shaw
Will Ayling
Compere, Clem Bailey
Stage Manager, Tony Barnard
Pianist, Alec Garner

Thursday, 25th September, 1975 — Southport Theatre at 7.30 p.m.



ALASTAIR

has organised and will introduce
the competitors in the Competition for the

NEW SILVER

BRITISH RING SHIELD

Judges: Geoffrey Buckingham (Chairman), Fred Barton, Harry Benson, Ron Bishop, Clifford Hough, Peter Kersten (President F.I.S.M.)

Musical Director: Alfred Gabriel

Timekeeper: Jack Potter

Rules relating to the Competition the awards of which are

1. **THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize £25.00.**
This will be awarded for the most entertaining magical act and is held for one year.
 2. **THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY**
The greatest originality shown 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.
- THEO. SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize of £15.00 for runner-up**
To be held for one year
- THIRD PRIZE £10.00 and Silver Wand presented by ALISTAIR**
- TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) (donated by Tom Harris) Together with cash Prize of £5.00**
- DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation)**

The results will be announced after the close of the Competition

Rules governing the Competition will be found on page 27

Whilst the Judges are deliberating the audience will be entertained by

Thursday 25th September — Ballroom, Prince of Wales Hotel

MIDNIGHT MAGIC

Introduced by

FRANCIS HAXTON

Friday, 26th September at 10 a.m. in the Southport Theatre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MEMBERS ONLY ADMITTED

Chairman

TED WHEBELL, Esq.

NOTE—Printed Agenda will be handed to each Member.

Voting Papers must be left at the Reception Desk
not later than 4 p.m., THURSDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

Returning Officer: Rex Reader, Esq.

ORGANISERS

THE GALA SHOW	.....	William (Bill) G. Stickland
REGISTRATION	.....	Jeffery Atkins
BANQUET AND CLOSE-UP	.....	Francis Haxton
COLLECTORS' SEMINAR	.....	Professor E. A. Dawes
DEALERS' EXHIBITION	.....	Eddie Dexter and Johnny Neptune
DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION	.....	Johnny Neptune
OUTSIDE ATTRACTION	.....	Paul Graham
THE LECTURES, SOUVENIR PROGRAMME AND "THEMES AND VARIATIONS"	.....	Peter Warlock
AFTER BANQUET SHOW	.....	Geoffrey Robinson
LADIES' AFTERNOON	.....	The Ladies' Committee
SHIELD COMPETITION	.....	Alastair Oliphant
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME AND HOSPITAL SHOWS	.....	Wilfred Tyler
CLOSE-UP COMPETITION	.....	Don Lees
COCKTAIL PARTY	.....	Eddie and Mollie Dexter
STAGE DIRECTION	.....	Paul Graham
STEWARDS	.....	Jack Griggs

Friday 26th September at 2.45 p.m.

Southport Theatre

PETER WARLOCK

presents

THEMES AND VARIATIONS

and to assist him he gives so many thanks to

FRED CASTLE

ALFRED GABRIEL

PETER GREENWOOD

BAYARD GRIMSHAW

ROY JOHNSON

TREVOR LEWIS

BRIAN MILLER and AUDREY

CHRISTOPHER PRATT

ELIZABETH WARLOCK

Music by KEITH HURFORD and BERNARD McGOVERN

Stage Direction PAUL GRAHAM

Friday 26th September — 7 for 7.30 p.m. at the Floral Hall

CONVENTION BANQUET

MENU

Grapefruit Cocktail

Mushroom Cream Soup

Fresh Salmon Mayonnaise

Roast Lamb
Garden Peas
New and Roast Potatoes

Sherry Trifle

Cheese and Biscuits
Coffee Mints Dessert

TOAST LIST

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

Proposed by Jeffery Atkins, Esq., J.P.
2nd International Vice-President I.B.M.

Response by The Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor E. Rowland Ball

THE BRITISH RING, No. 25
Proposed by William Preston, Esq.
International President
International Brotherhood of Magicians

Response by The President
E. J. Whebell, Esq.
who will also propose

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Response by
Syd Brockman (U.S.A.)

Toast Master: **PAUL DUCAINE**

After Banquet Show

**Southport Theatre
Friday September 26
10.30 p.m.**

Artistes—

Ron Betteridge

June Bryant
(Soprano)

Kordan and Patricia

Topper Martyn

Geoffrey Robinson

John Todd et al
(Dicing with Magic)

Vercoe (The Musical Clown in Trouble on Wheels)

Stage Management—Barry Miller

Organ—Keith Hurford

Drums—Bernard McGovern

Presented by William G. Stickland and Geoffrey Robinson

**FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING THE BANQUET
THE FILM "WHAT'S UP DOC" WILL BE SCREENED
AT THE SOUTHPORT THEATRE
at 7.45 pm**

CLOSE-UP SHOWCASE

Organised by:

Don Lees

Saturday 27th September. 10.00 a.m.

BALLROOM—PRINCE OF WA

Close-Up Contest for the Zina Bennett Cup

This competition shall be open to all paid up members of Ring 25 (The British Ring) International Brotherhood of magicians. There shall be three awards as follows:

1. The Zina Bennett Trophy (to be held for 12 months), a replica which shall be awarded to the performer with the highest marks, and £15, cash award
2. A cash award of £10, to be presented to the runner-up
3. A cash award of £5

No restrictions on the effects or properties to be used, except that they be primarily intended for close up performance. The magical judges shall be the sole arbitrators on this point and be empowered to deduct marks as they consider appropriate to the particular instance.

The performance shall not be less than 6 minutes and not more than 9 minutes.

There shall be four magical and one lay judge. The magical judges will mark each contestant under three headings: (a) Technique and skill; (b) Strength of magical effect on an audience; (c) Originality in method and/or presentation.

The lay judge shall mark on entertainment only; i.e. how much he or she was entertained by the contestant.

A minimum number of 5 contestants is required for this contest to take place.

The event organiser shall have the authority to invite other performers (non-entrants) to perform in this event, when necessary, to ensure the smooth running of the contest.

A warning will be given when 8 minutes have elapsed and should a performer exceed the maximum time of 9 minutes the judge shall not award any marks for that performance.

ENTRANTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Judges: Joan Thomas, Christopher Payne, Tudor Brock, Dr. Bernard Juby, Rex Reader

Chairman of the Judges: John Palfreyman

Timekeeper: Douglas Jones

Saturday 27th September

In the Ballroom, Prince of Wales Hotel

THE THIRD COLLECTORS' SEMINAR

at 4 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Eddie Dawes

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Topper Martyn

on "Collecting Adventures"

Duncan Johnstone

on "Trade Cards and Conjuring"

Walter Gydeson

on "A Brief Dip into American Magical History"

Peter Warlock

on "A Man born Janes"

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

British Ring No. 25

present

GRAND
INTERNATIONAL
GALA
OF
MAGIC

Southport Theatre

SOUTHPORT

SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1975

5 pm and 8.30 pm

The Programme Arranged
and Presented by
WM. G. STICKLAND



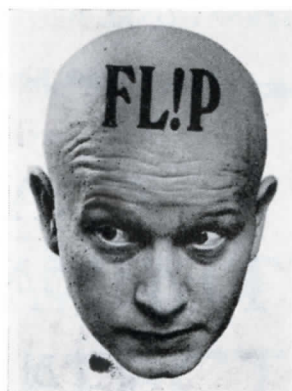
Stage Manager
(for British Ring) I.B.M.
PAUL GRAHAM



Assistant Stage Managers—Barry Miller and Ron Langhorn



SILVAN



FLIP



PROG



ALLEN AND BARBARA

- 1 Overture
Keith Hurford at the Organ
Bernard McGovern on Drums
- 2 JACKIE ALLEN AND BARBARA
- 3 Introducing our Compere
CLIFF LAINE
Yorkshire's Own
- 4 The Young Magicians of the Year
MARTIN WELFORD and Theresa
"Deceptions with Dice"
- 5 The Continent's most original Magician
FLIP (Holland)
- 6 The International Juggler
TOPPER MARTYN (Sweden)
- 7 The Delightful Dutch Magicienne
ALICE (Holland)



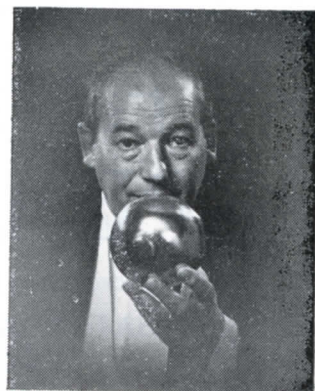
EVEN ALAN



CLIFF LAINE



TOPPER MARTYN



JEFFERY ATKINS

AMME

- 8 The World Oscar Magician
SILVAN
(Italy's Premier Magician)
- 9 Keith Hurford and Bernard McGovern
- 10 Holder of British Ring Shield and Recent Winner of
European Trophy
HARDY WERNER (Austria)
- 11 " Magic Novelty "
EVEN ALAN (Sweden)
- 12 JACKIE ALLEN AND BARBARA
Xylophonically yours
- 13 The Sophisticated Dutch Magicians
JOHN & YVONNE
" Magic Cocktail "
- 14 Illusions of the Masters
JEFFERY ATKINS and Company

The taking of photographs during the performance is not permitted

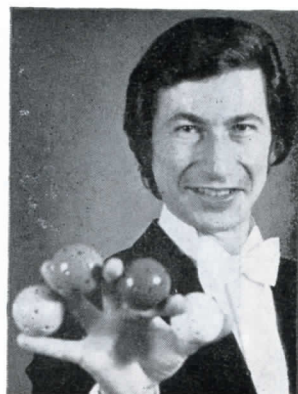
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JOHN AND YVONNE



MARTIN WELFORD



HARDY WERNER

CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME

devised and presented by Wilfred Tyler
SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

at
THE FLORAL HALL

at 10.30 a.m.

Stage Manager Tony List. House Manager R. Hamilton Kaye

The Clowns enter to start the ball rolling and really warm
you up



BRIAN MILLER & AUDREY

- 1—Overture by the Derek Newman Trio, and then your Host for the show, JACK MAYES introduces himself and AUNTIE CYNTHIA (Cynthia Neptune) who will be helping him to distribute the prizes and novelties throughout the show.
- 2—The Globe-trotting magician ROY BAKER.
- 3—And then from Wales, ERIC SHARP.
- 4—A change from Magic with AMY DAWES, " Magic Ragtime."
- 5—And to close the first half of the show, JOHNNY WAI and SHE.

I N T E R V A L

- 6—More music from the trio.
- 7—JACK MAYES pays another visit and introduces GUY HIGGINS and DOROTHY.
- 8—And yet again, JACK MAYES with so many novelties and the . . .
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1. These Competitions shall be open to all members of The British Ring providing (i) that they are fully paid up and accepted member or (ii) that application for membership shall have been received by the Secretary by the last day of May preceding the Competition.
2. The Management Committee of the Society shall appoint five magical Judges, including at the discretion of the Committee prominent visiting Magicians, together with a Chairman, who is also a member of the Society, and they will be responsible for the adjudication of the various awards. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
3. If any member of the panel of Judges has been responsible for the production, tuition or guidance by way of advice to any competitor or feels that his personal relationship with any competitor may embarrass him, he must inform the Hon. Secretary and stand down and allow for a replacement to be made.
4. There is no bar upon the number of awards that a competitor can win; it is possible for a male entrant to win the British Ring Shield, the Conventioneers' Trophy, the Dittia Shield and the Tom Harris Cup, whilst a lady entrant could win the British Ring Shield, also the Conventioneers' Trophy, Tom Harris Cup, Dittia Shield and Craig Trophy.
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7. The Judges shall have power to withhold any award if, in their opinion, the act or acts do not reach the required standard.
8. A previous British Ring Shield winner shall not be allowed to enter and present the same act. There is, however, no bar to the presentation of a different act.
9. Any competitor who has taken part in the Competition for three successive years and failed to qualify for an award shall, unless the Committee of Management deem otherwise, have a waiting period of two years before entering again.
10. The ballot for order of appearance shall take place publicly not less than 24 hours preceding the competition.
11. The presentation of every act should be considered as family entertainment and should be in good taste.
12. Closing date for entries shall be notified in 'The Budget.'
13. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Committee of Management whose decision shall be final.
14. All trophy winners shall hold their award for a period of one year and such award must be returned to the Hon. Secretary in a presentable condition at least 2 days prior to the day scheduled for the competition.

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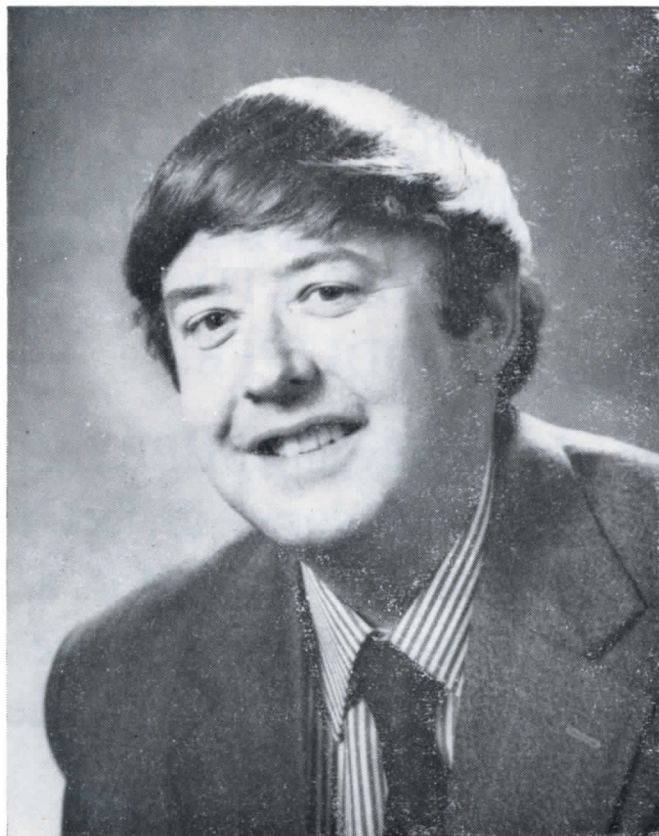
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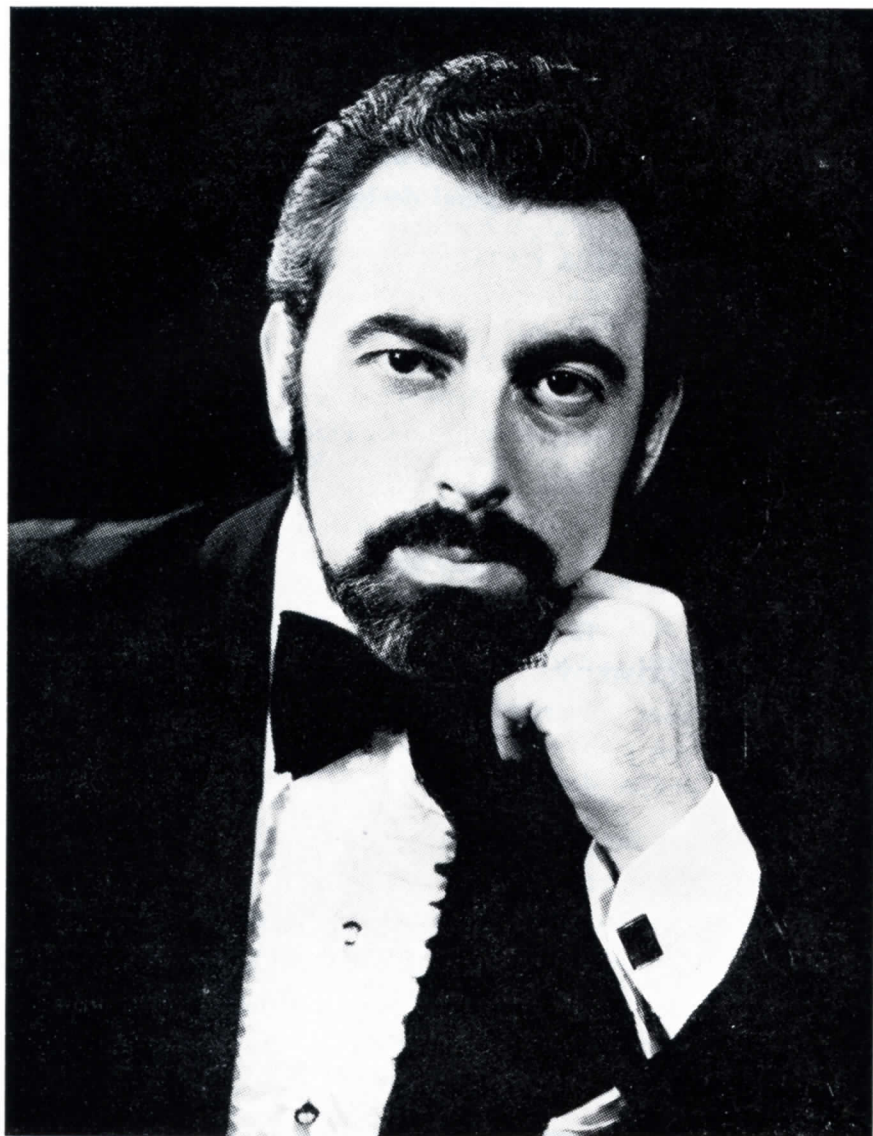
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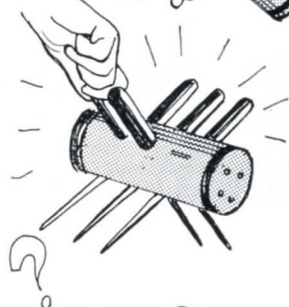
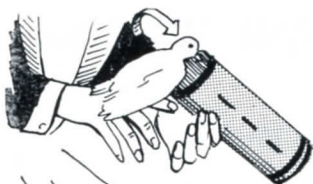
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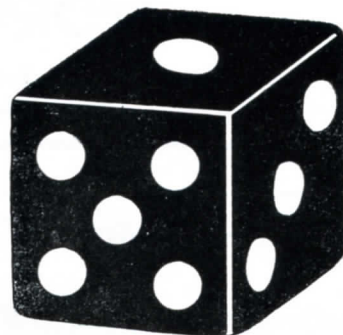
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