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49th ANNUAL CONVENTION
1985

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BRITISH RING NO 25
From the President
ROVI



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

As President of the 'British Ring No. 25' it gives me great pleasure to welcome every member and overseas visitors to the Annual British Ring Convention.

Our sincere thanks go to the Mayor of Sefton and Civic Authorities for their kind welcome and hospitality to us again.

May I on behalf of Minnie and myself thank all Magic Societies and Clubs for the kindness extended to us during my reign as President.

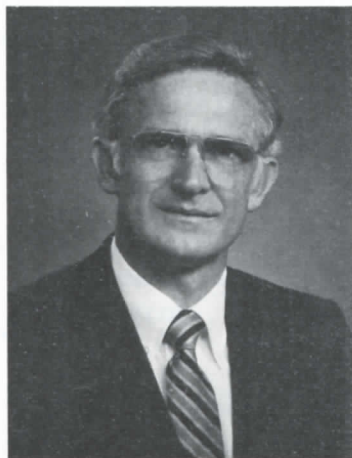
To those members who are unable to attend through illness may we wish you all a speedy recovery.

I would also like to thank the Convention Committee, Stewards etc. who have spared nothing to provide us with another Convention to remember.

ROVI

Wizard of Wales.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS



TO THE MAGICIANS OF THE BRITISH RING, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS:

One of the highlights of the Presidential year is representing the IBM at the British Ring Convention. Your convention is noted for its excellence in the magical arts and for the hospitality and congeniality of your members.

LaRose and I are very pleased and honored to be a part of the 1985 Southport Convention. We look forward to visiting with friends and making new acquaintances.

On behalf of the officers and members of the IBM, I extend to our largest Ring, our best wishes for a successful meeting.

Fraternally yours,

William E. Spooner

International President

International Brotherhood of Magicians



MESSAGE OF WELCOME
FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
OF SEFTON
COUNCILLOR BRIAN M. RIMMER

September, 1985

It is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity of extending a welcome to delegates, exhibitors and friends who will be in Southport for the International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention. May I offer a special welcome to those who are visiting our Resort for the first time and to delegates from overseas.

The Mayoress and I look forward to personally meeting as many of you as possible and it is our wish that the 1985 Southport Convention and Exhibition will be highly successful in every way.

Mayor

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24th
20.00 hours

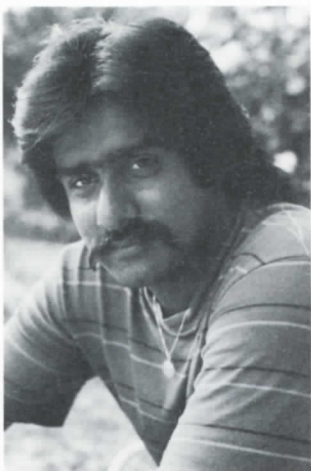
PRINCE OF WALES
HOTEL

DEREK LEVER
PRESENTS THE
NIGHT BEFORE PARTY
INCORPORATING
DEALERS' CLOSE UP MAGIC SHOW
AND THE
CROCODILE CIRCUS

**YOU ARE ADVISED TO WEAR YOUR OLD CLOTHES AND BE
PREPARED TO BE INSULTED, ASSAULTED OR BITTEN.**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th
11.00 hours

FLORAL HALL
CAR PARK



A
BREATH TAKING ESCAPE
PERFORMED BY
SHAHID MALIK
THE DARING YOUNG ESCAPOLOGIST

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th
14.30 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

OFFICIAL OPENING
OF THE
1985 CONVENTION

BY THE PRESIDENT

ROVI

IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR WORSHIPS

THE MAYOR & MAYORESS OF THE METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH OF SEFTON

COUNCILLOR & MRS. BRIAN M. RIMMER

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th
14.50 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

A

MAGICAL

HORS-D'OEUVRE

Introduced by

PAUL STONE

FEATURING

ILONA

CHRISTOPHER PRATT

THE SINCLAIRS

YOGANO

PERNELL ZORCH

At the Organ: KEITH HURFORD

At the Drums: BERNARD McGOVERN

WELCOME

to our

OVERSEAS VISITORS

who are requested to meet

Mr. BARRY LAYMOND in the
entrance to the **PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL**

19.30 hours

on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th**

Prior to the Civic Reception

and who are invited to a

COCKTAIL PARTY

kindly given by

His Worship

The MAYOR OF SEFTON

Councillor BRIAN M. RIMMER

at

THE TOWN HALL

at 10.00 hours on **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th
20.00 hours

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

CIVIC RECEPTION BALL & CABARET

by kind invitation of
their Worships

THE MAYOR & MAYORESS OF SEFTON

Councillor & Mrs. Brian M. Rimmer
Introduction of

OVERSEAS VISITORS

**DANCING TO
CLARKSON WOODS QUINTET**

Cabaret

Including

PETER GREENWOOD — P. G. QUIPS

Compere — PETER SCARLETT

Flagbearers: Pupils of

THE LORETO BERSI ACADEMY OF DANCING

DRESS: Dinner Jacket or Dark Lounge Suit



TOMBOLA STAND

HELENE STRACHAN AND HELPERS

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 HELPERS



DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

Organised by **Tony Shelley**, assisted by **Bill Scott & Merson Grant**

HELD IN THE FLORAL HALL

Wednesday	9.30 — 18.00
Thursday	9.30 — 18.00
Friday	9.30 — 18.00
Saturday	9.30 — 18.00
Sunday	9.30 — 12.00

The following Magical Dealers will be represented

ACE PLACE MAGIC	M & M ENTERPRISES
BANSHEE MAGIC (Eire)	THE MAGIC HANDS
MARTIN BREESE LTD	McGEE MAGIC
BRITISH RING SALES	ELIZABETH McMILLAN—BOOKSELLER
CAMTRYX (MAGIC) LTD	MAGIC BOOKS BY POST
AL COHEN	MAGICTRIX HOUSE OF MAGIC
TONY CURTIS	TOM OWEN (UNIVERSAL MAGIC)
PETER DIAMOND & CO	MURRAY'S MAGIC MART
ELECTRON MAGIC	PATRICK PAGE
GOODLIFFE PUBLICATIONS LTD	PLAYTIME BALLOONS
BARRY GORDON	PRACTICAL MAGIC
GUARANTEED MAGIC	PRESTO MAGIC
ADRIAN HARRIS	REPRO MAGIC
DAVID HEMINGWAY	JOE RIDING
HOCUS POCUS MAGIC CO	ERIC SHARP'S ENTERTAINMENTS LTD
INTERNATIONAL MAGIC STUDIO	SUPREME MAGIC CO LTD
HAMILTON KAYE & CO	TAURUS MAGIC SUPPLY CO
KOVARI MAGIC PRODUCTIONS LTD	MISS TERRY MAGIC STUDIO
K.R. (KRAZY RABBIT) PROFESSIONAL MAGIC	TERRY & NORMA
MARK LEVERIDGE MAGIC	STEPHEN TUCKER
CLIFF LOUNT'S BRADFORD MAGIC STUDIO	ALAN WARNER (MINI-MAGIC)

Refreshments will be available in the Exhibition Hall

The Organisers would like to thank all Dealers for appearing at this British Ring Convention. It is hoped that Conventioneers will support the Dealers in their efforts

The Craig Trophy — Present holders — **The Magic Hands**

This will be awarded to the Dealer presenting the most attractive display at the Exhibition. The adjudication will take place at approximately 17.00 on Wednesday

Entry to the Dealers Trade Fair will be by Convention Badge only and this Rule will be strictly enforced.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26th
9.45 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

Star Lecture

PETER SCARLETT

will introduce

Sweden's favourite
Children's Entertainer

CONNY RAY



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26th
11.00 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

CHILDREN'S FORUM

YOUR PANEL OF EXPERTS:

From Sweden — CONNY RAY

Full time children's Entertainer from Northampton

ROY GILBERT (ROYSTON)

From the North of England

MARTIN SCOTT PRICE

A maker of Children's Magic

TERRY BURGESS



CHAIRMAN

The Almost Famous — Jack Mayes

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26th The Ballroom — PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL
14.30 hours

LADIES' AFTERNOON

A Cookery Demonstration

By

NORTH WEST GAS

No official event has been organised for
the afternoon of Thursday September 26th.

This will give conventioners a chance to visit

THE DEALERS' EXHIBITION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

*The Video Recording of any item during the convention is strictly forbidden
without the prior permission of both the Artist and the Organiser*

HOSPITAL and SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS
TUESDAY 24th and THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 1985
SOUTHPORT

The allocation of VENUES are as follows. PLEASE NOTE DATES and TIMES.
 MAPS will be available from myself on THURSDAY NOON at the WELFARE STAND when I will be pleased to deal with any final questions or problems.

Yours most sincerely, LES NOTTLE, Organizer

TUESDAY 24th 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
 SANDFIELD SPECIAL SCHOOL
 Westminster Drive
 Physically Handicapped
 Alan Astra & Barbara
 Wally Boyce

TUESDAY 24th 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
 PETERHOUSE SPECIAL SCHOOL
 Preston New Road
 Learning Problems
 Brian Nye
 John Buchan
 Bob Hayden
 Les Nottle

HOSPITAL and SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS
THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 1985

CHILDREN'S SHOWS Please note times
 Map Ref. C.4. 3.00 p.m. — 4 p.m.
 SOUTHPORT GENERAL INFIRMARY
 Children's Ward
 Scarisbrook Road
 Stage Manager Harry Hayes
 Compere/Host Martin Grundy
 Pianist N/A
 Arthur Setterington
 David Haggerty
 Tony the Magician
 Tony Ash (Uno the clown)
 Reporter David Poppy

Map Ref. E.10. 4.15 p.m. — 5.15 p.m.
 SCHOOL for PARTIALLY HEARING
 40 Lancaster Road
 Stage Manager Dara Kaka
 Compere/Host Danny Jones
 Pianist N/A
 Sly Smith
 Dennis Tubbs (clown)
 Keno & Pamela
 Collin & Kate Spencer
 Reporter Dara Kaka

ADULT SHOWS Please note times
 Map Ref. E.9. 4.00 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.
 ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL
 Lulworth Road
 Venue arranged by Southport
 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
 Senior Citizens (Stage)
 Stage Manager Roy Woodgate - Bert Smith
 Compere/Host John Pye
 Pianist/Organist Dennis Bussey
 Tony L. Brooks
 Charles Wilson
 Ken Savage
 Bill Shewan
 Reporter Ken Robinson

Map Ref. E.6. 2.00 p.m. — 3 p.m.
 PROMENADE HOSPITAL
 Spinal Injuries Ward
 (Close up)
 Compere/Host Ernie Tongue
 Tony Curtis
 Bruce Posgate
 Wally Boyce
 Reporter Jim Moore

Map Ref. E.8. 4.00 p.m. — 5 p.m.
 ALEXANDRA HOUSE
 MOTOR TRADES HOME
 2-4 Lord Street
 (Close up)
 Stage Manager David Pearson
 Compere/Host Eddie Dawes
 Michael Seacombe
 Francis Haxton
 Philip Southwood
 John Duncan
 Esther Richards
 Pianist Tom Ellis
 Reporter Tom Ellis

Map Ref. E.9. 4.30 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.
 ELLERSLIE COURT
 Holiday Home for Spastics
 38 Westcliffe Road
 (Spastic Adults & Elderly)
 Stage Manager Tom Rainbird
 Compere/Host Peter Price
 Pianist N/A
 Michael Brettal
 Alan Astra & Barbara
 Ian Wesley

Map Ref. E.9. 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
 NEW HALL HOSPITAL, Southport Road, Scarisbrook (Elderly)
 Compere/Host, Mo Howarth - Will Ayling - Ali Cadabra
 Reporter Will Ayling

Presidents Transport Emrys Pugh

Reserves Terry Coates, Christopher Pratt, Vincent Shackleton Doug Jones (De-Jay).

The above teams are subject to change but for full list of those involved please see reports in the BUDGET.

SMOKEY and his CLOWN BAND will visit some of the venues during the afternoon.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26th
19.30 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE



ALASTAIR

has organised the Competition for the

NEW SILVER

BRITISH RING SHIELD

Judges: Tommy Rowe (Chairman), Ilona Scarlett, David Berglas, Jean P. Fialho, Brian Sefton, Philip N. King F.I.L.A.M. (Director of Tourism and Attractions, Southport)

Musical Director: Alfred Gabriel

Timekeeper: Tony Brooks

Stage Manager: John Palfreyman

RULES AND AWARDS

Rules relating to the Competition the awards of which are:

1. THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize.

This will be awarded for the most entertaining magic 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 performance by a lady magician who, in the opinion of the judges is worthy of this prize, and is held for one year.

THEO SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize for runner-up To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE - Cash Prize and Silver Wand presented by ALASTAIR

TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) (donated by Tom Harris) **Together with Cash Prize**

DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation)

1. These Competitions shall be open to all members of the British Ring providing (i) that they are fully paid up and accepted members 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 Tom Harris Cup, whilst a lady entrant could win the British Ring Shield and the Tom Harris Cup, the Dittia Shield and the Craig Trophy.
5. The length of a competitor's act should not exceed ten minutes. A yellow warning light will indicate nine minutes and a red light and buzzer ten minutes. At ten and a half minutes the competitor will automatically be disqualified and such disqualification will be announced from the stage before the appearance of the next act.
6. Competitors who wish to be judged for manipulative skill, comedy or originality shall when completing the necessary entry form, give notice of such intention and they will be marked accordingly.
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. Each Competitor will be allowed a maximum of two minutes to set his act.
11. The opening and closing acts will be decided by a draw and the names of the Competitors and running order shall be published in the Convention programme.
12. The presentation of every act should be considered as family entertainment and should be in good taste.
13. The closing date shall be one month before the date of the Convention.
14. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Committee of Management whose decision shall be final.
15. Any trophy winners shall hold their award for a period of one year and such award must be returned to the Hon. Secretary in presentable condition at least two days prior to the day scheduled for the competition.

ORGANISERS

REGISTRATION	Jeffery Atkins
CONVENTION BROCHURES	Edwin Hooper
NIGHT BEFORE PARTY	Derek Lever
OUTSIDE STUNT	Barry Miller & Bob Hayden
OPENING SHOW	Jeffery Atkins
TOMBOLA	Helene Strachan
DEALER'S EXHIBITION	Tony Shelley
LADIES AFTERNOON	Cis Gabriel, Rene Whebell, Liz Shelley, Mary Seacome, Iris Mills
THE LECTURES	Peter Scarlett
HOSPITAL SHOWS	Les Nottle
SHIELD COMPETITION	Alastair Oliphant
PLEASURES OF YESTERYEAR & COLLECTORS SEMINAR	Eddie Dawes
BANQUET	Duncan Fletcher & Francis Haxton
AFTER BANQUET SHOW	Geoffrey Robinson
CHILDREN'S SHOWTIME & FORUM	Jack Mayes
INTERNATIONAL CLOSE-UP AND COMPETITION	Mike Gancia
GALA SHOW	Ali Bongo & Jeffery Atkins
COCKTAIL PARTY	Ted Whebell
STEWARDS	Barry Laymond
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SOUVENIR PROGRAMME COVER DESIGN	Ali Bongo
WELFARE STAND	Cynthia Neptune

THE STEWARDS

Bill Shewan
Cyril E. Ball
Denis Clark
Shashikant Shah
Gus Lowe
Eddie Thomas (J E C Thomas)
Foo Man Soo
Joanna Laymond
Morine



BARRY LAYMOND
(Chief Steward)

Please Note: It has not been possible to list all those who may be offering their services as Stewards as this list has had to be prepared prior to the Convention to enable it to be included in this Souvenir Programme. Therefore, formal acknowledgement and thanks are also tendered to any other Members who serve as Stewards.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
9.30 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

ELECTION of OFFICERS for 1985/6

MEMBERS ONLY ADMITTED

Printed Agenda and Copies of Accounts will be available

FROM THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

It has been my good fortune to attend the Convention since 1958. Each year I have been aware of the thought which conventioners have shown for those who are absent, whether through illness or for some other reason, by sending their well signed cards and tapes. Once again we send special greetings to our sick members. The past year has been no exception in its casualties and losses. And we are mindful of them too. Our best wishes to you all for improved health and your continued enjoyment of our fellowship in magic.



MICHAEL SEACOME

Chief Welfare Officer
British Ring 25 IBM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
11.30 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

STAR LECTURE

PETER SCARLETT
WILL INTRODUCE
FROM HOLLAND
THE INCOMPARABLE
RICHARD ROSS



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
14.15 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

PRESENTATION BY THE PRESIDENT

of the

British Ring Shield

and Other Trophies

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
14.30 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

EDDIE DAWES

presents

“PLEASURES OF YESTERYEAR”

ALI BONGO JOSEPHINE CHRIS PRATT

ASA COOK AND MARIE

JON GRESHAM JEFFERY ATKINS

DAVID BUDD AND RITA

JON MARSHALL with ADRIAN HEDGES

ROGER JOHN AND CYNTHIA

TIA WEI SOU AND TIEN

PAUL DANIELS

Music by

KEITH HURFORD and BERNARD McGOVERN

Stage Managed by

Barry Miller Ron Langhorn Peter Laing Neil Roberts

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
19.00 hours for 19.30

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

CONVENTION BANQUET

MENU

Cream of Mushroom Soup

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Sole Duglere

* * *

Roast Leg of Lamb

Mint Sauce

Chef's Selection of
Vegetables & Potatoes

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Rum Baba

* * *

Coffee

Mints

TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

Proposed by the President

ROVI

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

Proposed by

MR. C.R. BAILEY

Response by

HER WORSHIP THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

Councillor Mrs. J. JESSOP

THE BRITISH RING

Proposed by

MR. WILLIAM E. SPOONER

International President I.B.M.

Response by

The President

ROVI

who will also propose the toast to
THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Response by

LIZ SHELLEY

Toastmaster: PAUL DUCAINE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
20.00 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

For those Conventioneers not attending the Banquet

A CINEMA PERFORMANCE

will be presented

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th
22.30 hours

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

THE
AFTER BANQUET
SHOW

WITH

ROGER CROSTHWAITE
JEREMY DANE
MIKE GANCIA
THE TWO LERYS
JILL MAXWELL
VERCOE & COMPANY

COMPERE - GEOFFREY ROBINSON

At the Organ: KEITH HURFORD

On the Drums: BERNARD McGOVERN

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th
10.30 hours

THE ARTS THEATRE
LORD STREET



DENNIS PATTEN

CHILDREN'S
SHOWTIME

arranged
and
presented
by

JACK MAYES



HOPONN & POPOFF

YOUR COMPERE - DENNIS PATTEN

will introduce

CONNY RAY MARTIN SCOTT PRICE
ROBIN CARR & CAROLINE AL GLENNAN
HOPONN & POPOFF

THE I.B.M. CLOWNS



MARTIN SCOTT PRICE

STAGE MANAGER - JOHN PALFREYMAN

ALL SEATS £1.00 FROM THE BOX OFFICE OR
JACK MAYES ON THE BRITISH RING STAND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th
11.00 hours

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

STAR LECTURE

PETER SCARLETT

will introduce

AL COHEN

Magic Dealer, Comedian and Magician

Bringing you

MAGIC OF THE AMERICAS



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th
14.00 hours

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

CLOSE-UP[®] COMPETITION

for the

ZINA BENNETT TROPHY

arranged by

MIKE GANCIA

Chairman of the Judges: TONY SHELLEY

Time Keeper: DOUG JONES

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

BRITISH RING NO. 25

PRESENTS

WORLD OF MAGIC



**SOUTHPORT THEATRE
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 1985**

17.30 & 20.30



JEFFERY ATKINS
Joint Organiser and
Convention Secretary



Stage Director
BARRY MILLER

Stage Manager RON LANGHORN

Assistant Stage Managers: PETER LAING, NEIL ROBERTS



Richard Kyall & Joanna



Barbara



The Great Soprendo



The Two Lerys

OVERTURE

KEITH HURFORD at the Organ

BERNARD McGOVERN at the Drums

Introducing Our Master of Ceremonies

ALI BONGO

Winners of the British Ring Shield

**RICHARD KYALL
& JOANNA**

International Illusionists

From France

BARBARA

Parisian Charm

T.V. Entertainer

THE GREAT SOPRENDO

From Sweden

THE TWO LERYS

With

An Outstanding Novelty Act

INTERMISSION

The taking of Photographs and Video

The program



A
Com

A M M E

KEITH HURFORD & BERNARD McGOVERN

BRUNO RODRIGUES

Spanish Sorcery

The Popular French
Entertainers

JOËL ET JILL

Original Magic
Comedy

Winner of the Grand Prix of Magic

RICHARD ROSS

From Holland

England's New Young Magic Star

WAYNE DOBSON



Bruno Rodrigues



Joël et Jill



Richard Ross



Wayne Dobson



NGO
& Joint
iser

ng the performance is Strictly Forbidden.

bject to alteration

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th
14.00 hours

FLORAL HALL
LOUNGE BAR

MORE HISTORY OF MYSTERY
THE MAGIC COLLECTORS' SEMINAR

ORGANISED and CHAIRED by
EDDIE DAWES

FRANK KOVAL

Robert Heller: Music and Mystery

ROBERT PARRISH

Some Characters in Magic

JON GRESHAM

Coin-Operated Conjuring

The Eddie Dexter Welfare Stand

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GIFTS — NOVELTIES — RAFFLES — COMPETITIONS — ETC.

Please support your Welfare Stand

Why not buy your "take home presents" here?

Cynthia Neptune and her helpers look forward to meeting all Conventioneers at the stand and thank everyone for their support.

DON'T MISS THE AUCTION OF UNSOLD GOODS AND PRE-USED MAGICAL APPARATUS, BOOKS AND MEMORABILIA.

At approximately mid-day on Saturday.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th
23.30 hours

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

INTERNATIONAL

CLOSE - UP

MAGIC

Presented by:

MIKE GANCIA

WITH

AL COHEN (U.S.A.)

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PAUL STONE (G.B.)

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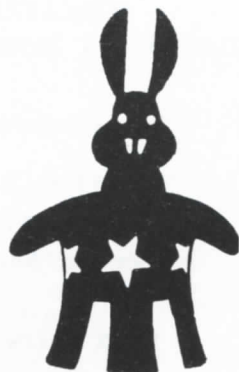
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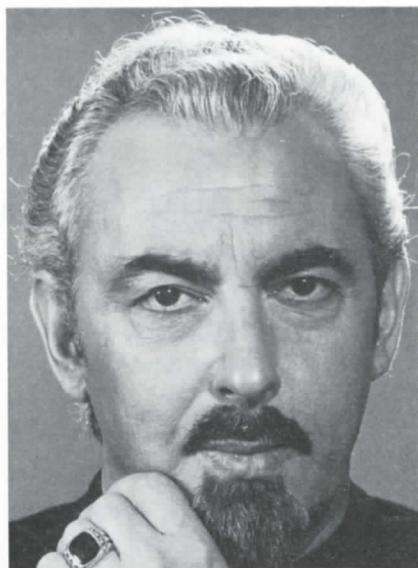
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