

MAGI-GRAM

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Guest lecturer dedicated to promoting magical arts

John B. Born, a rising star in the magic world today, will be the Ring 50 guest lecturer at our November meeting. He travels the world as a full-time entertainer, lecturer, writer and innovator in the magical arts.

John's lecture covers everything from nearly self-working effects to some eye-popping presentations. His latest book, "Meant to Be," is something very special. The "any card at any number"

method is a road well traveled, but his work has raised the bar a notch.

John honed his skills while working at two noted magic stores -- Stevens Magic Emporium and U.S. Toy Magic. He has written three instructional



John B. Born

books and is featured on 10 DVDs.

If you are looking for new close-up material of any type, you don't want to miss this lecture. Members of Ring 50 are free. All other magicians pay \$10 at the door.

James Munton helps with senator's book

Former Ring 50 president James Munton had a very unusual gig recently when he performed for U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and six children. The senator's publisher wanted to shoot a new cover photo for the re-release of her book, "It Takes a Village". The concept was to have Senator Clinton sitting on a bench surrounded by smiling children.

James was hired to make sure the children maintained their focus and kept smiling while the photographer took pictures. James said: "It was very, very strange. I performed my kids show for a handful of kids and Senator Clinton while the photographer lay behind me with a camera between my legs! The Senator was a great audience member, laughing and clapping and shouting the magic words."



MAGICAL ASSIST--James Munton posed with U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton after helping with book promotion.

Afterwards, Senator Clinton asked James how he made his book burst into flames and one of her Secret Service agents asked to look more closely at one of his million dollar bills! Fortunately, the phony bill didn't break any forgery laws.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006
HOLIDAY INN
IN ALEXANDRIA
2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA

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



VETERAN STAR--Veteran actor Michael Caine is one of the stars of the new film "The Prestige" about two rival magicians. See another photo on page 3.

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Coming Events

Lectures at Denny & Lee Magic Studio
325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore.

Lecture by Duane Laffin

featuring silk magic, comedy tricks, by former international president of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians.
Date: Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20

Contact: Denny's at 410-686-3914 or email dennymagic@aol.com.

Society of American Magicians (SAM)

Larry West Assembly 28

Date: Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

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

Theme: "Fixing A Hole"--Beatles

Contacts: Ray Eyler at 410/798-0176

ceyler1026@aol.com or James Munton

at 301-322-5605 --

james@jamesmunton.com.

Glenn Gary's Parlor Magic

Dates: Every Friday at 8 p.m.

Place: The 13th floor of the

National Press Club at 529 14th Street NW in Washington, DC.

Cost: Advance purchase required.

Call 1-800-961-3119 for assistance.

Check available dates and buy tickets online.

Contact: Glenn Gary Productions at 703-963-0790 or glenn@glenngary.com.

Web Site: <http://www.glenngary.com/>

Combined IBM-SAM convention planned for 2008

The International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) and the Society of American Magicians (SAM) will hold a combined six-day convention in Louisville, Kentucky two years from now. Headquarters for the July 21-26, 2008 event will be the newly renovated Galt House and Suites.

The combined convention was first planned in New Orleans. Registration was set back almost four months while seeking a new site because of Katrina. The early registration period has been extended to Dec. 31, 2006. This means

The Theory and Art of Magic -- Muhlenberg College of Pennsylvania.

This popular program is the first ongoing symposium on the magical arts. Date: Lectures and shows began in September for six weeks. Dr. Lawrence Hass, a philosopher and magician from Muhlenberg College, is coordinating the event. Margaret Steele and James Hamilton will create a full-evening theatre show,

"Magic of the Golden Age,"

on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 8

p.m. Teller of Penn and

Teller will be featured on the

event's final day Nov. 29.

Contact: <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/cultural/magic/index.html>.

You can receive all the latest updates on the 2006 program by emailing lhass@muhlenberg.edu.

Cost: Tickets for all events (including special lectures for magicians) are on sale from the Muhlenberg College Box Office. Complete information on how to purchase tickets can be found on the Internet.

"The Illusionist" continues to draw big audiences

"The Illusionist" starring Edward Norton and Jessica Biel, continues to make money. After a month in theaters across the country, the picture has added more than 75 venues to bring its total to around 1,430 and hike its boxoffice revenue above \$20 million. The latest issue of Genii Magazine features the motion picture.

those wishing to take advantage of the \$295 early registration price have until the end of the year to do so.

The 2007 IBM convention will be held in Reno.

Stay on top of the news!

Between Magi-Gram issues, you can check out the latest news on events and performers at the official Ring 50 site:

<http://ibmring50.blogspot.com/> edited by Eric Henning.



Teller



HOT ISSUE--A book held by Barry Taylor explodes in flames outside his magic shop.

Fate of magic shop remains in limbo

About 30 supporters of Barry's Magic recently turned out for a public hearing on the fate of the Wheaton, Md., magic store. A big question mark still looms for the establishment's future.

"You don't know what a headache and a rollercoaster it's been," Barry Taylor told the Ring 50 Magi-Gram. He's been exploring some sites to relocate his shop in Virginia or Maryland in the event he is forced to close early next year.

Barry's is the last remaining magic shop in the Washington, D.C., area. Montgomery County used the power of eminent domain to acquire the building where the shop has operated for nearly 32 years. The county says it will evict Barry, raze the building and construct a walkway to provide access to other businesses.

"How does closing down a family-owned business that attracts people from around the world bring more people to Wheaton?" Barry wondered.

"They don't have a plan. They don't have anything approved," he said.

The wood-framed building was a veterinarian's establishment before Barry acquired it. The magic shop was first located upstairs, but later it moved downstairs when a theater was created on the top level.

Legend was the upstairs, where the veterinarian had an apartment, was haunted. You reportedly can still hear strange noises coming from there.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Ring 50:

Thanks to all of the performers last month. The Spooky Magic program was well received and appreciated by all in attendance. Thanks to all of the performers. Our appreciation goes out to Jim Flanigan (The Irish Whodunit), Eric Henning, Larry Lipman (Lorenzo the Great), Mike Taggart, Rucj Uffelmann, Keith Pass, Noland Montgomery and Louis Hofheimer (Captain Token).

Our next meeting will feature a lecture by John Born. The members who have seen his lecture say we are in for a treat.



Dwight Redman We are making good progress in our preparations for Magi-Whirl. The event will be held at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va., on April 13 & 14, 2007. We have an auditorium with 783 seats to fill and now is the time to start talking to your families and friends about attending the Gala Show on the 14th. We need to plant the seeds of interest now before people make other plans. So far, we have confirmed these attendees:

Paul Krendal -- Grand Illusion Show
Michael Lair -- Lecturer, Dealer, Show

Tim Sonnefelt -- Lecturer, Dealer, Show

Eric Henning -- Lecturer
Richard Hughes -- Dealer
Denny Haney -- Dealer
Stephen Sheppard -- Dealer
Barry Taylor -- Dealer, Question & Answer Session

We are still talking to other dealers and working to line up talent for

close-up and walk-around. We will be putting our first ad in the Linking Ring magazine next month. Have you signed up to volunteer? We will need your help. Although we haven't required your assistance yet, we will have jobs for everyone. Let's make this a success and event we can all be proud of.

--Dwight



MAGIC MOVIE-- "The Prestige" is the latest film to focus on magic. The action takes place in London at the turn of the 20th century. It focuses on two dueling illusionists played by Hugh Jackman and Christina Bale. In this scene, Jackman is flanked by actors Andy Serkis and David Bowie. Actress Scarlett Johansson also stars in the motion picture.

Former Ring 50 President Winton A.J. Carroll performed as "Magical Major"

A funeral mass for former Ring 50 President Winton A.J. Carroll will be held Nov. 3 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fort Myer Post Chapel. Internment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Winton, who performed as "The Magical Major," died on Oct. 5 of congestive heart failure. He was 86.

Winton served as Ring 50's leader from 1962 to 1963. His performances over the years ranged from the White House, where he once appeared at a birthday party for President Eisenhower's daughter Susan, to the palace in Tehran, when the shah of Iran was in power. He always loved to do magic for children and create balloon animals.

Winton, a retired U.S. Army officer, served under General George Patton

in Europe in World War II. He received two purple hearts in action. Later, after recovering, he was sent to Korea. Then, when he was posted in Germany, his teenage interest in magic was revived.



Winton A.J. Carroll
"The Magical Major"

Winton's magic assistant in earlier years including in Germany and later in Iran when he took his whole

A native of Washington, D.C., Winton lived in Falls Church, Va., with his wife Emma. Em or Em Marie, as she was known to friends, was

family there for two years on a mission.

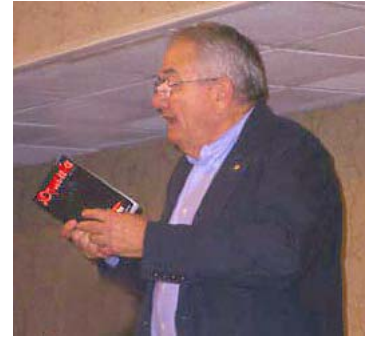
Known for his great sense of humor, Winton was remembered by two veteran magic dealers in the area. "He was such a terrific guy. He would always call me on my birthday," said Barry Taylor of Barry's Magic. Al Cohen, the longtime proprietor of Al's Magic, described him as "a very nice guy" who also called him every year on his birthday. "He never forgot."

Winton is survived by a son who lives in California and a daughter in Michigan in addition to his widow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capital Hospice, 9300 Lee Highway, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031 or the American Heart Association.

October's Magic Show "Spooky"



Jim Flanigan, center, performs a variation of the "Hang ' Em High" illusion doing a takeoff on the current magical movie hit "The Illusionist".



Rucj Uffelmann used a "Dracula" novel to perform some mentalism.



Michael Taggert mystified the audience with his own original routine of the bad guy in the box. He also performed a gory dissecto illusion



Captain Token the Magician (**Louis Hofheimer**) combined macabre magic with traditional effects like this one.



Keith Pass drew a spooky skull on a white board. Suddenly it came to life and its eyes began to move.

Eric Henning entertained the crowd with some spectacular card magic. He concluded with a slick rising card routine.



Photos by Bob Patterson, Jim Flanigan and Dwight Redman



"Lorenzo the Great" **Larry Lipman** displayed some straps and a plastic tube before pulling the straps through the body of a volunteer.



Noland Montgomery offered a "street version" of the cups and balls. He wrapped up his routine producing two baseballs from under the cups and a coconut from a seemingly empty hat.