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Magi-Whirl 2004 promises magical fun

One of the highlights of Magi-Whirl 2004, which is scheduled for May 1, will be an hour-long "Legends of Magic" interview with Al Cohen. Al peddled magic in downtown Washington for a half century and performed from the White House to conventions around the United States and overseas.

Al, whose favorite venue for performing was behind the counter, first became interested in magic when he began working at his father's gift shop on Pennsylvania Avenue. The business eventually evolved into the world-renowned Al's Magic Shop.

While Ring 50 Life Member Alfred Cohen is being spotlighted here, he also will be receiving the Academy of Magical Arts' Lifetime Achievement Award in absentia at The Magic Castle.

Steve Beam, publisher of the Semi-Automatic Card Tricks series who is known for his diabolical methods and humorous twists, will be a featured performer and presenter at this year's one-day convention.

Steve will present a close-up magic lecture and show. For the last 15 years, he has edited the underground sleight of hand journal The Trapdoor.

Dan Garrett from Georgia will be another featured attraction. He will lecture on his very successful "Dan the Wizard" children's magic show, which has been wildly successful in his home market of Atlanta.

Dan Garrett has been performing magic professionally for nearly 30 years throughout the United States and in more than a dozen other countries. He was national president of the Society of American Magicians (SAM) in 1994 and 1995, and is a M-U-M magazine columnist. He also is a member of the Inner Magic Circle (MIMC) in London. Magi-Whirl will be the only place in the Mid-Atlantic region featuring Dan's Wizard Show lecture.

The location for this year's Magi-Whirl will be the Sheraton College Park Hotel in Beltsville, Maryland, near I-95, I-495, BWI airport, and with a free shuttle to and from the Greenbelt Metro (Green Line).

The cost for the convention is \$40 until April 1, \$45 from April 1 through 20, and \$50 after April 20. Send a check to Ring 50 Treasurer Rucj Uffelman today.

Bishop Ireton show profitable

Ring 50 received more than \$280 in proceeds from the annual "A Night of Magic" presentation at Bishop Ireton High School in Northern Virginia in February.



Al Cohen



Dan Garrett



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APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

PIER 7 RESTAURANT

in the

CHANNEL INN HOTEL

650 Water Street SW

Washington DC

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting

Second annual Dan Lacey Trophy competition set for April

IBM Ring 50 will hold its second annual Magician of the Year competition for the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy at its April meeting. This competition is named for a former Ring 50 president who was noted for promoting goodwill and fellowship. He

loved ingenuity and entertainment.

This will provide an opportunity to recognize the exceptional magic skills of our members. The competition is open to all members of Ring 50.

Ring 50 Sergeant-of-Arms Don Freedman is the competition chairman.

He can be reached by telephoning 703-689-4866 or by e-mailing him at dfreedman16@yahoo.com.

So far those signed up to compete are Bob Fay, Jason Harris, Mauny Muray, Noland Montgomery and Geoff Weaver.

Coming Events

Dave Shepherd Close-up Magic

Dates: Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m.
Place: Mama's Italian Restaurant, 9715 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va.
Contact: 703-385-2646 or 703-623-3952. Web site: www.daveshepmagic.com

National Press Club's Annual Close-up Magic Show

Date: April 14 starting at 6:30 p.m.
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Theme: Members of the Society of American Magicians (SAM) Assembly 23 will present a night of magic, mystery and mayhem.
Cost: Admission is free, but reserve at 202-662-7501.
Contact: Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176.

Lorenzo the Great Kid's Night

Date: Last Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Silver Diner Restaurant in Tyson's Corner, 8101 Fletcher Avenue, McLean, Va.
Contact: Larry Lipman at 703-237-1531 or email lorenzomagic@cox.net

Lectures at Dennys

Who: Piet Forton from Switzerland
Piet Forton is the only three-time winner of the FISM card magic competition winning in 1961, 1964 and 1967. He is the creator of the famous Pop-Out Move. He is a close-up performer as well as a stand-up and children's magician.
Date: April 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221
Cost: \$25

Who: Boris Wild from France

Boris Wild, an award-winning magician who has lectured at Denny's Magic in the past, recently was performing in the close-up room at the

Magic Castle. His romantic and lyrical "Kiss Act" is well known to magicians all over the world.

Date: April 30 at 7:30 p.m. (Note date change)

Place: Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221
Cost: \$20

Who: Silly Billy (David Kaye)

Date: June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221
Cost: \$25

Open Magic Night at Barry's

Date: April 8 and 22 at 8 p.m. Performers on first date include Barry Wood, John Flanagan, Jack Julius, James Munton and Michael Bard. Scheduled on the second date are Courtney Springirth, Joe Zabel, Noland Montgomery, Joe Largess, Jim Flanigan and Laurie Curry. Barry Taylor serves as the emcee.
Place: The Psychic Ghost Theatre above Barry's Magic, 11234 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902
Contact: 301-933-0373
Cost: \$10. Both shows in April sold out. Seating limited to 24

Wednesday Wizardry Second Season

Dates: April 7, spotlighting Alain Nu; April 14, theater dark; April 21, featuring Bob Sheets; and May 8, special Saturday show, with Bob Sheets and special guests.
Place: Gaithersburg Arts Barn in the Kentlands, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD
Cost: \$18 (\$15 for City of Gaithersburg residents) You can buy tickets at the door, but the sponsors recommend reserving tickets in advance.
Contact: Art Barn at 301-258-6394 for directions and reservations.

Alain Nu at Spring Break Theatre

Date: Thursday, April 8. The popular performer will present two 50-minute shows in a 100-seat theater at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Place: Strathmore Arts Center in Kensington, Md.
Cost: \$6 general admission
Note: Recommended for adults and children 7 years and older.
Contact: Telephone 301-530-0540 for directions to the center, schedules and ticket sales.

Lecture by Bob Fitch

Date: April 2 from 8 to 11 p.m.
Place: Underground Magic Theater, 21800 Town Center Plaza, #66, Sterling, VA 20164.
Cost: \$15. Seating is by reservation. Call ahead to reserve spot.
Contact: 703-404-8902.
Note: The Underground Magic Theater is in the Sterling Town Center Shopping Center at the corner of Route 7 and Drainsville Road in Sterling less than a mile from the Fairfax County Parkway and approximately 9 miles from 495. Theater is located in back of shopping center in Unit 66. You must park in front of the shopping center and walk around to the back.

Glenn Gary Dance and Magic Show

This dance show with magic and illusion is being developed and rehearsed now for this summer. The opening production number will involve appearing canes, flash productions, a dancing cane, tap and jazz dancing.
Date: June 19-20
Place: Manasses
Sponsor: Rhythm Street is producer

Between Magi-Gram issues, you can get the latest news on events and restaurant performers at the Ring 50 Web site www.IBMRing50.org