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RED-NOSED REINDEER--Arnold Fuoco offered a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer routine at our annual holiday show in December. He was one of eight performers.

Magi-Whirl 2007 ready to roll

By Michael Taggart

Magi-Whirl 2007 is moving along at the pace of a freight train. We have almost filled the dealer room with vendors that we feel will cover most aspects of magic. Our lecturers are world-class professional performers who I have personally seen and am confident we will be in for a true learning session.

Remember we have three lecturers and two breakout sessions with even more teachers. For those folks who feel that they want to stay closer to the event, we have acquired hotel rooms nearby at a bargain rate. Should you wish to get a room for the event, contact Ring 50 President Dwight Redman. He is handling those details.

I have to take a moment to thank those of you who have already stepped up to the plate as a volunteer. I especially want to thank Bob Patterson and Dwight Redman for sharing the load as the planning phase got underway.

Remember this convention is yours. You have to participate to get the most out of it. We have a beautiful, convenient and well laid out venue.

Get your tickets early because the

“Ring Magic” theme for new year

“Ring Magic” will be the theme for our January meeting. Anything that involves finger rings, linking rings, ninja rings, rings on strings, or ringing bells is acceptable.

Contact Ring 50 President Dwight Redman by email or telephone him if you would like to perform. This should be a wonderful way to “ring in the new year”!

An update on our revitalized Magi-Whirl convention also will be given during our business session before the entertainment begins.



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prices will be going up soon. There will be special announcements at our meetings so make sure you attend the next ring meeting.

We have received ticket requests already from as far away as Alabama, Florida and New Jersey. Let's see a great turnout from the local guys at Ring 50 as well.

Magi-Whirl 2007 is scheduled April 13 and 14. Registration for Ring 50 members is \$40 up to April 1. This includes three lectures, a question-and-answer interview, plus two close-up performances, and one gala evening show ticket. Extra evening show tickets are \$10. Details are found on our website: www.Magi-Whirl.org.

JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007

HOLIDAY INN
IN ALEXANDRIA
2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA

6:00 Cocktails
6:45 Dinner
8:00 Meeting/Show

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Coming Events

Ring 50 Past President Eric Henning will be the headline family entertainer at First Night Annapolis.

He will perform a special 30-minute show five times throughout the evening

Date: Dec. 31, 2006 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Place: The 600-seat Key Auditorium at St. John's College.

Cost: Purchasing a souvenir admission button to First Night Annapolis 2006 allows you access to all of the venues. They are available through www.FirstNightAnnapolis.ORG and select local Giant Food and Ledo's Pizza locations in Anne Arundel County.

Special Note: First Night Annapolis runs right up to a spectacular waterfront fireworks finale.

Michael Taggart Magician Extraordinaire will perform at a New Year's Eve First Night in historic Downtown Fredericksburg, Va.

Date: Dec. 31

Cost: Admission to this alcohol-free family event is \$10 for a general pass. They are available by contacting Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation Department or at the gate.

Special Note: Michael will be performing in the Fredericksburg Baptist Church Hall on Caroline Street.

Shakespeare's Magical Wizard Michael Taggart will blend magic and audience involvement playing a Renaissance sorcerer in Shakespeare's world.

Place: The National Theater's Helen Hayes Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Date: Jan. 27 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Cost: Admission is free. Tickets are given



Mike Taggart

out 30 minutes prior to each show but get there early as the Saturday shows sell out quickly. This show is sponsored by the Washington Shakespeare Festival and the National Theater.

<http://www.nationaltheatre.org/saturday/saturday.htm>

Performance by the Legendary Rick Beatty

Date: Jan. 18, 2004

Place: The Showbar Palace of Wonders in Washington at 1210 H Street NE.

Time: Doors open at 7 p.m. and show time is usually at 8 p.m. Two separate shows will be presented in the same evening.

Magi-Whirl 2007 sponsored by I.B.M. National Capital Ring 50.

"The best little convention in the National Capital Area"

Dates: April 13-14, 2007

Place: Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria VA.

Cost: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

Contact: <http://www.Magi-Whirl.org>.

Features: Lectures by Michael Lair, Tim Sonfelt, Eric Henning and Barry Taylor, plus two close-up performances. Gala evening show includes

The Magic of Krاندl & Co., Michael Lair, Tim Sonfelt, Magician Extraordinaire Michael Taggart, DC Magician of the Year Dwight Redman and a host of others.



Sonfelt

Society of American Magicians (SAM) Larry West Assembly 28

Date: Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC.

Theme: "Here, There and Everywhere" based on popular Beatles song.

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Happy New Year!

Time "running out" for Barry's

With time running out, Barry's Magic Shop supporters have launched a large-scale writing campaign to Montgomery County government officials and others to save the popular Wheaton, Md., business from being razed.

"We want to thank those who have written letters in our behalf to save our magic shop. Every single one of your poignant letters have helped us a great deal by gaining us Montgomery County government's respect," Barry Taylor and his wife Susan recently declared.

Barry's, which has been in business for 32 years, is the last magic shop in the Washington metropolitan area. The shop has a Jan. 31 deadline to vacate and it is struggling to stay.

"We have made so many good friends in the past 32 years and, if we are forced to close, we will truly treasure your friendship, great memories and we will miss every one of you," Susan said. "Please help us stay in business by writing letters so we can continue to make more magic

for you, your kids and your grandchildren. Our time is running out."

Meanwhile, Barry and Susan are looking at another location near the existing shop and theater. However, such a move would depend on building availability and cost.

Ring 50 Dues Due In February

Ring 50 dues for the Ring 50 year 2007-08 are due by the February meeting. However, Treasurer Bob Patterson will be happy to take your dues at the January meeting. Dues are \$15 for the year. Make checks payable to **IBM Ring 50**. Cash will be accepted providing you have the correct change. You can also send a check to his home address at 3450 Wainscott Place, Lake Ridge, VA 22192. Enjoy your Ring activities throughout 2007 by paying your dues.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Holidays to Ring 50 –

The holidays are here and this is a magical time of the year. A lot of our members are busy using their magic to spread holiday cheer. Thanks to Arnold Fuoco, Don Freedman, Bert Udovin, Jim Flanigan, James Munton, Tim Cannon, Noland Montgomery and Geoffery Weber for their entertaining performances for our holiday show last month. We had 45 adults and 7 children in attendance. Our appreciation goes out to the members who brought the 12 guests we had in attendance.

We voted to honor Scotty York with a lifetime membership in Ring 50. We will work out the details to have a ceremony and we will inform the club. We will also present some names to form a committee to set some standards for selecting members to honor. We need to have some eligibility standards that we can use to judge who we should be honoring and why they should be honored.

The road to Magi-Whirl is downhill from this point. We have most of the foundation in place and now we have to start the work that will require more members to get involved and to help make this a success.

Assignments are being passed out and you may be asked to perform a task for the club. Hopefully, you will find the time to help us. We are selling advertising in our convention program and our show program. If you want to advertise your business or if you know a businessowner who would like to advertise in our program, please contact me or Ring 50 Treasurer Bob Patterson. Don't forget to purchase your Magi-Whirl tickets at the meetings so you can get the discount.

The theme for our January meeting is "Ring" magic. Anything that involves finger rings, linking rings, ninja rings, rings on strings, or ringing bells is acceptable. Contact me by email or telephone if you would like to perform.

I wish all of you a safe, happy and magical new year!



Dwight Redman

Magi-Whirl 2007 Schedule

Friday, April 13, 2007

- 5:30 PM Dealer Set Up Begins
- 6:00 PM Registration Opens
- 7:00 PM [Eric Henning](#) Lecture - "Restaurant Magic"
- 9:00 PM Dealer Show
- 10:00 PM T B A

Saturday, April 14, 2007

- 7:30 AM . Dealer Set Up Begins
- 9:00 AM . Registration Opens
(Badges must be worn at all times.)
- 9:00 AM . Dealer Room Opens
- 10:00 AM [Michael P. Lair](#) Lecture - "Stand-up Magic"
- 12:00 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break
Dealers Open
- 1:30 PM [Tim Sonefelt](#) Lecture - "Grab Bag - Something For Everyone"
- 3:30 PM Close-Up Magic
- 4:30 PM Q & A Session with [Barry Taylor](#)
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM .Dinner Break
- 6:30 PM Theater opens. Strolling, and Close-up magicians perform in lobby prior to show.
- 7:00 PM Dealer Room Closes
- 7:00 PM Seating for Gala Evening Show
- 7:30 PM [Evening Show](#)
- 9:00 PM Sessions in Lobby
- 10:00 PM Party Moves to Location (TBA)

Membership votes scheduled soon

Ring 50 will consider a list of candidates for membership in the new year.

Among those ready to be voted into Ring 50 are:

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Others set for Ring 50 membership pending IBM membership are:
Gary Goodwin, Alexandria Virginia
Matt Hiller, Annandale Virginia
Jeff Dionise, Manassas, VA
Teresito Malicse, Rockville, MD

Advertising being solicited for Magi-Whirl program

If you want to place your own ad in the Magi-Whirl 2007 Gala Show program or in the Registration brochure, email Bob Patterson at: Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net. He will have samples and prices. You can also help support Ring 50's Magi-Whirl by selling advertisements to outside businesses. Ads accompanied with the money must be turned into Bob Patterson by March 23, 2007. Submitting ads earlier would be helpful.

A Cool Yule Show
Ring 50 members offer holiday joy



Jim Flanigan clowns it up with rope routine.



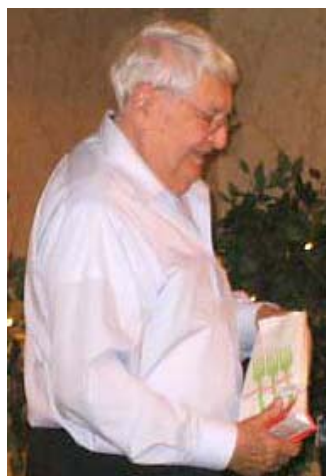
Rick Beatty shows young helpers sponge ball manipulation using a special holiday twist.



Tim Cannon delivers his cut-and-restored rope act.



Bob Patterson holds holiday greeting at the climax of routine by Don Freedman, right. Geoffery Weber, second from left, also performed.



Mr. Magic Bert Udovin does a slick money bit.



Noland Montgomery offers his version of "Mugged" routine.



James Munton charms a young assistant.