



SOUTHPORT '97



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD of MAGICIANS BRITISH RING 25

61st ANNUAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 16th - 21st 1997

The British Ring

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BRITISH RING No. 25

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As President I welcome you all to our 1997 Convention with a very special welcome to our Overseas visitors and those attending their first Convention.

A wonderful and varied programme of magical events has been arranged for you, a programme which I am sure will make it a memorable week for us all.

Spare a thought for those who are absent through illness. We will miss them and hope that they are restored to good health quickly.

The fraternal spirit that exists between magicians is one envied by so many other associations and societies. Let us resolve never to lose it. It's too valuable.

I look forward to meeting you all some time during the week. Above all enjoy yourselves here in Southport and enlarge the circle of your magical acquaintanceships.

Bob Hayden
President British Ring No. 25
International Brotherhood of Magicians



THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Magicians of the British Ring, their significant others, their families and friends.

I'm truly honoured to return to England and to enjoy the festivities here in Southport.

I am also excited to discuss with you the strides that our organization is making toward the future - a focus on Membership, benefits and pleasures of a truly INTERNATIONAL organization.

Please say Hello at the Convention, and let's enjoy a chat about the Greatest Magical Organization - World-wide! I.B.M.

On behalf of the Board, Officers and Members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, I extend, to the British Ring, our warmest regards and best wishes for a successful convention.

In the International Spirit of Friendship

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Al Dickson".

International President
International Brotherhood of Magicians

**MESSAGE FROM THE
WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF
SEFTON
(Councillor Jim Hayes)**



It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all delegates of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, on the occasion of their 61st Annual Convention in Southport, on 16th to 21st September 1997 and may I wish it every success.

It is an honour for both Sefton and Southport to be selected as a venue for your Conference and I do hope you have the opportunity of taking in many of the attractions we have to offer and perhaps visiting the many splendid shops along the Lord Street Boulevard.

I feel sure you will enjoy your visit to Southport and I hope that you will come back and visit us very soon.

CLLR. Jim Hayes

Mayor of Sefton

Tuesday September 16th
20.00 hours onwards

Floral Hall

Collect your registrations
and then proceed to
The Dealers' Exhibition
to view the latest and best in Magic

Bars will be open and you will have the chance to meet and chat
with old friends

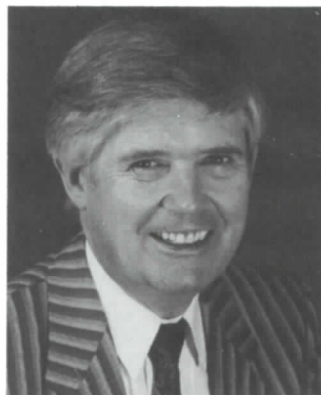
N.B. No admission unless wearing a badge

Wednesday September 17th
10.00 hours

Southport Theatre

**MAGIC OF
THE DEALERS**

Tony Shelley will introduce
the Magic Dealers who
will demonstrate their
LATEST ITEMS
after which you may enter the
Dealers' Hall to view the
GIGANTIC DISPLAY
of Magic



At the keyboard DAVE CASS

Tony Shelley is assisted by John Palfreyman

DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

arranged by Tony Shelley

Held in the Floral Hall

Tuesday	20.00 - 22.30
Wednesday	9.30 - 17.30
Thursday	9.30 - 17.30
Friday	10.30 - 17.00
Saturday	9.30 - 17.30

The following Magical Dealers will be represented:

All Decked Out	MJR Balloons
Banshee Magic	Opus Magazine
Bob Little	Patrick Page
Bob McAllister	Paul Howard Pro Magic
British Ring Sales	Peki
The Card Collection	Pennywise Magic
Castle Magic Services	Peter Kersten
Cliff Lount Magic	Peter Lamont
Dan Dearing Deceptions	Phil Temple/Gary R.Frank
Dante	Phoenix Magic
Darius	Playtime Balloons
Dave Jones/Conjuror	Practical Magic
Goodliffe Publications	Presto Magic
Hamilton Kaye & Co	Quadro & Lazar
Hank Moorehouse	Quality Props
International Magic	R.A.R. Magic
Jack Miller Enterprises	Ron Gilbert
Kaymar Magic	Shaun Yee
Keith Bennett	Sound Ideas
Kovari Magic	Stephen Tucker
Krazy Rabbit	Swadling Magic
Magic Books by Post	Terry & Norma
Magic Supreme	Tom Owen
Magical Wonders	Tony Curtis Magic
Magitrix	Trik-A-Tape
Marco Duca	Wallis's Wonders
Mark Leveridge Magic	Who's Who in Magic
Mel's Magic Co	Yuji Yamamoto
Miss Terry	

The organizers would like to thank all the Dealers for appearing at this British Ring Convention.

It is hoped that conventioners will support the Dealers in their efforts.

* * THE CRAIG TROPHY * *

This will be awarded to the Dealer presenting the most attractive display at the exhibition.

The displays will be judged on Thursday morning

ENTRANCE BY CONVENTION BADGE ONLY

Wednesday September 17th
14.30 hours

Southport Theatre

OFFICIAL OPENING

of the

1997 Convention

by

The President

Bob Hayden, Esq.

in the presence of His Worshipful

THE MAYOR OF SEFTON

Councillor Jim Hayes

followed by

“SOUTHPORT SORCERY”

Peter Scarlett

WILL INTRODUCE



Terry Herbert

**KEELAN LEYZER
LITTLE LUKE
VAN BUREN Jnr & KIM
MARCO DUCA
TERRY HERBERT**



Van Buren Jnr
& Kim

At the organ - DAVE CASS

WELCOME
to our
OVERSEAS VISITORS

Who are requested to meet
Mr John Palfreyman
in the entrance to the **Southport Theatre**
at 18.30 hours
on Wednesday September 17th
prior to the Magic Variety Show

OVERSEAS VISITORS

are also invited to a

RECEPTION

kindly given by His Worshipful

The MAYOR of SEFTON

Councillor Jim Hayes

at

THE TOWN HALL

on Saturday September 20th at 11.00 hours

John Palfreyman will meet you at the Floral Hall at 10.30 hours

*IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND PLEASE APPLY FOR A TICKET AT THE
REGISTRATION DESK*

Transport will be arranged

Wednesday September 17th
18.50 hours

Southport Theatre

A GALA OF MAGIC

by kind invitation of

The Mayor & Mayoress of Sefton

Councillor & Mrs Jim Hayes

who together with the **President of the British Ring**

and the **International President of the I.B.M.**

will receive the

OVERSEAS VISITORS

The Flag bearers: Pupils of THE PAMELA BEARDSLEY School of Dancing

Please note you are requested to be in your seats by 18.50 hours

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Following the reception the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton invites you to enjoy:-

The Magic Doctor Promotions

present

“IT’S MORE THAN MAGIC”

A Variety show from Berlin

featuring the special Magic of

Peter Kersten

with

The Diamond Dancers,

Angelique & Kavalier

Carmen & Claudia

Special Guest: Carola Pander



TOMBOLA STAND

MEL NEWSOME, his lady JILL, and HELPERS look forward to meeting you all at the Tombola Stand, please come along and give your support. All the proceeds are for the Benevolent & Welfare Funds.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members who have given gifts and help in any way.

Yours sincerely **Mel, Jill, and Helpers**

Thursday September 18th
9.45 hours

Southport Theatre

*** STAR LECTURE ***

Peter Scarlett
will introduce

TORKOVA
(USA)

'The Magic of New York'



FROM THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

My sincere thanks to all who have kept me informed of casualties during the year.

Sadly we have lost some of our Welfare Officers, and so to keep up the standard of coverage, I would be very happy to enrol more volunteers from various parts of the British Isles.

Just let me have your name and address, and when the need arises perhaps you will be able to help someone, and you need not be out of pocket.



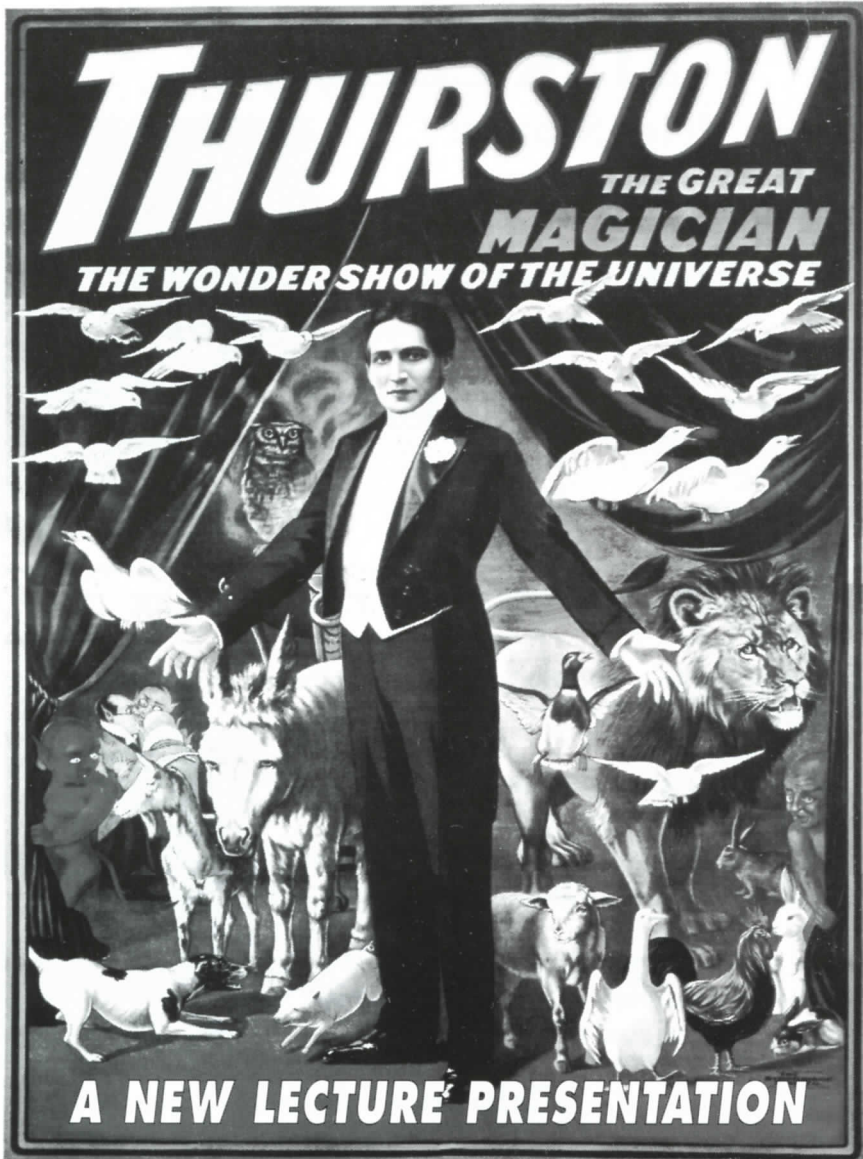
Best wishes to all for a super Convention. Some come in spite of health problems, and we admire their spirit. To those who cannot be with us, ----- we remember the old days.

Ted Whebell, Chief Welfare Officer, British Ring No 25

Thursday September 18th
11.00 hours

Southport Theatre

PHIL TEMPLE recalls



TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO PHIL TEMPLE: GARY FRANK

introduced by
Jeffery Atkins

Thursday September 18th
12.15 hours

Southport Theatre

*** STAR LECTURE ***

Tom Owen
will introduce

'The Magic of Japan'

**The Ideas of
YUJI YAMAMOTO**



Thursday September 18th
14.00 hours

Scarisbrick Hotel

The President and Members of the British Ring invite the ladies to take tea and enjoy this afternoon's special event.

The Ladies Committee are pleased to announce

“THROUGH THE EYE OF MY NEEDLE”

A light hearted professional presentation of tapestry, embroidery, and cross-stitch by
SUSAN BARRY

Followed by afternoon tea and a raffle

Thursday September 18th
14.15 hours

Lakeside
Promenade
& Garden Suites

CLOSE-UP
COMPETITION
for the
ZINA BENNETT TROPHY
arranged by
MIKE GANCIA

COMPETITORS AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS

Mike Smith Cleveland

Clive Moore Derby

Patrick Murphy Dindalk, Co Louth

David Faulkes Swadlincote

Robart Lancaster

Eddy Smit Holland

Mehran Bashi Derby

Herman Koster Holland

Trevor Stone Selby

*Chairman of the Judges: **Tony Shelley***
*Judges: **Alistair Cook, David Penn, Steve Bedwell,***
Steve Walker, Ms Lisa Chu.

HOSPITAL AND SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS

Organized by
Derek McFaull



Tuesday Sept 16th, 3.00 - 4.00pm
(approx)

Lions Club (Senior Citizens)
United Reformed Church Hall
Lord Street Map Ref. E7
Comper: Mike O'Brien
Margaret McLean
Maurice Page
David Haggerty
Brian Nye
John Pye
Stage Manager: Duncan McLean
Reporter: Diane O'Brien

Thursday Sept 18th, 2.30 - 4.00pm

B.E.N. Alexandra House (Senior Citizens) 2/4 Lord Street
Residential Nursing Home
Map Ref: E7
Comper: James Cuthbert
Ina Cuthbert
James Cuthbert
Stephan Stamm
Michael Austin
Reporter: Ina Cuthbert

Thursday Sept 18th, 1.15 - 2.30pm

Day Resource Centre (Adult handicapped)
Mormington Road Map Ref D7
Comper: Peter Greenwood
Chantelle
Maurice Page
Ian Wesley
Peter Greenwood
Reporter: Ian Wesley

Thursday Sept 18th, 3.30 - 4.45pm

Winged Fellowship Holiday Centre (Disabled & Carers)
"Sandpipers", 82 Leyland Road
Map Ref E6
Comper: Freddie Firth
Clyde Clayton
Mike Alford, Roger Daniels
Vincent Shackleton
Reporter: Freddie Firth

Thursday Sept 18th, 2.00 - 3.00pm

Peterhouse School (5-19yrs Learning difficulties)
Preston New Lane Map Ref C2/3
Comper: Wally Boyce
Wally Boyce
Doreen Travis
Arthur Settrington
Derek Travis (Vent)
Reporter: Doreen Travis

Thursday Sept 18th, 1.45 - 2.30pm

Presfield School (5-16yrs Learning difficulties)
Preston New Road Map Ref C2/3
Comper: David Poppy
Taffy the Clown
David Poppy
Keno & Pamela
Tony Wormald
Reporter: David Poppy

Thursday Sept 18th, 1.30 - 2.30pm

Birkdale School (Hearing impaired)
40 Lancaster Road Map Ref E10
Comper: Aiden Heritage
Truffles the Clown
Ali Cadabra
Aiden Heritage
Roy Grout (Punch & Judy)
Reporter: Aiden Heritage

Thursday Sept 18th, 2.00 - 3.00pm

Merefield School (Learning difficulties)
Westminster Drive Map Ref E14
Comper: Brian Stringer
Brian Nye
Barry Black
Dennis Wright
Brian Stringer (Vent)
Reporter: Brian Stringer

Thursday Sept 18th, 2.15 - 3.30pm

"Age Concern" (Senior Citizens)
St Mark's Methodist Church Hall
Corner Church Street/Derby Road
Map Ref D7
Comper: Mike Habbershaw
Mary Poppins
Bill Shewan
Stan Cruise
Esther Richards (Pianist)
Reporter: Mike Habbershaw

Thursday Sept 18th, 2.30 - 3.30pm

Southport & Formby District General

Hospital (Close-up at bedside)
Town Lane Map Ref B8
Host: Philip Southwood
Terri Jones
Roger Hindson
Simon Hannah
Jim McLean
Alan Mac
Reporter: Philip Southwood

Thursday Sept 18th, 2.00 - 3.00pm

Queen's Court Hospice
Town Lane Map Ref B8
Comper: John Pye
John Fox
Margaret McLean
David Haggerty
Reporter: Duncan McLean

The I.B.M. Clowns under the direction of Reg (Streaky) Allen will make their usual visits to some of the venues during the afternoon.

Driver for the Clowns: Alan Dilgert



*** THE EDDIE DEXTER WELFARE STAND ***

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GIFTS • NOVELTIES • RAFFLES • COMPETITIONS

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 12.15 hours on Saturday in the foyer of the
Southport Theatre

Thursday September 18th
19.30 hours

The Competition for the

Southport Theatre

BRITISH RING SHIELD

Running Order & Sponsors

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| 1. John Holmes Barrow-in-Furness
R.A.Bond, J.B.Heath | 7. Viva Nuneaton
Stuart Loughland, Jayne Loughland |
| 2. Action III Morecambe
Roger Heath, Norman R.Little | 8. Paul Ray Shrewsbury
B.C.Francis, Geoff Ray |
| 3. Michele Woodley
Keith Churcher, Terry Seabrooke | 9. Claisama St Mellons
Viv Davies, Ian James |
| 4. Jon Archer Hartburn
Mike Smith, Herbert Wilkinson | 10. J.J.Max Swadlincote
Ron Betteridge, Gordon Collin |
| 5. Mystique Beckenham
Dennis Patten, Harry Reeve | 11. Peter McCahon Croydon
John Southgate, Steve Legg |
| 6. Myse Glasgow
T.Owen, J.Olive Fletcher | |

THERE WILL BE A 30 MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN ACTS 6 AND 7

AWARDS

THE BRITISH RING SHIELD + £200.00 for the most entertaining act, THE THEO SPEAKER CUP + £100.00 for the runner up, THE ALASTAIR WAND + £50.00 for the third place, THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY for the greatest originality in effect, method or presentation, THE CRAIG TROPHY for the performance by a lady magician who, in the opinion of the judges, is worthy of the award, THE DITTIA SHIELD for Manipulation, and THE TOM HARRIS CUP for comedy

Competition Organiser: John Palfreyman
Assistant Competition Organiser: Colin Peters
Stage Director: Neil Roberts
Stage Staff: George Colvan, Tim Clothier



John Palfreyman

On the Keyboard: Dave Cass
Timekeeper: Tony Brooks
Assistant Timekeeper: Les Brooks
Chairman of Judges: Eddie Dawes

Judges: Juliana Chen,
Peter Borsch, Paddy Kane

Phil Temple,
Philip King, Brian Sefton

POLICY ON PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO, AND AUDIO TAPING

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

There are official still and video photographers. They shall be the only persons with authorization to photograph performances, lectures or demonstrations at any venue and then only with the permission of the artiste and the Committee.

VIDEO CAMERAS

There will be **no** video taping of **any** performances in **any** of the official venues, lecture rooms or theatres, other than by the above mentioned official video photographer. It is recommended that attendees leave their video cameras in their rooms as they will **not** be allowed into the theatres.

Video taping of interviews and impromptu performances or demonstrations which take place in hotel or public places and which is not disruptive to the convention programme is quite in order.

OTHER CAMERAS

No flash pictures of lectures, demonstrations or magical performances may be taken at any time in any of the official venues, theatres, or lecture rooms, other than by the above mentioned official photographer.

Still pictures may be taken using existing light, provided that flash is not used and that such picture taking is not an annoyance to other spectators.

AUDIO TAPING

Audio taping is allowed only with the permission of the performer.

NEWS MEDIA

News media personnel must be authorised by the PRO and escorted by an official.

Friday September 19th
09.15 hours

Southport Theatre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and
Election of Officers for 1997/98

Members only admitted

Printed Agenda and Copies of Accounts will be available

**THE BALLOT BOX WILL BE AT THE REGISTRATION
DESK UNTIL 15.00 hours ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18th**

Friday September 19th
Following A.G.M.

Southport Theatre

*** STAR LECTURE ***

Richard Stupple
will introduce

PETER KERSTEN

“Magic for Minors”



Friday September 19th
12.00 hours

Lakeside
& Promenade Suites

INTERNATIONAL CLOSE-UP

Featuring

Torkova • New York
Bob McAllister • USA
Marco Duca • Italy
Little Luke • Billericay
Allan Carmichael • Australia
Steve Walker • Australia

Organised by MIKE GANCIA

Friday September 19th
14.15 hours

Southport Theatre

EDDIE DAWES

presents

CELEBRATORY MAGIC

A CELEBRATION OF SOME MAGICAL ANNIVERSARIES

featuring

BERNARD JUBY

JON MARSHALL & TIM COCKERILL

MIKE O'BRIEN

CHRIS PRATT

MARK RAFFLES

GEOFF RAY and PAT

ALFONSO RIOS

THE TEMPESTS

Supported at the Keyboard by

DAVE CASS

Stage Direction by

NEIL ROBERTS

*I certify that those members who
volunteered to act as Stewards,
forfeiting some of their own
enjoyment, should be granted the
sincere thanks of all the members.*

Don Beattie
Chief Steward



Friday September 19th
16.15 hours

Southport Theatre

*** STAR LECTURE ***

Derek Lever

will introduce

PEKI

“Hints & Tips”



Friday September 19th
18.00 hours for 18.30 hours

Scarisbrick Hotel

CONVENTION BANQUET

MENU

Chef's selection of Hors d'Oeuvres

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**Supreme of Chicken
wrapped in bacon
and served with a
Cumberland sauce**

**A selection of fresh market
vegetables and potatoes**

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**Choux pastry swans filled with an
abundance of fresh fruit and cream**

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**Cheese platter with celery and
grapes**

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**Freshly ground coffee with cream
and dinner mints**

*Dinner Jacket or
Dark Lounge Suit*

TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

Proposed by the President

Mr Bob Hayden

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THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

Proposed by

Mr Terry Herbert

Response by

His Worship The Mayor of the
Metropolitan Borough of Sefton
Councillor James A. Hayes

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THE BRITISH RING

Proposed by

Mr Ab Dickson

International President I.B.M.

Response by

The President

Mr Bob Hayden

who will also propose the toast to

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Response by

Mrs Carol Pye

Toastmaster:

Mr John Pye

Friday September 19th
21.45 hours approximately

Southport Theatre

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



by

THE PRESIDENT
Bob Hayden Esq



followed by

THE LATE LATE GALA



Christian

Ian Keable
will introduce

CHRISTIAN

STEVE WALKER



**Carl Dean
& Claudine**

DOMENICO DANTE

BOB McALLISTER

CARL DEAN & CLAUDINE

"THE DEANS OF MAGIC"

DAVE CASS at the Keyboard

Saturday September 20th
9.45 hours

Southport Theatre

*** STAR LECTURE ***

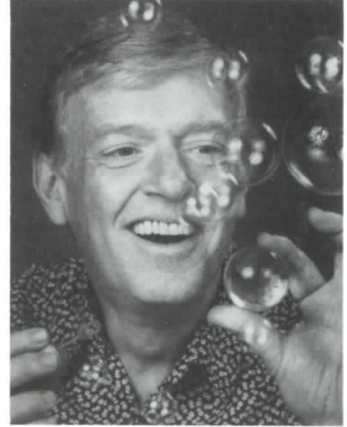
Peter Scarlett

will introduce

**BOB
McALLISTER**

(USA)

Magic to Entertain



Saturday September 20th
11.00 hours

The Town Hall

Reception by

His Worship The Mayor of Sefton

for Overseas Visitors

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

Please assemble in the Floral Hall Foyer at 10.30 hours
when **John Palfreyman** will escort you.

Saturday September 20th
10.30 hours

Southport's Little Theatre
Houghton Street

* CHILDREN'S SHOWTIME *

Produced by **Leslie Melville** and presented by **Percy Piecrust**

TONY RIX

1996 U.K. Children's Entertainer of the
Year

'UNCLE'

PETER GREENWOOD

MAGICAL

MOIRA COLVAN

MICHAEL J. DECKER

(World Clown Association Master
Balloon Competition Gold Medal
Winner)

'PENNY ARCADIA'

(Pat Gresham) - Musical Box Miscellany

PETER GREENWOOD & COMPANY

'Birth of a Butterfly'

plus

THE I.B.M. CLOWNS



Percy Piecrust



Tony Rix



Peter Greenwood



Moira Colvan



Michael J. Decker



Penny Arcadia

Stage Management by **RENA FINDLAY & GEORGE COLVAN**

All seats £2.00 ... Tickets available on the day from the Theatre Box Office

**DON'T MISS
LATE NIGHT
SPECIALS**

**at the Scarisbrick
which will include**

**Philippe Fiahlo's
unseen Videotapes of**

FRED KAPS

plus

**AUSSIE TV
BLOOMERS**

**presented by
Steve Walker**

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS
BRITISH RING No. 25

Presents

* **INTERNATIONAL MAGIC** *

SOUTHPORT THEATRE

Saturday September 20th 1997
18.00 hours and 21.00 hours

The programme arranged
and presented by



Jeffery Atkins

Stage Director
(for British Ring) I.B.M.



Neil Roberts

Programme Consultant: **Ali Bongo**

Staging Assistants: George Colvan, & Tim Clothier

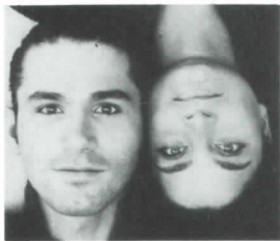
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Yuji Yamamoto



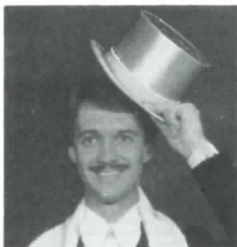
Torkova



Marc et Chantal



Ward Allen



"Peki"

OVERTURE

DAVE CASS at the Keyboard

Introducing our Master of Ceremonies

JACK DELVIN



YUJI YAMAMOTO

Magic of Japan
(Japan)



TORKOVA

The Coin Star
(USA)



MARC ET CHANTAL

Fascinating Magic
(Germany)



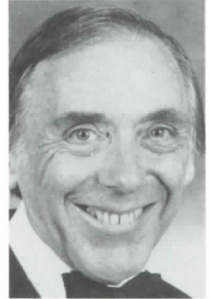
WARD ALLEN

and Roger the Dog



"PEKI"

And his spectacular Garden of Flowers
(Germany)



Jack Delvin

PROGRAMME

INTERMISSION

OVERTURE

DAVE CASS at the Keyboard

Our Master of Ceremonies returns

JACK DELVIN



ROUSSEAU

Award Winning Magician
(UK)



CUBE-TRIU

School of Magic
(Russia)



JULIANA CHEN

World Prize Winner
(China)



AQUARIUS

Britain's Magical Champions
(UK)



Rousseau



Cube-Triu



Juliana Chen



Aquarius



Dave Cass

The Programme is subject to alteration The taking of photographs and videos during the performance is strictly forbidden

Sunday September 21st
10.30 hours

Scarisbrick Hotel

CONVENTION SERVICE

Conducted by

THE REVEREND MICHAEL AUSTIN

Official Chaplain to The British Ring

The Service will be undenominational
Silver collection for The Welfare Fund

Sunday September 21st
11.30 hours

Scarisbrick Hotel

INSTALLATION

of our

NEW PRESIDENT

DEREK LEVER

Followed by a Cocktail Party after which
The President
will close the Convention

Arranged by Ted and Rene Whebell

APPRECIATION

The President, Officers and Organisers express their gratitude
to all who have supported our 61st Convention including:

THE MAYOR & MAYORESS OF SEFTON

Councillor and Mrs Jim Hayes

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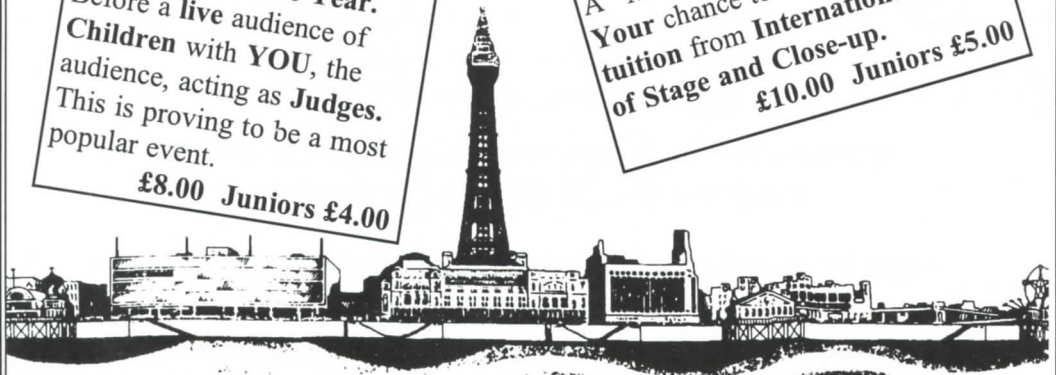
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