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VMC Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

- Next regular magic meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 2006
- Magic & Miracles, Jan. 3rd and 4th, 2006 (Royal Theatre)
- Next Magic Youth International meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2006
- VMC Annual Dinner January 21st 2006.

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

Hey you Close Uppers. It's time to dig out your cups and dust off your balls. It's the:

TONY AWARD COMPETITION

This popular contest will be held at our January meeting and the winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner (January 21st/06).

You can find the rules for the competition online here:

<http://victoriamagiccircle.com/assets/docs/tonytrophy.doc>

You can also find the Tony Rules on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

JANUARY 3rd 2006 VMC Meeting

Focus on a Magician ? Tony Eng

Teach a Trick ? Doug Poruchny

Mini Lecture ? Jennifer Burke

Theme ? **TONY AWARD COMPETITION**

Refreshments ? Doug Poruchny

Special Guest Speaker – Bob Fitch

ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS

We are pleased to announce The VMC Annual Dinner, on January 21st, 2006 will feature Ray and Jo-Ann Medway on the stage! Over half of the tickets have been sold to date. Joy will be bringing the remaining tickets to the upcoming January 4th Monthly Meeting (tickets are \$30 each). For full details on the Annual Dinner, see page 5.



PCAM 2006 (Report #11). . .



Registrations are now in the eighties and with seven months to go we feel good about having a "full house". We had a Team Leader meeting at the end of November and it looks as if planning for most activities is moving ahead well. Most of the "Talent" has been booked and we will be displaying this info on our web page over the next few months. Dealers are being lined up and Tony promises a good mix of venders with some original stuff. The Harbour Towers has come through with excellent Hospitality rooms which will be available throughout the event.

We are looking for a catchy title for the Gala magic show at the McPherson on Sat 12 Aug. We want to create some excitement with the title. If you have any ideas please contact me or Tony.

We still have an urgent need for volunteers to help in many ways during the event. If you have not already done so please step forward and offer your help.

Many thanks to all the Team Leaders for their great work so far. We have the "makings" of a wonderful event thanks to their efforts.

Ron

A Reminder from the Editor of the VMC Newsletter . . .

Joy and I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Season as much as we did, it was a busy time, but it is for the most part done now! We can focus now on the new year, and in the club we can focus on upcoming events such as the Tony Award, Annual Dinner, Magic Auction.

Once again, If you have any announcements, news worthy of sharing, or if you would like to write a 'Special Report' on a magic topic that could be of interest to others and you would like to see it in the newsletter, please either phone me at 381-1997 or email me at theking@thekingofmagic.com, and I will do my best to include your submission in the next issue.



[Shayne King](#)

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| THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SENT IN YOUR DUES - | <i>If you haven't yet, please send them to:</i> | Kerry Zado, Treasurer, C/O Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, 688 Broughton St. Victoria BC, V8W 1C9 |
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President's Report

As the year draws to a close, I'm very pleased with the progress of our club. We've had several great lectures and we have even more booked in the new year. We have the Tony Competition with a surprise guest,

Bob Fitch at the January 2006 meeting. We have Ray & Jo-Ann Medway as headliners at our annual dinner/show on January 21/06. Start pulling out all those dusty magic props and get ready for our annual auction in

February.

I hope everyone got a chance to get on the Early Bird PCAM 2006 registration, as it was the **BEST** deal, we could possible offer. See you at the January 2006 meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Tony



Tony Eng
PRESIDENT



PRIZES FOR THE VMC ANNUAL DINNER RAFFLE

Ray Parker is coordinating the raffle for our upcoming annual dinner – Do you have something to add to the prize list? This raffle is a lot of fun for attendees, and also the proceeds help to offset the cost of the entertainment, so your help will be much appreciated by other club members as well as attendees who enjoy the excitement of the draws. You can contact Ray at raynor@shaw.ca or call him at 383-1470 if you can help out.



[Ray Parker](#)



Lucas Kavanagh

Magic Youth International Meeting ...

The MYI did not meet in December due to the busy magic season but we will meet again on January 20th/06 and all VMC members are welcome to stop by and have a good time!

Around & About Town...

[Kernel Popcorn](#) (Scott Hopkins) should be arriving back home shortly after spending the month of December overseas, performing shows in South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. Bob Smith (London Bobby) has been aboard the 'Brilliance of the Seas' in the Caribbean over the Christmas Season, filling their piano lounge with his magical piano stylings.

[Eric Bedard's](#) December job on Princess Cruises was a big hit and he has now signed on for a 3 to 6 month job aboard the Caribbean Princess -- good going Eric!

Paul Kilshaw had a busy December with his work at Butchart's Gardens, Christmas Shows, and many Santa Appearances.

[Shayne King](#) (producer of Night Magic) along with Lucas Kavanagh, Ray Parker, Eric Bedard, Alex Day and Tracy Tanis will be onstage for their January 5th show at 1415 Broad Street. Members of the VMC can get in to the show for half price (\$5) <http://www.nightmagic.org>.

Tony and Ann Eng had a busy Christmas Season as usual with shows and 'the shop', and now are busy with their Early January Super Sale and preparing the shop for Murray and Teresa.

Do you have some news about yourself that could be shared in 'Around and About Town'? Please email Joykruger@shaw.ca with your submission for the February Newsletter.



Cool Magic Dude
Eric Bedard

ROUND TABLE REPORT:



David Attwood
Round Table Co-ordinator

Hello and happy new year to everyone. What an incredible season of fun and magic. The last Round Table session we were focusing on close up magic for children and we were able to discuss Linking Safety pins, billiard ball productions and balloon presentations with kids. The members that made it out for this meeting were David Mohr, Ray Parker, David Attwood, Paul Kilshaw, Bob Reilly and Derek Simon. We all brought a little bit of food and had a casual session of association and discussing different aspects of the entertainment business.

Next Round Table will be on January 16th and the topic of discussion will be Elastic band and coin magic. The meeting will be held at the Malahat Lounge 105 Gorge Road East buzz #80 for the lounge and someone will buzz you in.

THE VMC ANNUAL DINNER – JANUARY 21ST, 2006 at the Edelweiss Hall, 108 Niagara Street ~ doors open at 6:00 ~

The **VMC ANNUAL DINNER**, on January 21st, 2006, is only 3 weeks away -- there are still tickets available, so pick yours up soon – tickets are \$30 each this year, still a fantastic deal! Tickets are available at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop, and Joy will be bringing tickets to the January meeting as well. (cash or cheque only please)

Ron Bell is still collecting names for the Close-uppers so please contact Ron at bellron@telus.net if you would like to be part of the close-up team. Tony Eng will be recruiting help for set-up of the event, so please consider helping with table set-up in the afternoon of the 21st.

The evening features a bountiful and **delicious dinner buffet** catered by Ursula, whose food, excellent service and hospitality we have enjoyed for a number of years now. There will be **close-up magic**... there will be the presentation of **two awards**: the Farquhar Magician of the Year Award, and the Tony Trophy... and to finish the evening, a highly entertaining **STAGE SHOW**. Tony Eng has booked **Ray and Jo-Ann Medway** who will provide us with a highly entertaining stage show, not to be missed! Please check out www.raymedway.com to see what

Ray and Jo-Ann will be bringing to our stage!

The **Annual Dinner Raffle Coordinator** is Ray Parker – please contact Ray at raynor@shaw.ca or call him at 383-1470 if you have something to donate.

Hope you can join us for another great magical soiree – a guaranteed good time, and a guaranteed sell-out!

Joy Kruger

TONY AWARD COMPETITION

ORIGINALITY

Presentation must be close-up in nature and demonstrate distinct elements of originality in concept and/or presentation. Consideration will be given to creativity and inventiveness in the presentation and content. 20%

ROUTINE

Handling of sleights, manipulation, secret moves, magic principles, technical skill, music/sound effects. 20%

PRESENTATION

Department, use of volunteer/audience, evidence of a beginning, middle and an ending with fluidity throughout. Ability to recover if something goes wrong, use of the close-up area, visibility to and respect for audience, evidence of showmanship. Evidence of timing of moves and/or effects for impact. 10%

PATTER

Diction, story line, use of significant language, and communication with audience. 10%

AUDIENCE IMPACT

Overall impression, sustaining the interest of the audience, strength of the magic and/or effect, entertainment value, consideration as to the type of lay audience the presentation it is for. 10%

ATTIRE

Consideration to presenting in a professional manner - choice of clothing, neatness, presence and/or attire reflecting the performers character. 10%

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

An audience ballot will be added to the final marks. 20%

MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT

Presentation should not exceed 10 minutes. Automatic 5% penalty once this time is exceeded.

TICKET INFORMATION 1-800-268-7371



Together Murray and his partner Teresa have achieved an amazing level of success. In the past year alone they've performed at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, toured Canada and the US with four different touring shows and were invited to perform in front of 1500 magicians from around the globe at the International Brotherhood of Magicians Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. In the midst of all this they performed for numerous corporate and private functions and several fairs including the Northwest Washington Fair and the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede. Murray was honoured to be nominated as the 2005 Magician of the Year by the Canadian Association of Magicians.

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| January 3, 2006 | Victoria, British Columbia | ROYAL THEATRE 3:30 PM / 6:30 PM |
| January 4, 2006 | Victoria, British Columbia | ROYAL THEATRE 5:00 PM / 7:30 PM |

Murray and Teresa's guest performers will be:

Chipper Lowell - Visual Comedian

Chipper's unusual antics onstage might be considered a perfect match for his out-of-the-ordinary childhood. Born in a circus, he travelled the globe with his parents—his father, a clown and his mother, an aerialist who hung in mid-air held only by her teeth.

Chipper combines original stand-up, bizzare circus skills and uncanny magic, all within a whirlwind of split-second adlibs for a totally unique entertainment experience. He has performed with stars like Barry Manilow, the Bangles and Jerry Seinfeld and has appeared on television programs including General Hospital, Empty Nest and the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Danny Cole - Hollywood's Magic Champion

At the age of 26, Danny Cole has already made a significant mark in the world of magic. He was voted "Stage Magician of the Year" by the Magic Castle in Hollywood, he was a guest on Lance Burton's second network television special and he was one of the stars of NBC television's "T.H.E.M." in 2004.

Danny is clearly one of the world's premiere magicians. He brings to the stage innovative concepts and shows audiences a side of magic that they've never seen before. Danny's magic has taken him to many countries around the world including France, Japan, Monaco, China, Belgium and Germany.

Jeff McLeod - Magic on the Wild Side

How do you describe something that defies description? Jeff McLeod marches to a different drummer and brings to the stage an act that is unusual, original and most of all—funny! He combines magic, comedy and even yo-yo's for a hilarious and unforgettable experience.



Danny Cole



Chipper Lowell



Jeff McLeod



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Happy New Year from Tony's

A note from

*Shayne King and
Joy Kruger:*

The staff at Tony's is anticipating (with pleasure) the take over of Tony's Trick and Joke Shop in mid January/06 by Murray Hatfield and Teresa Midbo.

Murray has indicated that the current staff will be kept in his employ. Murray has some great new ideas for the shop, and we look forward to working with Murray and Teresa to make it all happen and to keep our local Magic Shop thriving

and lots of fun!!

Please come by in the next few weeks to take advantage of the great deals that Tony and Ann are offering.. and then, please come by again in the near future to visit Murray, Teresa and all of us to see what's new at 'The Shop'!

We wish Murray and Teresa all the best in this exciting endeavor, and we are sure next Newsletter Murray and Teresa will submit a formal greeting and 'welcome' to all of you to come on

down to the shop.

As magic lovers and club members, we can't thank Tony and Ann enough for all the years of being such a supportive and active part of our magic community...

And as 'staff', we must say, we can not have worked for better people than Ann and Tony – they treated us all like family and we truly felt part of a great team!

***Thanks so much
Tony and Ann,
from All of Us –
old staff, and new!***

Tony's Trick and Joke Shop's:

Retirement Sale!

EVERYTHING IN THE STORE IS ON SALE AT A

WHOPPING 25% OFF!

Now is the time to pick up those high end magic items that you've always wanted but couldn't afford.

I'm going for the DVDs. How about YOU?
