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Dues must be paid now!

Roughly a third of Ring 50's members have paid their dues so far. The annual fee of \$15 was payable in February. Treasurer Rucj Uffelman is appealing to all members to pay their dues immediately. They should send a check to his address: Rucj Uffelman, 1808 Horseback Trail, Vienna, VA 22182. Meanwhile, Rucj points out that nearly two dozen former Ring 50 members did not pay their dues at all last year. He is asking for ideas to get the old members back in the fold.

Annual auction provides chance to pick up many magical bargains

Our March meeting will be one you won't want to miss--Ring 50's annual Auction Night. Dick Christian, also known as "CHRISTIAN the Magician," will be on deck as auctioneer.

This year's auction will be dedicated to the memory of Harold "Doc" Dougherty. Doc, a former Ring 50 president, used to team up with Dick to sell magical merchandise. The combination used to be called the "Dick and Doc Show" when it was staged each year.

You will want to be in the mood to spend, spend, spend. Some unique conjuring collectibles will be on the auction block.

Be sure to contact a Ring 50 officer immediately if you plan to put up any of your own items for sale in the

auction. Under the sale rules, you give 10 per cent of the profit to the club. The 10 percent rule also applies to buyers. That slice of what you bid for any article you purchase goes into the

Ring 50 treasury. If you have any questions about the rules, contact Ring 50 President Glenn Gary.



Dick Christian

Dan Lacey Trophy Contest Set

Ring 50's third annual Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy competition, in memory of our 1999-2000 president, will be held April 6. The competition is open to all members of Ring 50. Rules on the length of performance will be provided in the near future, but assume it will be between 6-8 minutes. Members who wish to participate should contact Larry Lipman at lorenzomagic@cox.net or 703-237-1531.

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



GOOD SHOW--*Barry Taylor, a magic dealer for 30 years, was the king of hearts as he presented a What's New at Barry's night at February's Ring 50 meeting. He runs a popular magic shop in Wheaton, MD.*

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 2, 2005
PIER 7 RESTAURANT
CHANNEL INN HOTEL
650 Water Street SW
Washington DC

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

Coming Events

Dave Shepherd Close-up Magic

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 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

SAM Meeting

Date: March 16
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Theme: Bob Little lecture on cards, close-up and comedy.
Cost: Free to members; \$10 non-members.
Contact: John Flanagan at (703) 582-6349 flanaganmagic@yahoo.com or Ray Eyer at (410) 798-0176 ceyler1026@aol.com

Lectures at Denny's

The legendary John Calvert
Date: March 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221
Contact: 410-686-3914
or <http://www.dennymagic.com>

Ricky Jay Show

With nothing more than a deck of cards, noted magician Ricky Jay transfixes audiences with his subtle and clever sleight-of-hand.
Dates: May 6-May 22, 2005
Place: The Studio Theatre, 1333 P Street NW (14th & P), Washington, DC
Cost: Check theater's Web site www.studiotheatre.org for prices and times.
Contact: 202-332-3300 (box office)

David Copperfield: An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion

Dates: Friday, April 29, at 6 and 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 30, at 2, 5 and 8 p.m.
Place: Warner Theatre, 13th and F streets NW, Washington.
Cost: \$33.50-\$48.50 for upper balcony seats; \$58.50 for orchestra and mid-balcony seats. Children ages 12 and under can receive \$5 off regular ticket price at time of purchase. Groups of 15 or more save by calling 866-326-3065.
Tickets available through Tickmaster. www.ticketmaster.com.

2005 Magi-Whirl, a one-day convention sponsored by Ring 50 -- the National Capital Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Date: Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Place: Cedar Ridge Community Church, 2410 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, MD

Accommodations: Best Western Maryland Inn, 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707-2957, located 3 miles from the convention site.

Cost: \$30 via Web or pay Ring 50 treasurer by check until June 20. After June 15, \$40 for everyone. Registration includes all events, including evening show. \$10 evening show only.

Features: Close-up magic lecture, stand-up magic lecture, dealers and public evening show.

Saturday Morning at the Movies

Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD

The Publick Playhouse has brought back Saturday morning movies for children ages 7 to 12 that feature a half hour of live entertainment by musicians, magicians and comical clowns before the motion picture.

March 12 at 10 a.m.

Eric Redman's Magik plus Saturday morning Disney movie, "Lilo & Stitch," about a 5-year-old Hawaiian girl who adopts an evil alien disguised as a six-legged dog.

April 9 at 10 a.m.

James Wand Secret Agent Magic Show featuring James Munton plus Saturday morning movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

June 11 at 10 a.m.

Noland's Magic featuring Noland Montgomery plus Saturday morning movie "Muppet Treasure Island" with Kermit and Miss Piggy doing their version of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous classic about a band of wicked pirates.

Cost: \$5

Contact: 301-277-1710 (Box Office) or TTY 301-277-0312



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MAGIC MAN--Johnny Carson, the host of the Tonight Show for 30 years, was an amateur magician who promoted magic. He died in January. He was portrayed as magical in editorials, columns and cartoons such as this one.

2005 Schedule

(subject to change)

March 2

Spring Cleaning Auction

April 6

Dan Lacey Trophy Contest & Mini-Lecture

May 4

Lecture by Danny Archer

June 1

New Officers Show & "Open Mike"

July

No meeting because of IBM national convention in Reno.

Mid-month picnic TBA

Aug. 3

Children's Magic

Sept. 7

Banquet/Cabaret Magic Teach-In

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More and more members are joining the bandwagon by subscribing to the monthly Ring 50 Magi-Gram by email only. If you want to switch to this delivery system and stop receiving the newsletter by mail, please let Editor Jim Flanigan know by emailing him today at jflanigan@aol.com. By receiving the newsletter via email you will help save postage costs. You also will receive photos in color and other features that are limited by space in the printed version.



FATHER AND SON--
Eric Redman, above, and his father, Dwight Redman, right, both members of Ring 50, warmed up the crowds by performing close-up magic before the shows.



A showcase of professional African American magicians wowed crowds at the Harris Theatre on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University in Northern Virginia in mid-February with matinee and evening performances. “The Heart and Soul of Magic” opened with the magic of Puck, a former Baltimore magician, whose home base is now Orlando, Fla., where he is involved in performances across the country and on cruises. He caught everyone’s attention immediately by producing a beautiful cockatoo from a sketch book. The bird flew out over the audience in several graceful sweeps. Jack Nance, a Ring 50 member who had a front row seat for the show, was called on stage. The cockatoo proved his own mystical powers by pecking out the word “VIDEOCASE” on a strip of paper after Jack picked it from a thick book. Puck closed with a beautiful production of a giant American flag.

Randy Shine, who was the creator and producer of the show, opened with a demonstration of how to separate magic believers from non-believers. He dropped a red sponge ball into a paper sack and changed it into a bottle of ketchup. Putting the bottle back in the bag, he made it vanish. He then tossed a deck of cards out into the audience and asked three people randomly picked to freely choose a playing card. He was able to name all three cards selected. He closed with a story from Africa about brotherhood and sisterhood. With a



Performers posed after the matinee

motherly looking woman at his side, he held his hand over a burning candle to tell how people could share pain. When he pulled away from the flame, he showed the gray-haired lady had a black burn identical to his on her own palm.

Hiawatha, a well-known performer of inspiring “magic characters” at schools, festivals and conventions across the country, transfixed the audience with the magic stick he held in his hands. The cane seemed to come alive as he held it. A young boy was invited to join him from the audience. Hiawatha demonstrated how a bag of a dozen seashells can multiply if they are shared with others. The boy discovered this lesson after handing out half his shells to various people in the crowd and yet the bag was overflowing when he returned. Hiawatha is a professor of dance at Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Lynchburg, Va.

Chris Capehart, one of the top names in magic from the Philadelphia area, dazzled the audience with his handling of cards and sponge balls. His quick comeback verbal skills made him particularly exciting to watch. He transformed a vanishing and reappearing silk into a cane. He also performed a beautiful Miser’s Dream routine with the help of an exuberant young blonde girl from the audience. His skill at entertaining people of all ages was proven with a delightful Fraydi Cat rabbit routine involving a black bunny and a white one.

Lloyd Capehart, the 12-year-old son of the master magician, presented The Magic of Lloyd. He opened with a nice rope routine. He amazed everyone with an illusion in which a young man from the audience was suspended in air on a floating platform after being placed into a mock trance. The young performer concluded with a dancing cane routine.

A group of close-up magicians entertained in the lobby before the show and during intermission. They included Born, Capaso Casino, Eric Jones, Dwight Redmond, Eric Redmond and Masta Sha.