

ORGAN OF THE SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF MAGIC

FISM organises the World Championship of Magic every 3 years. Since 1948 they have organised 22 events producing top quality magic acts and magicians. In 2006 the World Championships of Magic took place in Stockholm. In 2009 the World Championships of Magic was moved to Beijing where it was held at the Chinese National Convention Centre.



The FISM 2009 results are out!

A big congratulations to the winners and all of the 138 acts that competed at FISM 2009 Beijing.

Micro Magic

- 1st place - not awarded
- 2nd place - Vittorio Belloni - Italy
- 3rd place - tie Simon Coronel - Australia / Johan Stahl - Sweden

Cards

- 1st place - Shawn Farquhar - Canada
- 2nd place - Kristian Nivala - Finland
- 3rd place - Olmac - France

Parlour Magic

- 1st place - Marc Oberon - UK
- 2nd place - Charlie Caper - Sweden
- 3rd place - Latko - Argentina

(Marc Oberon had originally entered Micro. The judges chose to change his category to Parlour.)

Comedy Magic

- 1st place - not awarded
- 2nd place - Brynolf & Ljung - Sweden
- 3rd place - Cheff Magic - Denmark

Mentalism

- 1st place - not awarded
 - 2nd place - tie - Nicolai Friedrich - Germany and Rob & Emiel - Netherlands
 - 3rd place - Tony Montana - Argentina
- (Mentalist Juan Ordeix who had received a standing ovation for his act was disqualified for having used stooges which is contrary to FISM rules)*

Stage Illusions

- 1st place - Julius Frack - Germany
- 2nd place - Magic Sky Group - China
- 3rd place - not awarded

General Magic

- 1st place - Soma - Hungary
- 2nd place - Ma Yanyan - China
- 3rd place - Siebensinn - Austria

Manipulation

- 1st place - tie - Yo Kato - Japan
Han Seol-Hui - Korea
 - 2nd place - Sebastian Nicolas - Germany
 - 3rd place - An Ha Lim - Korea
- Looks like the Asians are showing their strength in Manipulation!!*

Special Contest Awards

- Creativity and Artistic Vision
Jim Steinmeyer (USA)
- History, Research and Scholarship
Bill Kalush (USA)
- Theory and Philosophy
Juan Tamariz (Spain)
- Grand Prix Stage Magic 2009
Soma Hungary
- Grand Prix Close-up Magic 2009
Shawn Farquhar Canada
- Most Original Act
Charming Choi Rep. of Korea
- Invention
Jorge Luengo Spain

When will SLMC be sending a contestant to FISM????

June Members' Day

Members who attended the Membership Day on 26th July in chronological Order

Present 18: Messers Sanjeeva Hewapathirane, Shyam Anthonypillai, Ranjith Salpitikorale, Ronald De Alwis, Aunurasiri Wijesinghe, Felix De Alwis, H.D.N.Gunasekera, Chandrasena Gamage, Shelton Jayasekera (left early) Terry Amarasekera, Elrea Pereira, Rohan Jayasekera, S.K.Dharamapala, Noel Wickremasinghe, Rohith. J. Silva, Ajith Fernando, Devsiri Fernando & Michael Fernando

EXCUSES 06: Messers Kamalshantha Silva, Merril weckasinghe, Ranjith Silva, Lalith Wickremasinghe & Nelson Jayawardane.

In Remembrance

In this issue we feature Tuan Akbar Rumblan alias "Akbar the Great" formerly of 20/8 Mews Street, Colombo 02 who was a popular Street Magician.

Akbar the Great

By Chandrasena Gamage

He was born on 6th December 1942. He was a chubby guy who had a pleasant disposition and always caught the eye of a pedestrian who would linger on to see his captivating street performance. "Akbar the Great" should not be mistaken for Prof Akbar ~ Wickramapala Alwis of the Govt. Film Unit.

Rumblan joined the Sri Lanka Magic Circle on 14th March 1974 proposed by Gate Mudaliyar A.C.G.S.Amarasekera (President) & seconded by Al Haj M.M.Cassim (Hony Treasurer)

His son Mohamed Zahir Akbar coincidentally was also born on 6th December (1972) Very Magical indeed !!

Within a very short time Akbar the Great lived up to his famed name & his name soon became a household name in the field of magic. Akbar the Great was truly a great Magician in his hey day. Worthy of his pseudo name "Akbar the Great", in his own amiable style of presentation, showmanship & stagecraft, has been unmatched to date !

Being the first to perform & introduce the Zig- Zag Lady illusion & the Glass Box Illusion in the local arena, he certainly would have had a lot more up his sleeve to offer the local magical scene, if not for his untimely death in the Middle East.

"As one would find Pearls in the belly of the sea shell....
As a lotus would grow out of the mud.....
One may find a precious stone out of the rocks"
was truly the Great Akbar !!

The above reminds me of how Akbar rose to fame. Performing daily, making the Colombo side walks his platform for magical display was how he gained his skill. Later on he joined the SLMC almost against the many odds!! .

He soon hit the limelight when he applied for the Sri Lanka Magicians National Contest in the year 1972 & won it hands down ! He made history by winning it three times in a row, 1972 1973 & 1974 (Of course this record was broken later) As I remember he would enter the stage only a few minutes before the show, his wife & brother in law would arrange the tables for him. A spool tape recorder was used to create music & sound effects synchronizing with his act. What a great effort and skill he used to put into his act to keep the audience entertained & spellbound ! His pretty wife was his best trained assistant. Unfortunately his son has failed to take over as a second generation magician. There is an anecdote which tells a tale of how a pickpocket picked his Gold Medal presented by some fans at a carnival he performed with a newspaper reporting how a Magician got "picked"!!

With his ability as an Entertainer of Magic, Ventriloquist, Artist and Juggler Akbar got the opportunity to perform in the Middle East. Unfortunately thereafter, we never had the chance to witness his performance as he went to rest in the Hands of Allah in the Middle East itself.

AUGUST Programme

The Next Members Day is on **Sunday 30th August**
@ 156 Templars Road, Mt.Lavinia.

- Reporting Time : 9.00 AM - Registration & Fellowship
9.00 to 10.00 AM
- Use of Library Facilities (Not Later)
 - DVD Display on TV on "SPONGE BALLS"
by Mr. Sanjeeva Hewapathirane
- 10.00 to 10.10 AM
- "Star Performer"
- 10.11 to 10.20 AM
- President's Address
- 10.21 to 10.30 AM
- Announcements by Mr. Devsiri Fernando
- 10.31 to 11.00 AM
- Presentation of Sponge Balls
Mr.Shelton Jayasekera & the Panel
- 11.01 to 11.10 AM
- Tea Break & Birthday Wishes
- 11.11 to 11.30 AM
- Talk by Mr. Sumangala Silva
 - Ms.Nishika Pieris re FISM 2009 in China
- 11.31 to 12.00 PM
- Performances by all members
- 12.01 to 1.00 PM
- Fellowship, Adjournment & National Anthem

Star Performer - August !
Vijaya Silva from Kibissa
Welcome after a long time !!
(The President visited Vijaya Silva & received his confirmation)

Good Habits

1

- We appreciate members informing us that they are unable to attend the Membership Day.

This indicates their interest in our activities. In future please inform Mr.Elrea Pereira on telephone (011) 7205566 if you are unable to attend & any other information re change of address / telephone numbers etc.

2

- Members who do not attend a single meeting during a year or two must decide their future with the SLMC.

3

- Please report on time so that we could work according to the programme.

How our Members & Friends Rally Round the SLMC !!

29/03/09 ~ RB233 Rs.10,000/= Vijaya Nandasiri
 05/05/09 ~ RB256 Rs. 9,500/= Sumangala Silva
 31/05/09 ~ RB261 Rs. 1,500/= Ranjan Jayawardane
 15/07/09 ~ RB275 Rs.10,000/= Chandra Jayatilleke
 20/07/09 ~ RB277 Rs. 3,000/= Wasantha Mewaddana
 26/07/09 ~ RB283 Rs. 5,000/= Life Member contributing wants to remain Mr. Anonymous !!
 Total Donations Rs.39,000/=

- ✿ The SLMC also appreciates the contribution of our expert electrician Mr.Kamalshanta Silva who is attending on the Electrical work at 156. Thank you Kamal for saving a lot on Electrical wiring costs! A big contribution!!
- ✿ President informs that more dedicated members have promised Donations etc! If you are feeling left out join the Support Group !!
- ✿ The President & the Executive Board are highly pleased that more & more members are realizing the value of our very own building "156" where one feels like coming home, feeling proud of it. Indeed this is most gratifying.

Apart from that we are continuing to receive several items useful to the SLMC by members & other donors who are friends of the members. We encourage you to give the SLMC any unwanted items you may have at home. Even flower pots !
 Mr.Ranjith Dharmapala (presently abroad) has promised an antique cupboard on his return. Greatly appreciated !!

The SLMC has received the following items this year (2009/10) since 1st March 2009 to 31st July 09 the following items.

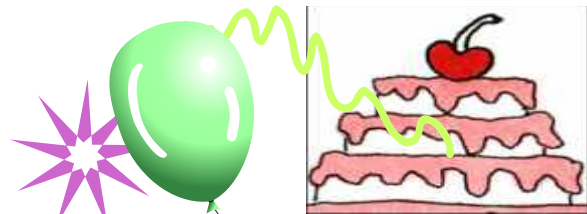
Item	Donated By	Initiated By
A Used Pedestal Fan	Mr.Devsiri Fernando	
A Pair of Used Glvanized Gates	Mr.Suranjith De Soysa	
A Used 6 Seater Dining Table	Dr. Ratnayake	Mr.Devsiri Fernando
A Used 24' TV	Mr.Thomas Imboden	Col. Ronald De Alwis
A Toilet Brush & cleaner	Mr.Suranjith De Soysa	
500 Gms Bleach for WC	Mr.Suranjith De Soysa	
25 Aluminum Chairs	Mr.K.W.Silva	
02 New Ceiling Usha Ceiling Fans	Mr.M.L.Grero	Mr.Terry Amarasekera
01Used Monitor, Key Pad, Mouse,	Mr.Terry Amarasekera	
02 Speakers		

All items received are been inventorized & valued under Movable Assets. We are expecting several more items of furniture etc through the efforts of our members. Please try to get anything useful through your contacts.

Where There is a Will there is a Way !! Your Efforts would be our Luck !!!

What Else .. We Need ?

A Computer Unit,
 Computer Table & Chair,
 A Fan for the Front Room,
 Steel Cupboards,
 3 to 4 Dozs Cups & Saucers,
 3 Dozen 6" Tall Glasses,
 06 to 12 Plates,
 An Electric Water Dispenser,
 A Settee & Chairs,
 Bar Counter & Bar Stools,
 A bottle opener,
 12 Tea Spoons, 12 Table Forks & Spoons,
 Bathroom Brush,
 A Tea Trolley,
 Verandah Chairs,
 A Mirror for the bathroom, Bathroom wall hooks
 Towel Rack,
 A Rake,
 a Step Ladder ,
 Chandelier, Lamp Shades & so many things which
 you could imagine!!
*Hope our members & their friends would come to our
 support in the Month of August !!!*



Happy Birthday
 to all members
 celebrating their birthdays in the month of August

2nd - Priyanka Gunaratne
 3rd - D.D.C.Heendeniya
 5th - Wasantha Meewaddana
 5th - Manuja De Silva
 19th - M.D.J.Gunatilleke

Hope to see the Birthday Boys & Girl give a Treat on the 30th August !!

WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ?

The under mentioned members please inform the General Secretary on 7205566 or Email to magicana@sltnet.lk your Birthday in order to update our official records;

Jayani Kasturiartchchi, Ranjitha Ratnapala, Lalith Wickremasinghe, Noel Wickremasinghe, Naminda Warakagoda, Michael Fernando, I.U.B.Gunaratne, Shelton Jayasekera, Chandrasiri Weliwatte, Ranjith Dharmapala, M.M.S.Puspakumara & Priyantha Gamage

INAUGURAL Club Nite

The Inaugural Club Nite as proposed held on 2nd Friday 14th August.

This was mentioned in the July Wand & stressed at the July Members Day too.

The following members reported; Sanjeeva Hewapathirane, A.Wijesinghe, Elrea Pereira, Ronald de Alwis, M.M.S.Puspakumara, Rohan Jayasekera, Devsiri Fernando & Shelton Jayasekara..

Although the numbers were small it turned out to be an interesting evening of music mirth & fun. Members introduced themselves & the older members spoke about hilarious incidents of the past, sang songs & danced with glee with the music provided our DJ Sanjeeva who brought his music set up & there was Karoake too.

Bacchus provided the spirit shared by those who partook same & the enjoyable evening broke up at 9.00 PM as scheduled. A..Wijesinghe introduced a Guest interested in joining the Circle. He sang well.

It is decided that the September 11th Club Night from 5.00 PM to 9.00 PM would be restricted to only members & their immediate family only since the whole idea is to build up a harmonious & strong fellowship among the members & their families & members hoping to attend to kindly inform the General Secretary on 7205566 in order to organize refreshments & to plan out a good evening of entertainment. On or before 7th September.

Brother Puspakumara produced a tin of Cheeselets & Brothers Devsiri & Ronald produced Boiled & Tempered 'Kadala'

Members who missed this evenings lovely time should not miss the next Club Night !! Soft drinks was on the house & Baccus was privately shared to keep the spirits in good humour! The evening ended well.

To see is to believe !! We hope to have about 25 members or more for the September "DO". Join us & enjoy the Fun !!

Brother Sanjeeva Hewapathirane gifted a valuable CD on World Magic Awards 2008 to the members present at the Club Night. In fact he had brought many to be presented to many more members if they were present. Well those who were not present really missed a good gift!! Who knows there would be many more interesting offers, gifts etc at every Club Day in the future !!

So do not miss both events the 2nd Tuesday & the last Sunday of every month @ "156". Read the Monthly Wand since no reminders would be given in future.

**Next Club Nite is on
Friday 11th September
Be sure to be there....**

**Auction Sale Of Hoerbi Kull's
Balance Items on the 30th of August**
Members are encouraged
to **BRING-BUY-SELL**
Personal Tricks

Gratifying

It is gratifying to note that several members have paid & are in the process of settling their dues up to this year 2009/10.

We hope anyone who has yet to settle would do so this month.

It is sad to note that 04 Members are yet to settle Rs.9,500/= Tickets money due on the Night of Illusions Show on 17th October 2009, thereby reducing our profitability. How shall we call them.....

Absconders???

Wake up, please..

Non Active Members Who Pay their Service fees Only

There is a category of Life Members who pay only Service Fees but do not attend any of our activities. These are Inactive & Dormant Members who should now wake up & be with us at our Get-To-Gethers.

We appeal to them to be present next time.....

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Driving the dead

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, then the driver said,

"Please, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me."

The passenger, who was also frightened, apologized and said he didn't realize that a tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

To which the driver replied, "I'm sorry, it's really not your fault at all. Today is my first day driving a cab. I have been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

His best trick

The teacher was discussing different jobs held by the parents of the students. When she called on Little Johnny, she asked, "And what does your father do?"

"Oh, he's a magician," replied Johnny.

"Really? And what's his best trick?"

"His best trick is sawing people in half."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the teacher. "Tell me, are there any more children in your family?"

"Yes ma'am, I have a half brother and two half sisters."

