



ORGAN OF THE SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE

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MAGIC OF MICHEAL



JACKSON

Michael Jackson was the single most successful entertainer of our time. Regardless of what you think of him, you should take notes and learn from his example.

After all, he wasn't just a singer, dancer,

choreographer, actor, or enormous a-list celebrity, but he was also an illusionist.

Yep, MJ did magic tricks.

He knew that to have the most electric and energetic stage performance, he had to use everything at his disposal. (And since he was so ridiculously talented and wealthy, he had quite a bit at his disposal.)

Throughout his career, he included illusions in his concerts such as magically appearing on stage in a puff of smoke. He even invented (and patented) the "anti-gravity lean" effect made famous in the video for "Smooth Criminal"

What's the lesson here?

YOU should use all at your disposal too when trying to entertain your audiences. Add your other talents and your personality to your magic.

If a singer can use magic, why can't a magician use music? Or stories? Or dance? Or all of the above and more? Comedy, music, poetry, and hypnosis techniques are all commonly added to magic shows.

Think about this....

What can YOU add that would make your show more entertaining, more energetic, more amazing, and more YOU?

June Members' Day

28th June 2009

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Present: Ronald De Alwis, Kamalshanta Silva, Devsiri Fernando, Ranjith Salpitikorale, Chandrasena Gamage, Sambuddika Ratnayake, Priyantha Gamage, Elrea Pereira, Amarasiri Wijesinghe, Palitha Fernando, Rohan Jayasekera, L.A.Seneviratne, Noel Wickremasinghe, Rohith.J. Silva, Dinesh Thangavel, Nelson Jayawardane, Ranjith Silva, Ranjitha Rathnapala, Shelton Jayasekera, R.M.Piyatilake, Lalith Wickremasinghe, Ranjith Dharamapala & Suranjith De Soysa.

Guest: Master Sachin Silva (Son of Rohith J. Silva)

Excuses: Merrill Weckasinghe, Yolani Fernando , Michael Fernando, Terry Amarasekera

Library at your toes ! The Library which was moving from pillar to post since 1922 has finally found its due place @ 156 !! President appreciated the administrative work done by **Ranjitha Ratnapala** who has since resigned due to personal reasons & **Rohan Jayasekera** has taken over with **Sambuddika Ratnayake** as his Assistant on a probationary period. About 12 members registered under "Library" took books on loan. These have to be returned on 26th July. Joining up fees is only Rs.250/= once & for all at the moment.

Devsiri Fernando as our lively Master of Ceremonies welcomed all members in a lively manner & President De Alwis briefed the members as follows;

Gifts received from members: **Devsiri Fernando** a repairable large table, Donation of Rs.9,500/= from **Sumangala Silva**, donation of Rs.1,500/= from **Ranjan Jayawardane**;

that a fresh plan including the first floor for "156" was been drawn by **Capt.Ranjith Salpitikorale** (Civil Engineer) the importance of Team Building &

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In Remembrance

From this issue we hope to start a new column called "In Remembrance" where articles about past members will be published. Members are kindly invited to contribute articles in English or Sinhala for inclusion in the future editions. Thanks you. We start this series in this issue with Linden de Alwis a founder member.



Linden De Alwis was a Founder Member of the original "Association of Ceylon Magicians" (ACM) which was renamed as the Sri Lanka Magic Circle in 1954.

De Alwis was born on 21st July 1897. He was the eldest son of Gate Mudaliyar C.G. De Alwis of Pitigal Korale South in the Chilaw District. He was also a blood cousin of Gate Mudaliyar A.C.G.S. Amarasekera. Linden's

mother was Anne Corea. Linden got married in 1925 to Beatrice Senanayake, a first cousin of D.S. Senanayake's father.

Linden took up to magic quite young around 1907 by reading books and was influenced by magician Madam Twenka of Japan in 1916 & soon formed an embryo with ACGS and a few others & inaugurated the ACM on 18th February 1922.

Young Linden started his career in Magic as the "Wizard of the South" & in the 1930s was known as Prof. Dalvo. During his time he has met & befriended famous Magicians Chefalo, Percy Abbot, Carter the Great, Gogia Pasha, Virgil & Julie on their magical tours in Ceylon. Prof Dalvo together with Simon Perera, TGR. Goonewardane, Herbert Gonsal, Elmo Vanlangenberg, Vivien Abhayaratne & a few others had a close rapport since the ACM was dormant from 1925 to 1952 since ACGS left for Europe in 1939 & returned in 1951.

Linden was a President Rural Courts (Currently Magistrate) from 1925 to 1956 and had a close rapport with Government Agents (British) and as a result the GA's Island wide from North to South & East to West organized WAR CHARITY Shows at District levels on a charitable basis. His complete show with colourful Stage Decor was a 2 hour scintillating, mind boggling & sensational programme with illusions and he was a showman who performed with excellent patter.

During this period youngest son Ronald assisted Linden together with mum Beta (who also performed occasionally in the 1930s) Linden was a prolific reader of Magic books and ordered magic props from Percy Abbot (USA) Daveports & Supremes in London & he manufactured his own items & illusions locally.

Linden was a Vice President since 1952 to 1979 till his demise & never missed a Committee or Monthly meetings travelling all the way from Marawila & later from Rajakadaluwa.

Linden was the first magician who introduced live music in his shows and live animals like doves, rabbits, guinea pigs and ducks in his Magical presentations to make the show very lively. He had a deep voice which could be heard by about 400 in any audience. In his era there were no sound systems!!

De Alwis Snr was awarded the First Prize for Seniors at the first ever Magic Contest presented by Donovan Andree at the Vihara Maha Devi Exhibition held in honour of the Queen Elizabeth's 's visit to Ceylon. Son Ronald was awarded the Runner Up Prize. Linden, enrolled Ron to the ACM on 8th Jan 1952, 57 years ago!

Linden de Alwis was a dedicated member who served on the Board till his demise on 10th January 1979 whilst serving as the Senior Vice President.

Members News

COMING

The Finger Wizard Sumangala Silva is due to come back to Sri Lanka after a very successful tour abroad. Exact date of arrival is uncertain but don't be surprised if you see him at the July meeting.



GOING

Our senior member Major Piyatillake is due to go on his annual sojourn to America by the end of August after undergoing eye surgery shortly. We wish him a successful surgery so that he can see America very clearly and come and share his magical experiences with us.

GIVING

VP Terry has gifted a valuable computer to the Circle. This gift will be very useful in our attempt to computerize management systems. Thank you very much Terry (hope someone will present a printer).

TAKING

Another Lawyer Magician in the making. One of our young members Rajitha Weerasinghe is due to Take Oaths as an Attorney-at-law shortly. We wish that you will be a legal luminary in the future. We look forward to your legal advice in the future.

RECOVERING

Vice President Mr. Joy De Silva has fallen on 3 occasions, was hospitalized has had 2 Brain Operations & currently unable to walk & is disabled. He is convalescing at his residence @ 103B Railway Avenue, Colombo 05 (Nugegoda) Tel: 2853335.

Members are kindly requested to visit our ever popular Joy & wish him a speedy recovery.

UNDERGOING

Palitha Fernando from Panadura is due to undergo heart surgery shortly. Life member Nishika's father Dr. Rajeeva is helping Palitha in numerous ways. Thank you Doctor.

We wish Palitha an early and complete recovery and hope to see you back very soon.

ACTING

VP Devsiri Fernando will be the Acting Editor to fill in during the absence of VP Joy.

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also to commence a Club Night once a month on the 2nd Friday from 4.00 PM, to 8.00 PM; commence an Internet Club & share experiences; to promote **Yolani Fernando's** suggestion of a musical group "The Top Hats" & all those who can play a musical instrument to register with her on 2645927 email:tuxedo94@gmail.com

Be Proud of our own

Musical Group ~ The Top Hats

Inform which category of instrument you play or whether you could also sing.

The following members registered; **Terry Amarasekara** Vocal and Bongos, **Shyam Anthony pillay** Keyboard & hoped members like **Alex Perera** Guitar & **Rajitha Weerasingha** (Vocal) could register along with others who could join the Team soon.

Next the **Presenter Shelton Jayasekera** took over. The topic for the day was "**Rope Magic**". Although the members were requested to bring a length of rope only a few had brought. However Shelton started with the Tabaray's Rope Routine which lasted around six to seven minutes.. This routine is becoming very popular out of all rope routines. Next he showed a few knots such as the Traveling Knot, the Dissolving Knot, Tony Lapilato Knot, Chefalo Knot etc:.

He explained how to tie each of these knots and **Noel Wickremasinghe** demonstrated and explained how to tie a knot without releasing the ends. Then he followed up with others such as the Cut and Restored Rope and he explained the 'equal unequal ropes' (the correct name being Professors nightmare). He demonstrated how he performs it and got **Chandrasena Gamage** to show his version of this trick. The presenter asked the members to ask any questions about rope tricks and the questions were answered with the help of **Noel** and **Chandrasena**.

During a 15 minute Interval members were served with Tea by **A.Wijesinghe** who always volunteer to supply at his own cost. We are indeed grateful to Wije !

Star Performer Dinesh Thangavel followed next & kept the audience entertained with thumb tip effects etc. followed up by Juggling with Balls & Rings. **Nelson Jayawardane** gifted Dinesh with a useful book on Juggling.

July Programme

26th July we meet as usual @ 156 Templars Road, Mt.Lavinia from 9.00 AM onwards

Registration & Fellowship
Obtaining Books from the Library
9.00 am to 10.00 AM only
10.00 AM getting off the ground
~ Master of Ceremonies,
President & Presenter takes over

The many uses of the Thumb Tip by a Panel led by Veteran Shelton Jayasekera

All members should possess a thumb Tip !

Members Performances
Birthday Greetings
DVD Demo by Sanjeeva
Hewapathirane displayed on a TV.
Fantastic DVDs.
Do not miss this !!
Star Performer: **Guess Who?**



FISM is an abbreviation of Federation Internationale des Societs Magiques (International Federation of Magic Societies) founded in 1948. It is the International body bringing together the world's leading

magic societies. The Federation today consists of over 80 clubs, both national and international, as well as national Federations which represent nearly 50 000 Magicians from 41 countries.

2009 will be the 24th FISM, hosted by the China Magic Art Society. Over 2000 people are expected to participate at this event.

Nishika off to FISM

Schoolgirl life member of SLMC Nishika Peiris will be participating at FISM 2009 to be held in Beijing China. She is accompanied by her father Dr. Rajeeva Peiris. At the August meeting it is expected that she would be making a presentation to the members about her experience at FISM. Best wishes for a truly magical visit to FISM.

SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE

Vice President Rohan Jayasekera has come forward to conduct a Refresher Course re Hoerbi Kull's Presentation on a Saturday in August from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM & 1.30 PM to 4.30 PM.
(Date to be confirmed at the July meeting)

Morning & Afternoon Tea supplied / No Lunch.
The Registration Fee is Rs.1000/= for the One Day Course. A Participant would get a **Free DVD of Hoerbi's** at the end of the Course.
Application Form is given below.



Pereira, C/o Col. Ronald De Alwis, 24/2
Jambugasmulla Road, Nugegoda along with Rs.1000/= Crossed cheque in favour of "Sri Lanka Magic Circle"

Late applications will not be entertained.
Be on time & act fast

The Closing Date is 26th July & should be forwarded to Mr.Elrea

APPLICATION FORM August Special Course

Registration for
Special Hoerbi Kull Refresher Course
On a Saturday in August
Course conducted by a Panel
Closing Date: 26th July 2009

Name :

Address :

Telephone :

Residence

Mobile :

Office

Email :

Life / Ord/Jnr Member:

Good Habits to be cultivated

Do not miss the last Sunday Members Day commencing from 9.00 AM
Report early & Register. Insert any change of Address & New MobileNo:
Come ready with at least one Trick & entertain .
Make use of the Library Books between 9.00 am & 10.00 AM
(Once & for all membership fee: Rs.250/= Only)
Bring your Pack of Cards, Ropes (Ropes available for sale @ Rs.45/= per metre)
Thumb Tip & Silk (Limited No: of Thumb Tips available @ Rs.250/= each on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
Bring your Note Book & Pen. Always Play an Active Role.

Food for thought for our Professionals

The President always wonders why Professional Magicians are shy to contribute towards the Building Fund except for one or two. It is gratifying to note that non professional members are more interested to support our cause & even in administrative work !!

BARGAIN CASH SALE

@ give away Prices !!

Sale of 90% of Personal & New Magic Tricks from Europe & Asia of Ronald De Alwis 24/2
Jambugasmulla
Road, Nugegoda Tel: 2852998

CONTESTS - NO CONTESTS

All contests have been temporarily withheld since many members are not 100% geared to face contests. Therefore the Board has decided to register all future contests at different levels & all those who desire to contest should register with the General Secretary on or before 30th August so that a **Special One Day Free Course** could be conducted in September 2009 by a Special Panel.

Only those who register would be entitled to apply during the 3 years 2009/ 2010 /2011 in the future from the present Membership. The idea is for contestants to perform professionally & elevate the Art of Magic & the SLMC.