

The International  
Brotherhood of Magicians  
British Ring No 25



83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
EASTBOURNE 5 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2019



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PROGRAMME | **£10**





## THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

**W**hether newcomers or regular attenders, Sheila and I extend a warm welcome to you as we return to the delights of Eastbourne for our 83rd British Ring Convention, with a brand new Conference Centre and refurbished Devonshire Park Theatre.

The I.B.M. emblem says it all – Mercury the magical messenger carrying his ancient wand, or thyrsus, set against a globe of the world and accompanied by the clasped hands of friendship and the oak leaf with acorns, denoting

strength and growth.

Indeed, our membership continues to grow, and if you or your friends are not yet 'one of us' do consider coming on board. Benefits include the monthly Key Ring magazine, a President's dinner, a summer 'picnic' and special registration rates for this annual convention.

Do come and say hello!

*Brian Lead*



## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

**A**S International President it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 83rd Annual British Ring Magic Convention. Your convention organisers have been working around the clock to bring you a memorable and exciting week of magic, and I am honoured to be a part of it. Here's to an incredible week ahead!

*Alex Zander*

International President 2018-2019  
International Brotherhood of Magicians

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## Special Venue Shows

We are delighted we once again went into the community to entertain some of the residents in Eastbourne at Chaseley Trust House and Age Concern. Organised by Alan Maskell, performers included Aidan Heritage, Brian Jeffrey, Brian Lead, Roy Gilbert and Michael Symes.

### POLICY ON ALL TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHY

You are welcome to take photographs in the open areas and post them on social media, but please ask the subject's permission first. The British Ring has official still and video photographers. They are the only persons with authorisation to photograph performances, lectures or demonstrations at any venue and then only with the permission of the artiste and the British Ring Council.

### MOBILE PHONES

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched off or switched to silent during any programmed event. Mobile phones may not be used for any method of photography or recording.

### STEWARDSING/DELEGATE SAFETY

We would respectfully ask that all delegates comply with reasonable requests by both our own volunteer stewards and the venue staff. All requests are made with safety in mind and we are obliged to comply with all Health and Safety issues. Therefore if asked to clear any areas, please do so immediately when requested. We need to ensure areas are cleared before we can progress onto the next event and therefore your prompt attention when requested would be appreciated.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF EASTBOURNE



Welcome to Eastbourne to you all at the Magic Convention.

We've been working hard behind the scenes and you may notice some exciting changes this year, from our newly refurbished Congress Theatre which reopened in March, to our stylish new Welcome Building and outdoor entertainment piazza.

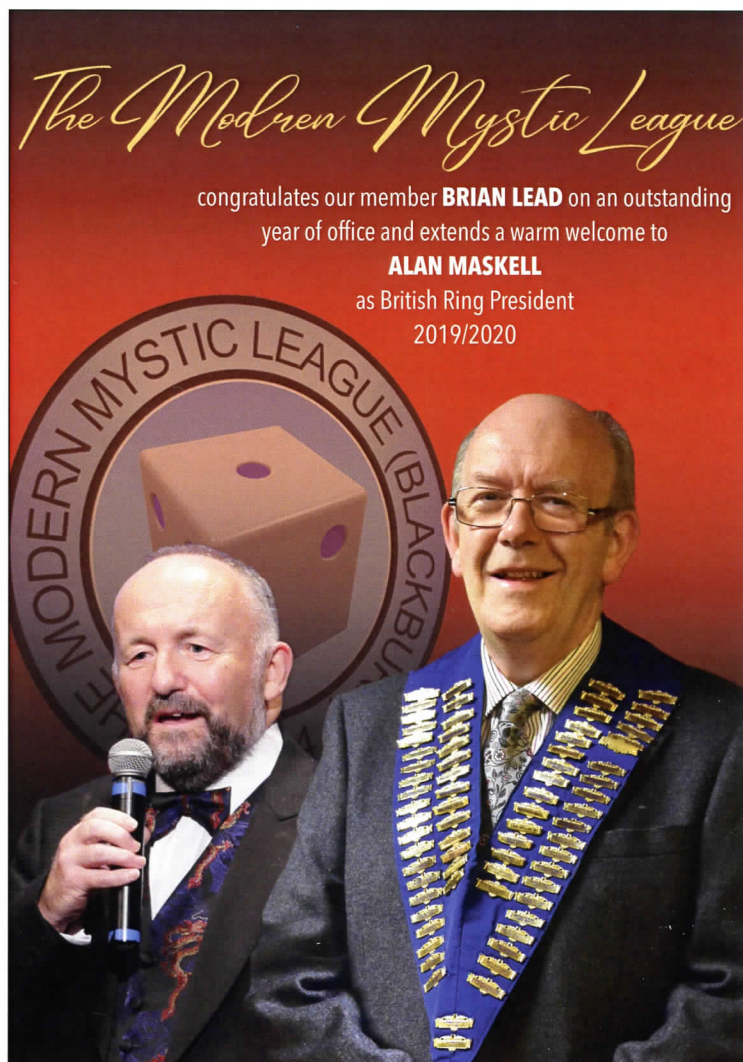
Just a short walk into town and you'll also find our new £80m shopping mall The Beacon is now open with its state of the art multiplex cinema.

Even the Towner Art Gallery has taken on a bright new façade following their latest outdoor art installation, celebrating 10 years in their new home. If you have a moment, do pop in and visit their free exhibition TEN, displaying many highlights from the last decade.

After a few years absence I wish you a thoroughly enjoyable stay here in Eastbourne.

*Councillor Steve Wallis*

Mayor of Eastbourne



*The Modern Mystic League*

congratulates our member **BRIAN LEAD** on an outstanding year of office and extends a warm welcome to

**ALAN MASKELL**

as British Ring President  
2019/2020

## FRINGE SHOWS

We are really pleased that we have some shows which have come directly from the Edinburgh Fringe to be part of the convention this year. Over the last couple of years we have tried these types of shows which have been met with approval from most of our delegates. We hope you enjoy the selection that will entertain you over the four days.

## DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

**Thursday** 12.30 pm – 5.30 pm

**Friday** 10.15 am – 5.00 pm

**Saturday** 9.15 am – 5.30 pm

**Sunday** 10 am – 4 pm

### ENTRANCE BY BADGE ONLY

The organisers would like to thank all the dealers for participating. It is hoped that conventioners will support the dealers in their efforts.

The Craig Trophy will be awarded to the dealer presenting the most attractive display.

### The following magical dealers will be represented

- Dark Arts Leathercraft
- Paul Gordon
- The Magic Circle
- Brian Berry
- Mel Harvey
- Magic Zone Enterprises
- Graham Lee
- DTRICK: The Magic of Wayne Dobson
- British Ring Welfare Stand
- Dave Shaw Quality Props



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# ARTISTS APPEARING

## AMETHYST

Amethyst are international illusionists Danny Hunt and Stephanie Clarke. Highly acclaimed as one of the UK's top magic and illusion acts, Amethyst have established themselves as world-class performers. With their fresh and dynamic approach, they lead the way in cruise ship, corporate and private events. Their unique and versatile shows have attracted world-wide acclaim and taken them around the globe, dazzling audiences in many countries. Presenting Side Show Stunts on the Wednesday afternoon before the official start to our convention, we hope delegates see their performance in the Beacon Shopping Centre.

## JAMIE BALFOUR-PAUL

Jamie Balfour-Paul (stage name Jamie Jibberish) has performed magic since he was a boy but for most of his 30 year career has also been an aid worker in various countries. The two passions came together in early 2016 when Jamie set up the charity Magic For Smiles. The objective is to provide trauma relief and psychological support to deprived, mostly refugee, kids through interactive magic shows (and some tuition), and it operates in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon with largely Syrian kids. The charity relies mostly on very welcome donations. [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/magicforsmiles](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/magicforsmiles)

## BIPPO

Deciding that he wanted to be a clown at the age of three, Bippo joined the circus as a young teenager, taking his parents with him! He has toured with Garry Cottle's and Zippo's Circuses, worked with Charlie Cairolli and Norman Barrett, appeared on television, in pantomime, and at St James Palace before Prince Charles. Bippo works regularly as a circus skills trainer and teaches young performers juggling and comedy skills.

## ADAM BLACK

Current Magic Circle Young Magician of the Year, Adam has had a passion for magic since around the age of 10. Adam has also won other awards including the Edinburgh MagicFest Under 18s competition in 2012 (aged just 11!), the IBM British Ring Theo Speaker Cup in the 2017 Stage Competition and this year's SAMS Scottish Stage Magician of the Year. A keen puzzle enthusiast, Adam has combined his love of the Rubik's Cube with his magic - when Rubik's needed a magician to entertain their guests at a London event, they turned to Adam. They were so impressed with him that they then asked him to represent them hosting a Rubik's workshop at a charity event. Hailing from Dunblane in Scotland, Adam was bitten by the magic bug after attending a magic-themed event at Stirling Castle. Since then, he has performed at events across the country, including Edinburgh Castle's first major evening event, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Scottish Television's "Live at 5" show and many of the Edinburgh Magic Festival's shows since winning that competition back in 2012.

## FLORIAN BROOKS

After graduating from Ecole Superiore des Arts de Cirque in Brussels, Florian has developed his acts in some of London's most prestigious hotels and venues, leading to an elegant and nonchalant performance. With his love for what he has nominated as "useless skills", he brings a collection of surprising and intimate moments for you to enjoy.

## RICHARD CADELL & SOOTY

Richard has presented The Sooty Show on stage and television for 20 years. He is also an entertainment entrepreneur, comedy screenwriter and award winning illusionist. Over the last 10 years, in addition to TV, Richard has presented The Sooty Show Live at over 500 venues across 8 different nationwide tours. Richard is currently touring 'Sooty's Magic Show' across the UK. This Christmas Richard will be joining an all-star cast in a lavish production of Cinderella at Nottingham's Theatre Royal. In addition to playing "Buttons" he will also present his spectacular illusion act.

Richard is the former 2018 President of the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

## TOM CROSBIE

Entertainer. Speaker. Pedant. Tom Crosbie is not a comedian, but he will leave you laughing, he's not a magician, but he will leave you scratching your head, he's not a juggler, but he will leave you with your jaw on the floor.

## ROY DAVENPORT

Roy is a fourth generation magician, and Member of the Inner Magic Circle. His many awards include World Junior Magic Champion in 1988 and in the senior category, British Magical Champion when only fifteen years old.

Further afield, he has won competitions in Denmark, Italy, Austria and was a prize winner in Manipulation at the World Magic Championships (FISM) in Dresden in 1997, the first British success for 36 years. Roy trained at Mountview Theatre School, London, on the Musical Theatre and Acting course, and his experience includes summer seasons and cruise work on ships such as QE2. Contracts have taken Roy to theatres all over the world from the Cirque Magique D'Alsace in Strasbourg to It's Magic in Los Angeles, USA, the Hansa Theatre, Hamburg, Germany, and the Magic Castle, Hollywood. When Roy is not in theatre he is busy with private and corporate functions, performing close-up magic for companies such as British Airways, British Telecom, Credit Suisse, First Boston and Morgan Stanley at the Trianon Palace, Versailles.



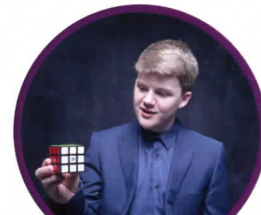
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# ARTISTS APPEARING

## EDDIE DAWES

Eddie, who in his Presidential year of 1972/3, founded and has since organised and chaired what has become known as the History of Mystery session, this year contributes to the programme the story of the meteoric but short career of Willane with his 'Music and Magic.'



EDDIE DAWES

## HARRY DE CRUZ

A magician, comedian and the "Swiss Army knife of skills". Is there anything Harry can't do? Yes, write a competent bio about himself in the third person. Having spent his entire life learning magic, along with every other bizarre skill he could find, Harry De Cruz is now a master of the unnecessary. Blending these stunts with comedy and storytelling, he creates refreshingly unique and unforgettable performances. As well as his own smash-hit shows Harry is also at the forefront of the new generation of creative minds which led to him to be 'Head of Magic' of the Dynamo creative team.



HARRY DE CRUZ

## MISS DEGENERATE

Having just completed a 100 date theatre tour with the Circus of Horrors, this summer she has appeared at many festivals here in the UK (including Download and Glastonbury) and in Germany and Holland. A former high flying trapeze artist, she now performs the funkiest and fastest HULA HOOP act you will ever see.



MISS DEGENERATE

## LADY SARAH & KEITH FIELDS

Keith Fields started his performing life as a street entertainer and his unique comedy style opened doors into the comedy clubs where he got as many laughs as the comedians. This led to headline tours in Europe and Asia, appearances at arts festivals, on TV and performances for the armed forces overseas. He was even asked to perform for the British royal family. Nowadays he works mainly in theatres but his style can still be traced back to his roots. A master of the art of audience participation Keith manages to walk the fine line of being hilariously funny but never embarrassing his volunteers – people who would never normally get on stage simply love becoming the stars of the show, one of hallmarks of his work!



LADY SARAH & KEITH FIELDS

Lady Sarah is the daughter of a playwright who has been performing since she was five years old. She describes herself as 'eccentric but mature' and has an unrequited love for new shoes! Shakespeare said 'all the world's a stage', and for Lady Sarah that is definitely true. She is a real English lady and sounds like she has come straight from an episode of Downton Abbey. If she had time she would make you a nice cup of tea and some crumpets. She frequently has to keep Keith on track when he starts wandering off script, as he often does.

## JAMES FREEDMAN

James is a Member of The Inner Magic Circle and a two-times winner of The Magic Circle Close-Up Magician of the Year Award, but now uses sleight of hand in a different field... as a pickpocket! James has entertained the Royal Family on several occasions and is the only person to have picked the pockets of the Mayor of London, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England! No wonder then that his hands have been insured for £1 million!



JAMES FREEDMAN

In 2015, his one man show 'James Freedman: Man of Steal' transferred to London's West End and City of London Police invited James to become the UK Fraud Prevention Ambassador. He regularly speaks to business audiences on the subjects of crime prevention, social engineering and theft; combining performance skills and expert knowledge to help reduce fraud.

## PAUL GORDON

Paul Gordon is a professional close-up magician and entertainer, best-selling author and popular magic lecturer and an Associate of The Inner Magic Circle. He has lectured and performed at 4Fs, Tannen's Jubilee, Penguin Live, FFAP (France), At The Table Live, The Magic Circle, Monaco All Stars, Blackpool Magic Convention and more. The card magic of Paul Gordon has received rave reviews by many. As a close-up magician and entertainer for weddings, parties, dinners and corporate hospitality, Paul has travelled worldwide with an act that is great fun as well as very magical. In 2018, Paul was awarded The John Nevil Maskelyne Prize for Literature.



PAUL GORDON

## MEL HARVEY

Mel's showbusiness career started as a Red Coat at Butlins. Since then he has appeared on TV, in theatre, in pantomime, and in a host of venues around the world. He presents Punch and Judy shows, his own magic show, works on various cruise lines, enjoys doing Old Time Music Hall and recently has become involved with Ghost Walks. Currently President of Northamptonshire Magicians Club, Mel is bringing a wealth of experience and we look forward to his comedy show following the Stage Competition.



MEL HARVEY

## DAVID HIBBERD

David, the Archivist of The Magic Circle and compiler of the invaluable Chronicle of Magic 1900-1999, has during the last two decades done a wonderful job in organising and cataloguing this tremendous historical resource which has been in existence since 1905.



DAVID HIBBERD



# ARTISTS APPEARING

## EDWARD HILSUM

Edward Hilsum was voted 'Stage Magician of the Year 2018' by The Magic Circle, 'British Champion of Magic' by the International Brotherhood of Magicians and 'International Rising Star of Magic' by the renowned Magicana organisation. His debut one-man show 'Edward Hilsum: Genie' won critical acclaim at the Edinburgh International Fringe Festival and for five years he starred in the record-breaking 'Champions of Magic' spectacular, touring theatres throughout the UK and North America. Aside from performing, Edward is the founder of production company Love Variety. He has co-written and directed a number of productions including the hit West End show 'James Freedman: Man of Steal' and 'Sensation: The Greatest Variety Artists... Live!'.



EDWARD HILSUM

## HOCUS POCUS MAGIC & ILLUSION

From the famous Wookey Hole Cave complex deep in Somerset (the home of Carnivals and Festivals) comes HOCUS POCUS. These female illusionists will show a short segment of their amazing magic and incredible illusions spectacular that is usually only performed in the Wookey Hole Theatre. All originally members of the Gerry Cottle Circus family, the Witches of Wookey Hole will actually CUT a MAN in HALF - not to be seen anywhere else!



HOCUS POCUS MAGIC & ILLUSION

## JOSHUA JAY

Joshua Jay, a performer, lecturer, author, and co owner of Vanishing Inc. He maintains a globetrotting performance schedule, having performed in over 100 countries with regular appearances on national television. His performance style is completely unique: he performs with ordinary, borrowed objects, causing them to twist, bend, appear, and vanish at will.



JOSHUA JAY

At only seventeen years old Joshua Jay was crowned world champion for close-up magic at the World Magic Seminar, and he is now regarded as one of the leading creative forces in the magic world.

He was awarded the top prize at the World Magic Seminar in 1998. He fooled Penn and Teller on their hit show, Fool Us, and he holds a Guinness World Record for card tricks. Jay has done magic on numerous television shows, most recently Good Morning America and The Today Show. In January 2018, Joshua was recognised by the Society of American Magicians with their highest proclamation, for his contribution to the art of magic.



GRAHAM LEE

## GRAHAM LEE

Graham has been in the entertainment business for over 29 years and is an experienced professional entertainer, entertaining family and young audiences all over the world with his magic and balloon art.

## PAUL MEGRAM

Paul has been in the business for over 25 years, performing stage, close-up and children's/family entertainment. As a respected member of The Magic Circle, he has lectured for them on numerous occasions and now sits on the panel of experts for those taking membership examinations. He has performed in the National Finals of the Family Entertainer of the Year, no fewer than 3 times and has never lost. He now judges the competition for the potential winners of this most coveted title.



PAUL MEGRAM

## SCOTT PENROSE

President of The Magic Circle, Scott has been described as "The epitome of the professional magician". He has won major awards within magic and now mainly works as a magic consultant and illusion designer. He has been involved with numerous films, TV shows and stage productions, working with many stars of stage and screen. In the 2015 Christmas Special of QI, he surprised Stephen Fry with membership of The Magic Circle. Penrose is associated with Andrew Lloyd Webber and made the magical effects for his musical Love Never Dies and the 2019 film adaptation of his musical Cats.



SCOTT PENROSE

## SCOTT PEPPER

Scott Pepper has been a magician for over 25 years having started his career at just 10 years old when he won first place in a talent competition in Hastings and since then he hasn't looked back. Scott has performed all over the world from theatres to cruise ships to 10,000 seat arenas to the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. He was recently featured on the CW Network's hit show Masters of Illusion where he performed some of his own unique magic and Illusions. He was a regular on the Disney cruise ships for over six years, performing his large-scale illusion show for thousands of passengers a week. Originally from Essex in the UK, Scott now resides in San Antonio, Texas, where he manages and performs at his own theatre called 'The Magicians Agency Theatre' which is rated as one of the top 3 attractions in San Antonio.



SCOTT PEPPER

## PETER RANN

Peter Rann is an archivist at The King's Theatre Portsmouth and a member of The I.B.M., The Magic Circle and Equity. A member of 'The Randini' family of magicians from the Isle of Wight, he began as an assistant to his father 'The Great Randini', along with his siblings, David and Janet. Peter was a finalist in The Magic Circle Young Magician of the Year competition 1971 and took part with his father in the British Ring IBM Shield completion as 'Will'um and Twitt'. He has performed magic, Punch and Judy and has clowned both here and in France, Belgium and Holland.



PETER RANN



# ARTISTS APPEARING

## TIM REED

Tim, who is the son of Paul Daniels' boyhood and lifelong friend Graham Reed, has been uniquely placed to research the history and career of Paul and to assemble an amazing collection of Daniels' memorabilia and artefacts.

## DUO ROMA

Another Amazing Act from the Wookey Hole family come the former flying trapeze act – DUO ROMA (Craig Attmere and Walter Tacco). Now presenting their new and dangerous CROSSBOW ACT. Daring to be Different! Please stay seated whilst DUO ROMA perform.

## MIKE SULLIVAN

Mike Sullivan is best known as the other half of DTRIK : The Magic of Wayne Dobson. Wayne describes Mike as his right (and left) hand man. However, Mike is also an accomplished professional close-up magician. He has worked for some of the biggest blue-chip companies and all over the world. A busy boy, Mike likes dynamic and to the point magic that will amaze and bemuse his audiences. Working with one of the world's most commercially prolific inventors of magic, it's not hard to assume his magic is exactly what it says on the tin.

## OLIVER TABOR

Contemporary Conjuror. A multi-award winning magician, most recently winning at the 2017 European Championships of Magic and is also a past winner of the British Ring Shield. Oliver is a full-time stage and close-up magician, specialising in stage magic and regularly performs in theatre shows and cabaret venues around the UK including residencies at the Leicester Square Theatre and the Hippodrome Casino in London. He has supplied entertainment to various events for over 20 years including corporate dinners, cruise ships, product launches, promotions, weddings, theatre shows, television, radio and private functions. He produces his own theatre productions throughout the year around the UK including regular London show 'West End Magic' that recently celebrated its 5th year at the Leicester Square Theatre. He's also acted as a consultant to film and TV productions such as the Hollywood film 'Now You See Me 2' and BBC series London Spy.

## TWINS FX

The Twins FX are leaders of theatrical visual special effects, illusions and animatronics. They make the impossible possible for theatre productions, film and television worldwide. Their portfolio includes soaring airborne flying dragons, a mighty 7m tall gorilla, slithering sea monsters, a hovering helicopter, monster sharks, Santa's levitating sleigh, a life size T-Rex, the world's largest pantomime giant, Cinderella's flying crystal coach, floating magic carpets, flying cars, 3 flying life size horses pulling a coach, a pink moped that flies and loops the loop in mid air, man eating crocodiles, a flying full size London bus.... You name it, they've done it. The Twins FX were recognised as part of the creative team who helped Qdos Entertainments achieve their Olivier award in London in April 2018. Dick Whittington at the London Palladium was nominated in the category "Entertainment and Family" - the first time that a pantomime has won such a prestigious award and a first for pantomime in London's West End. The Twins FX is led by identical twins Gary and Paul Hardy-Brown, located in Wareham in Dorset. "Coming into work is never boring or a chore because we genuinely love what we do," says Managing Director Gary. Paul, Creative Director, continues "We are a one stop shop and we do everything ourselves: designing, creating/building and delivering the wow factor". Our slogan is, we make the impossible..... possible."

Starting out as holiday season Bluecoats, delivering captivating magic and illusion shows as part of Pontins' entertainment programme, the twins worked this up into a slick double act which then proceeded to tour around the world for 15 years, becoming bigger and more ambitious as the years went by. In 2004, The Twins were commissioned to create Cinderella's Fairy Godmother to fly over an audience, which steered them towards special effects and away from performing. Since then they have established themselves as the market leaders in large-scale theatrical effects, working on arena shows such as Jeff Wayne's 'War of the Worlds', Doctor Who Live and the UK tour of Barnum and 'Hamlet' with Benedict Cumberbatch in the title role. The Twins FX added effects into London's West End musical 'Thriller LIVE' and "Impossible" - the world's greatest illusionists live on stage in a magic spectacular. In 2016 they helped to bring pantomime back to London's West End after 25 years, with the much acclaimed production Cinderella. They have also created stunning effects for all three Butlins resorts, ITV's 'Keep it in the family', BBC's Michael McIntyre's 'Big Show', ITV's 'The Next Great Magician', ITV's hit drama 'HIM', ITV's 'Britain's Got Talent' and ITV's, 'Tonight at the London Palladium, BBC's 'A1-Britain's longest road' and The One Show. The Twins FX have also supplied effects for Hollywood Blockbuster movies, 'Now You See Me 2', 'The Mummy' and have even supplied effects to the heavy metal band Avenged Sevenfold's music videos. The Twins FX were also lucky enough to have been nominated for, and win, Best Special Effect at the Great British Pantomime awards 2018. The Twins FX are involved in over 39 pantomimes and Christmas shows this year

## CHRIS WARDLE

Chris is a teacher who spends his spare time devising magic effects. He has invented numerous tricks and has authored effects for a wide range of publications for the best part of 20 years. His ideas have appeared in several books and have been featured on TV, radio and on the stage. He contributed over 100 tricks to 'Abra' magazine and his material appeared in Ian Rowland's column in 'Magic' and Andi Gladwin's column in 'Genii'. He has his own regular column in The Magic Circle's monthly magazine and is a former winner of The Magic Circle's Cecil Lyle Award. Together with James Ward, Chris writes the 'Collaborative Conjuring' column in 'Key Ring' magazine. Chris has contributed to 'The British Ring Trick Parade' in 'The Linking Ring' magazine for the past 16 years. Chris is a Member of The Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star.

## ALEX ZANDER

Our current, and youngest ever, International President started out as many do when he received a magic set as a present when he was five years old. However, it was a visit to Tony Eng's Trick and Joke Shop in Victoria, Canada, where he took his first steps in the art of magic. With regional, national and international gold medals under his belt in comedy, children's magic, close-up and stage, his talents have been recognised many times over. Alex has served as a magic consultant for film and television on the CW network and Hulu. As a fulltime event producer and magician touring across North America throughout the year, Alex has gained insight into the true value of our magical fraternity. The I.B.M. has been an important part of his learning in magic and because of that he now seeks to do what he can to enhance this in his role as our International President.



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CHRIS WARDLE



ALEX ZANDER



# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

(Programme may be subject to alteration)

## 9.30 AM REGISTRATION DESK OPENS – WELCOME BUILDING

Carol Tynan and her registration team will be pleased to welcome everyone and distribute the delegate packs. The desk will remain open until 5 pm.

## 10.30 AM OFFICIAL OPENING – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE

The British Ring President, Brian Lead, in the presence of The International President of the I.B.M., Alex Zander, and The Deputy Mayor of Eastbourne, Councillor Sammy Choudhury, will welcome delegates and officially open the convention for 2019.

## 10.45 AM OPENING SHOW A BRIT OF MAGIC – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE

Direct from the Magic Castle, Keith Fields and Lady Sarah present their show 'A Brit of Magic'. Usually touring theatres throughout the US, one of our magical exports has come home to amaze and amuse in their inimitable style.



## 12 NOON LECTURE – MIKE SULLIVAN – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING

*'System 32'*

"No magic here!.. Mike Sullivan presents a lecture based on a system he came up with in 2015. A secret to being a better magician and performer which he has closely guarded, even from his closest colleagues. Exclusively to the I.B.M., Mike is going to share this system which has "saved his bacon" on many occasion. If you are a working pro, amateur or hobbyist and want to be ready for any situation then this lecture is for you!

## 12.30 PM DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPENS – EXHIBITION SPACE, WELCOME BUILDING

Closes at 5.30 pm

## 2.00 PM HISTORY OF MYSTERY – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING

Organised and Chaired by Eddie Dawes

Tim Reed - The Paul Daniels Magic Show - The Legacy Continues...

Eddie Dawes - Willane: The Short but Remarkable Career of a Creative Performer.

David Hibberd - Treasures of The Magic Circle Archive.

## 2.00 PM MAGIC FOR SMILES CHARITY PRESENTATION – ATKINS CORNER, WELCOME BUILDING

Jamie Balfour-Paul will give an insight into the incredible charity work he does through his magic with refugee children in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

## 2.45 PM WORKSHOP WITH PAUL GORDON – ATKINS CORNER, WELCOME BUILDING

Hands on workshop with Paul. Want to increase your card skills? This is where to go!

## 4.30 PM LECTURE – SCOTT PEPPER – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING

*Family entertainment; Creating and choosing material. Getting the gigs and perfecting your own product.*

Scott has specialised in family entertainments most of his life. In this lecture Scott will share some of the routines that he created for Disney Cruise Lines, as well as valuable information about choosing material for these types of shows. He will show you how you can perform for children, adults and seniors all at the same time and still keep the effects in your show strong and visual.

He will also talk about what it takes to start a Theatre from scratch and run it on a weekly basis.

## 7.15 PM BRITISH RING SHIELD COMPETITION – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE

Followed by the Award Ceremony after a short break and performance by Mel Harvey.  
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# Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

(Programme may be subject to alteration)

Due to the AGM taking place this morning, the Registration Desk and Dealers will not open until 10.15 am.

**REGISTRATION OPEN FROM 10.15 AM – 5.00 PM**

**DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 10.15 AM – 5.00 PM**

**9.00 AM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – ORWELL ROOM, WELCOME BUILDING**

**10.30 AM JEFFERY ATKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

This is presented annually as a fitting tribute to a long serving and dedicated member of the British Ring. Brian Lead will introduce Scott Penrose, "Owls and Oranges."

**12 NOON STARS OF CLOSE UP – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

Performers include Paul Gordon, Mel Harvey, Joshua Jay, Mike Sullivan and Alex Zander.

**12 NOON BALLOON WORKSHOP – ATKINS CORNER, WELCOME BUILDING**

(This workshop will be repeated on Saturday.)

Balloon creations for everyone to learn. Graham Lee will be passing on his years of experience and teaching the skill of this craft.

**2.00 PM FRINGE SHOW  
HARRY DE CRUZ –  
DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

Everyone has a party trick. Harry has 374 and counting. The multidisciplinary master brings his Edinburgh fringe smash hit one-man show to the I.B.M. Join Harry as he shares his incredible skills, takes on challenges from the audience, and reveals the heartwarming and surprising story that led him to learn the unbelievable skills that had Dynamo crowning him "The King of party tricks".



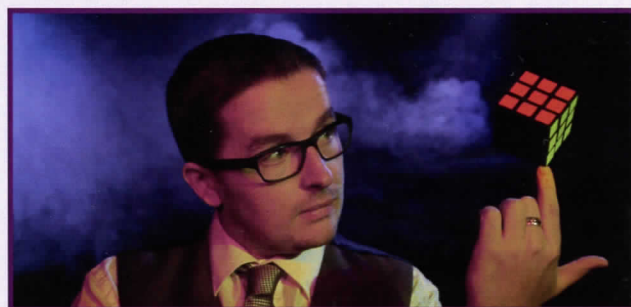
**3.30 PM Q & A – TWINS FX – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

Richard Cadell will chat with Gary and Paul about their incredible lives. Questions can be submitted before this event to the Registration Desk, and if time permits some questions may be taken from the audience.

**7.15 PM FRINGE SHOW  
TOM CROSBIE –  
DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

*Tom Crosbie – Performing Nerd*

Tom Crosbie is not a comedian, but he will leave you laughing. He's not a magician, but he will leave you scratching your head. He's not a juggler, but he will leave you with your jaw on the floor.



**8.30 PM ALI BONGO MICRO MARATHON – THE STAGE DOOR BAR, BETWEEN THE WELCOME BUILDING & DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

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# Sooty

## AND FRIENDS MAGIC SHOW

**BIPPO  
THE CLOWN**

**+ PAUL  
MEGRAM**

**DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE  
EASTBOURNE**

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

10-30am • Tickets £12 • Box office 01323 412000

Sooty is joined this year by Paul Megram, AKA Colonel Custard, and Bippo the Clown.

Tickets for the Sooty and Friends Magic Show are not included within the Registration for delegates. If you wish to buy tickets for this, see Carol at the Registration Desk. She has a limited supply of tickets available at a reduced cost of £6.

Once these are sold, further tickets can be purchased directly from the theatre box office.



Alan and Moira wish everyone an enjoyable convention and we hope to see you at other events during the year



# AN EVENING *of* MAGIC



Your compere for the evening, Paul Megram, will introduce the following artists

**1st Half**

Zoe Pennington Dancers  
Roy Davenport  
Florian Brooks  
Edward Hilsum  
Miss Degenerate  
Sooty with Richard Cadell

**2nd Half**

Zoe Pennington Dancers  
Paul Megram  
Duo Roma  
James Freedman  
Florian Brooks  
Hocus Pocus

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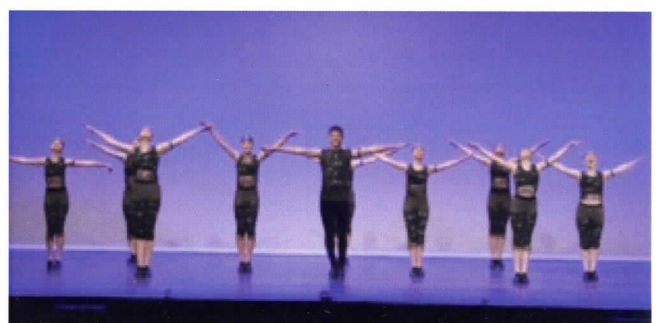
British Ring Stage Director.....Barry Nowland  
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**DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE, EASTBOURNE**  
**SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 PM**

**ZOE PENNINGTON DANCERS**

Based in Polegate, East Sussex, the Zoe Pennington Dance Studio has over 300 pupils studying a range of classes in Ballet, Modern, Tap, Pointe, Singing, Musical Theatre and Acro, to name but a few. The Studios have a proud and successful history of representing Team England in the Dance World Cup. This year was no exception as they were selected for Song & Dance and Modern. The team returned home as World Champions with 2 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze medals between them, all won on a World stage. Most recently, the Studios qualified for the All England National Dance Finals and were proud to return as National Champions with 1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Zoe and her team are honoured to be included amongst the talent of the Evening of Magic show on Saturday evening, and the very much hope everyone enjoys their performances.





# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019

(Programme may be subject to alteration)

**REGISTRATION OPEN FROM 9.15 AM – 5.30 PM**

**DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 9.15 AM – 5.30 PM**

**9.15 AM LECTURE – OLIVER TABOR – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

*'Staging Magic'*

Delivering a varied, unique and elegant twist on stage magic including magic with bubbles, during the lecture he offers his ideas and thoughts on effects for close-up, comedy, stage and children's magic. Throughout the explanations he illustrates how to make performances more powerful by applying the rules of stagecraft, how to deconstruct a routine or act whilst eliminating any unnecessary movements and actions, his evolution of ideas and inspiration behind a working routine and how to give your magic more of an impact in general. He also covers his thoughts on stage magic with an introduction into how the techniques, psychology and rules followed by stage manipulators can easily be applied to all performance situations: from cabaret to close-up and from parlour to children's shows plus he explains the thoughts and workings stealing objects and how these methods can be easily adapted to produce a range of different objects.

**10.30 AM THE SOOTY & FRIENDS SHOW – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

Not included in Registration. A limited number of tickets at a reduced price can be purchased at the Registration Desk. Once these are sold, full price tickets can be bought at the Devonshire Park Theatre Box Office

**11.00 AM CLOSE UP COMPETITION, FOLLOWED BY THE AWARDS – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

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**1.30 PM LECTURE – HARRY DE CRUZ & EDWARD HILSUM – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

*Edinburgh Fringe 101*

From Monty Python to Billy Connolly to Piff the Magic Dragon. The Edinburgh Fringe Festival has given birth to many performers who we know and love today. Find out everything you need to know about performing and surviving at the world's largest arts festival. Covering the ups, downs, pros, cons, do's and don'ts to putting on your own show. Hosted by Harry De Cruz and Edward Hilsum.

**1.30 PM BALLOON WORKSHOP – ATKINS CORNER, WELCOME BUILDING**

(This workshop is a repeat from Friday.)

Balloon creations for everyone to learn. Graham Lee will be passing on his years of experience and teaching the skill of this craft.

**3.00 PM LECTURE – JOSHUA JAY – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

Close Up and Parlour Magic of Joshua Jay.

**4.30 PM LECTURE – BIPPO – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

*'My Life, the Circus'*

An in-depth look into the circus world and Bippo's unique story of when he not just ran away to join the circus but took his parents with him. The lecture will also include talks about the different comedy styles Bippo has experienced on his journey and how magic is a big part of circus in 2019.

**4.30 PM MATCHAM THEATRE TALK – PETER RANN – ATKINS CORNER, WELCOME BUILDING**

*'A Brief Visit to the Magic World of Matchless Matcham'*

Matcham was not a magician but built and transformed theatres giving them a magical atmosphere for some of the greats such as Harry Houdini, Lafayette, Carmo and Chung Ling Soo to perform in. These theatres still allow today's modern magician to perform in a satisfying mysterious and likewise magical atmosphere. Theatres such as The London Palladium, Buxton Opera House and The Grand Theatre Blackpool are just some of the 150 he was involved in in his lifetime.

We will discover features of the theatre during the Edwardian period which would be unacceptable today and some which have stood the test of time along with some of the innovations Matcham introduced to the theatre world.

**7.30 PM AN EVENING OF MAGIC – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

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# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

(Programme may be subject to alteration)

**REGISTRATION OPEN FROM 9.30 AM – 3 PM**

**DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 10 AM – 4 PM**

**9.30 AM CONVENTION SERVICE – ATKINS CORNER, WELCOME BUILDING**

Conducted by Alan Clarke. The service will be non-denominational with a collection for the Welfare fund.

**10.15 AM LECTURE – CHRIS WARDLE – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

'Something Old, Something New'

This will be a mixture of his favourite effects from over 20 years of publishing his ideas in magic magazines, interspersed with many brand-new items. The lecture will include something for everyone, as Chris reveals crafty methods for close-up, stand-up, mentalism and children's magic effects.

**11.45 AM YOUTH SHOW – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

Young magicians present their magic. Performers include Jake Allen, Robbie Stevens, Zach Weaver and Amos Wollen who will show the delegates that the magic of the future is in safe hands.

**1.30 PM LECTURE – PAUL MEGRAM – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

Paul brings an all new lecture on family entertainment. Last time it was all about the BUSINESS now it's time for the SHOW. Paul performs every routine on a regular basis, showing trick handling and performance techniques.

**2.45 PM LECTURE – JAMES FREEDMAN – STICKLAND STUDIO, WELCOME BUILDING**

Go on... Steal Yourself.

Whether you want to develop a pickpocket act or simply add some pickpocket steals to an existing magic act, this is a rare live masterclass from the man that Time Magazine called "the world's number one pickpocket".

**4.00 PM CLOSING SHOW – EDWARD HILSUM: SILVER – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

Direct from the 2019 Edinburgh International Fringe Festival! In his intimate and heart-warming new show, Edward shares 'absolutely beautiful illusions' (BroadwayBaby.com) and 'immaculate sleight-of-hand' (The Magic Circle) that 'makes you believe in real magic' (Dynamo). 'Charming' (Guardian). 'Hilsum is a genius' (TheatreFullStop.com).



**5.15 PM INSTALLATION & CLOSE OF CONVENTION – DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE**

Alan Maskell will be installed as our new president, and perform his first duty by closing the 2019 convention.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Alan Maskell's Presidential Dinner,  
Saturday 28th March 2020, Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Cambridge**

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**'Picnic', Sunday 24th May 2020, Little Theatre, Leicester**

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**I.B.M Convention 2020, Pittsburgh, USA, July 8th to 11th**

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**British Ring No 25 84th Annual Convention, 3rd to 6th September 2020, Greenock, Scotland**



# COMPETITION FOR THE BRITISH RING SHIELD AWARDS

Organised by Oliver Tabor

Compered and Introduced by Don Greenberg

## Running Order of Competitors

1. Fraser Stokes (Maybole, Ayrshire)
2. Darren Wray (Perranporth, Cornwall)
3. Gary Jones (Swanley, Kent)
4. Jay Gatling (Llandudno, Conwy)
5. Philip Partridge (Manchester, Greater Manchester)
6. Nikola Arkane (Belfast, Northern Ireland)
7. Jad Helal (Fribourg, Switzerland)



## AWARDS

**THE BRITISH RING SHIELD** Awarded only to an act achieving outstanding magical excellence

**BRITISH RING TROPHY** 1st place plus £500 for the most entertaining magic act

**THEO SPEAKER CUP** plus £250 for the runner up

**ALASTAIR WAND** plus £100 for the third prize

**CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY** for originality shown in effect, method or presentation


**DITTIA SHIELD** awarded for Manipulation

**TOM HARRIS CUP** awarded for Comedy

Chair of Judges: Alan Maskell

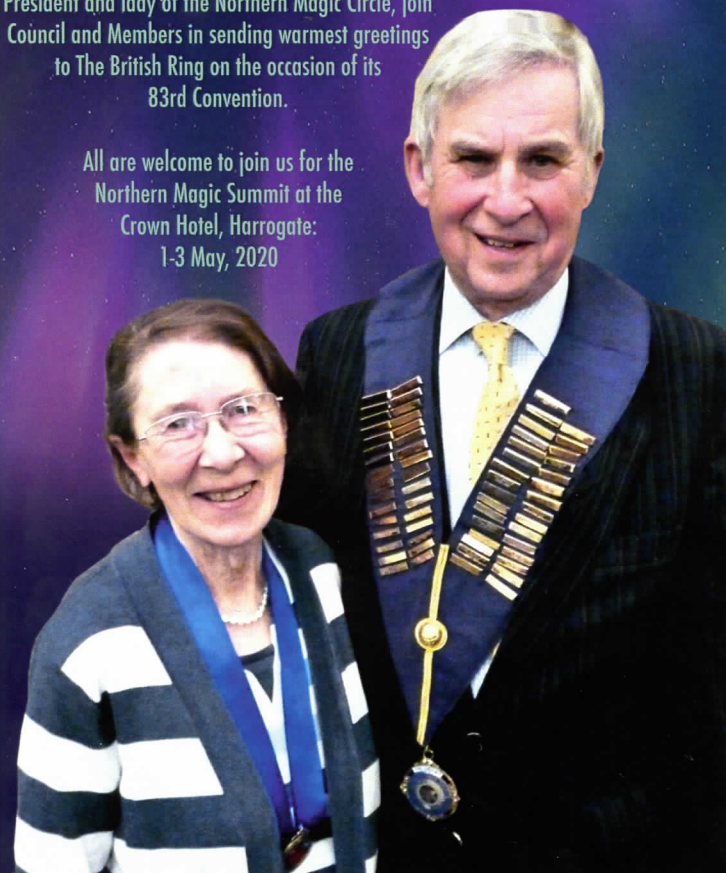
Judges: Harry De Cruz, Keith Fields, Edward Hilsum, Scott Pepper

Timekeeper: Tony Brooks Assistant Timekeeper: Chris Poole



**Roy and Hazel Field**  
President and lady of the Northern Magic Circle, join Council and Members in sending warmest greetings to The British Ring on the occasion of its 83rd Convention.

All are welcome to join us for the Northern Magic Summit at the Crown Hotel, Harrogate: 1-3 May, 2020



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# THE BRITISH RING CLOSE UP COMPETITION

Organised and introduced by **Bill Simpson**

NIKOLA ARKANE (Belfast)

ADAM BLACK (Dunblane)

MARK NEWSOME (Macclesfield)

PHILIP PARTRIDGE (Manchester)

MARCUS TAYLOR (Shrewsbury)

RICK TYNAN (Southport)

DARREN WRAY (Perranporth)



## AWARDS

1st prize the Zina Bennett Trophy plus £500

2nd prize £250

3rd prize £100

The 'Rovi' Trophy will be awarded for the most entertaining and skilful act using cards

Judges: Dave Andrews, Roy Field, Doug Gregg, Brian Lead

Timekeeper: Tony Brooks Assistant Timekeeper: Chris Poole

Stage Manager: Aidan Heritage

Special Guest: Terry Herbert



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from

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All the artistes and lecturers

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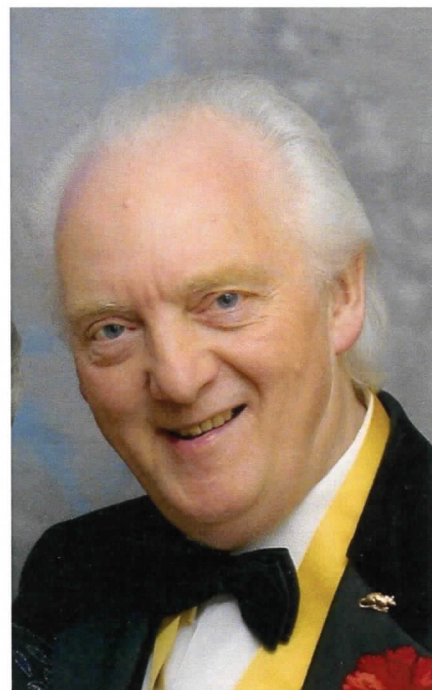
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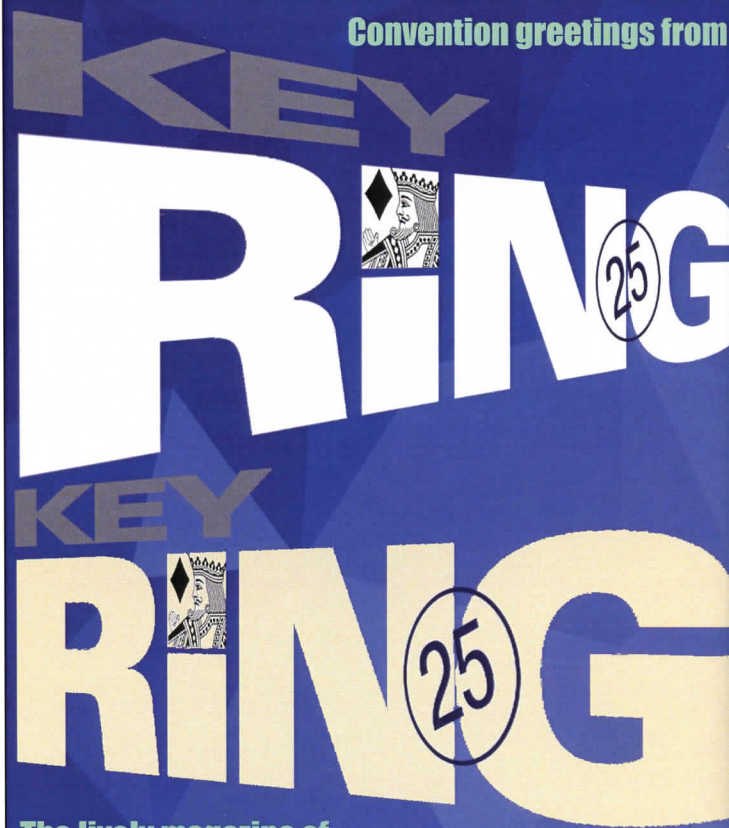
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