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Editorial

Not much to report this month. Sorry.

What's On at DMC:

- Wednesday 23rd October – John Carey

Doug Gregg writes:-

SCOTT PEPPER LECTURE

At 4-30 pm on Thursday 5th September, in the Stickland Studio, Scott Pepper commenced his eagerly awaited lecture on Family Entertainment.

He started running through a brief explanation of his 25yrs career, moving to America to obtain work with Disney Cruises, The Magic Castle in Hollywood and eventually owning his own Theatre in Texas. He performed and explained routines that he created and developed for these engagements. His first being a routine using a plain breakfast cereal, asking for someone in the audience to call out a specific cereal and on this occasion, it was Cheerios. Scott then commenced to pour out a bowl of this cereal, followed by milk out of the same box.

His second effect used the One Ahead and Out to Lunch principle to work through three chosen cards and creating effects. These included a cardiographic pad to produce a red drink, a neat effect using an assistant to place a CD into its case by feel only and Scott then taking the CD away without the assistant seeing or feeling him steal it.

The final envelope directed to a Disney Character effect using a photo pad to predict a Character linked to a chosen number.

After the explanation period, Scott moved on to a more serious topic of theoretical principles of Family Entertainment. He illustrated his principles through graphs and pie charts, broken down to four headings of Equal, Effect, Entertainment and Visual. These apportioned headings were again broken down to an age range to give the required mix to suit the audience.

Scott finished off his Lecture with a commercial to promote his book entitled "A Pinch of Pepper" which was on sale after the Lecture.

The audience showed their appreciation to a very pleasant and thoughtful young man.

DFG

Dave Matkin writes:-

Those of you that are PC literate and sad enough to frequent the Magic Café (like me) – will have seen the latest “my mate has this out for sale” PM (Personal Message) from Steve Brooks who runs the Café. It’s basically an advert for something called MagicFlix. Which is a magic teaching web site that charges a subscription – kind of like Netflix for Magicians. Any how they are offering a free month. Let me pass this over to Steve to save me typing....

“Hey gang,

Just got off the phone with my pal Rocco Silano who is now living in Las Vegas. Anyways, as many of you might know Rocco has been a big part of MagicFlix, which is an online streaming video teaching platform.

From Rocco himself;

““I just want to say to all the magicians out there trying to take their game to the next level that you need to sign up for magicflix! This website has been helping me improve in a tremendous way. There are such great magicians that are taking their time to help you learn something that you didn’t even know was possible. MagicFlix offers something for everyone. No matter if you are a beginner, mediocre or even expert, this website will teach you things you never knew. I am so grateful this was created! MagicFlix not only is amazing but it also is so cheap, this helps out when you aren’t trying to spend \$50 dollars on learning just one one technique. This way you can now learn all the techniques and improve your skills the right way. I Highly recommend!! ””

Use the pass code rocco to get one month for FREE!

www.MagicFlix.com ””

here ends Steve’s advert (let’s be honest that’s what it is – they just want your cash. But it’s a free week (you have to provide a payment source to get the month for free – they just want you to forget to cancel. But I’ll put a reminder in next months “what’s on”.

Last month I mentioned Derren being back on the road with a tour. How did it go?

This from Magic Week:

Review Roundup: Were the Critics Mystified by Derren Brown: Secret?

www.broadwayworld.com.

“Derren Brown Secret,’ is a Stunner, a ‘Mind’ Field, Raising Illusions to Unforgettable Art!” www.caroleeditosti.com.

“Broadway Sees Box Office Magic in Comedians, Rock Stars and Illusionists”

www.wsj.com.

“Master Illusionist Derren Brown Talks Bringing His Acclaimed Secret to the Broadway Stage on Opening Night” www.broadway.com.

"Here's Glenn Close and magician Derren Brown slapping the hell out of each other"
www.avclub.com. 21.9.19

Do you like Britain's Got Talent? If so, you may need to seek psychiatric care or at least speak to someone who loves you enough to help you realise it's all just a way of putting money in Simon Cowell's wallet. If you don't have anyone or refuse medical help you may be interested in this:

Britain's Got Talent: The Champions, week four. Just one magic act competing in tonight's show, Issy Simpson, who was the runner-up in the Britain's Got Talent Final 2017. "Issy Simpson confirmed for BGT: The Champions this week – but what has she been up to since we last saw her?" [Click Here](#). See [TV Magic](#) for details

One for Des and any other Professors out there:

Punch & Judy's Jamboree - Sunday 6th October.

From the organisers: Roll up! Roll up! The PJF Jamboree is only days' away so make sure you register now to confirm your attendance at www.eventbrite.com and join us at the Austin Sports & Social Club in Birmingham for an afternoon of thrills, spills and jollification! Doors open at midday. Free entry. Free parking. Amusements will include displays of Punch & Judy puppets through the ages and ventriloquist figures of stage and screen, a UV puppet collection and commedia dell'arte masks alongside skill-swapping sessions, performances and swazzle workshops, a Mini Kinema showing rare archive film clips, a kids' craft and activities area and a 'Have A Go' booth, dealers' stalls, a flea circus plus an auction of Punch and puppet-related articles! And yes, you've still got time to submit any items for our Grand Auction but we recommend you contact the jamboree_team@thepjf.com ASAP for details before the catalogue deadline on the 29th September. Meanwhile, check out the latest edition of The Swazzle for more details. Looking forward to seeing you in Birmingham... That's The Way To Do It! The Jamboree Team. 21.9.19

And finally, direct from Magic Week ... it's the clip of the week...from The MagicWeek Video Archive! This week, Penn & Teller in a guest appearance on GMTV, ahead of their Sadler's Wells London dates, from 22nd April 1996. See the MagicWeek Video Archive. To catch up with past weeks [Click Here](#). 21.9.19

Oh, and one more and finally.... So "and finally – again"....From MagicWeek ... Carl Royle will be lecturing for Derby Magic Circle on Wednesday, 25th September, at Breadsall Memorial Hall, Brookside Road, Breadsall, Derby DE21 5LR

Carl Royle lecture.

Sorry, but I wasn't at the lecture so cannot report any details. Having spoken to one member who was present, there seemed to him to be rather a lot of 'padding' and 'waffle' rather than magical content. Hope those present enjoyed it though. Anyone wish to comment for a future Sorcerer?

Disclaimer: The Editor refutes any liability for the content of this magazine, as I was made to do it by the committee. If anyone would like to submit an article then I wouldn't have to make up this rubbish to justify circulating this esteemed organ every month, (although by all accounts it seems to be quite popular). Prizes won in official Sorcerer competitions will probably be (a) lost in the post, and (b) not worth winning anyway. No cash alternatives are available. In the event of a tie Terry will be deemed the winner. Any entries by Tim Green may be discounted on a technicality. The editor's decision is final (usually). Vulgar and/or smutty comments will not be published but are welcome, especially in Caption competitions.

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