



ORGAN OF THE SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE

www.srilankamagic.org

*The Official Guardian of Magic*

May 2010

Edited by Devsiri Fernando on behalf of Joy de Silva 103B Railway Avenue, Colombo 05 ( Nugegoda) Tel: 2853335.

## Members Day 25th April

Edited by Alex Perera - General Secretary

*Vice President Devsiri Fernando was the Presenter on this day He welcomed the members and thanked Messrs Ranjith Silva and A.T.A.Karunasena for coming from distant places to participate at SLMC monthly meetings. He briefly explained the plans for the year that had been already decided by the Board for the year .*

*Attendance - Messers Sambuddika Ratnayake, M.B.Ranjith Silva, Anuradha Perera, Rohith Silva, Devsiri Fernando, Clarence Heendeniya, Joy De Siva, Suranjith de Soysa, Priyantha Gamage, L.A.Seneviratne, Dinesh Thangavel, Alex Perera, Shelton Jayasekara, Sanjeeva Hevapathirana, Ms Ranjitha Ratnapala, Capt.R.Salpitikorala, Messers Chandrasena Gamage, A.T.A.Karunasena, Amarasiri Wijesinghe, and Sachin Gomes were present.*

*Mr.Shelton Jayasekara, then addressed the house. He requested all the members to come forward and participate at these gatherings & also to register for contests with Sanjeeva. .*

*Mr.Suranjith de Soysa explained about the contests that are scheduled for the year.*

*Mr. Shelton then invited the V.P. Mr. Sanjeeva Hevapathirana to conduct the workshop. He gave a clear idea about White Magic & Black Magic. After briefing about magic tricks he took the fear out of members in performing magic tricks.*

*1. He while explaining demonstrated, how to cut a ribbon and restore it. He called volunteers to come forward and perform it.*

*2. He next performed a trick with three silks and explained to perform it.*

*3. He placed a shoe lace through a borrowed gold ring from the audience & released it.*

*4. Then he got a ball out of a glass through a silk.*

*5. Vanishing the same ball out of hands was well explained.*

*6. Then he taught the double lift with a deck of cards.*

*He encouraged the members to attend the monthly meetings regularly in order to learn more magic & how to present them. Members were very happy about his method of teaching and the way he lectured and demonstrated the tricks that gave beginners a lot of confidence & the members present were delighted.*

*Next Chandrasena Gamage gave an oration about philosophy of Magic. He emphasized the importance of a magician to be an actor on the stage to entertain the audience with the nine types of expressions. Mr Devsiri thanked all who attended and the days matters concluded by 1.15 PM.*

*The monthly gatherings from now would be conducted so that all members would be benefitted. There would be another segment for the members who are performing currently to improve on their presentation, patter or pantomime, showmanship, stage craft, audience appeal and other important areas by a panel led by President De Alwis.*

*Several applicants including representatives from the Sabaragamuwa Magic Society who wish to be affiliated with our Circle too have shown their keenness to attend the May Members Day.*

*Your presence is vital!*

## The Next Members Day

May 30th ( Sunday )

9.30 AM to 1.30 PM

Members please bring a Note Book, Pen, A Shoe Lace, A Ring & a Pack of Cards.

Come prepared to perform at least one Trick & you maybe videoed too !

# Magic Contests 2010/11

By Rohan Jayasekara. ( VP Special Projects )

## Young Magician of the Year - 18th July 2010

Age limit - Below 18 Years  
(An average of 40% points to win)

## Amateur Magician of the Year - 18th July 2010.

(Magician of the Year Award Winners cannot take part)  
Age limit - Open to All Ages above 13 Years .  
(An average of 50% points to win)  
Could apply only to one of the above 2 Contests  
Closing date for above contests - 27th June 2010.

## Magician of the Year - 22nd August 2010.

(An average of 60% points to win)  
An earlier Winner of this Award cannot contest

## Master Magician of the Year - 22nd August 2010.

(An average of 75% points to win)  
( Open Contestants who had won the Magician of the Year Contest )  
Age limit - 18 years and above.  
Closing date for above contests - 25th July 2010.

## Veteran Magicians Contest ~ Feb 2011

( Over 60 Years )  
(An average of 80% points to win)

## National Magicians Contest ~ Feb 2011

(An average of 85% points to win)  
Closing date for above Contests ~ 15th Jan 2011

## General guide lines -

Dates for Contests are liable to be changed according to the availability of the Halls.

Contests Open to Members of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle & The Sabaragamuwa Magic Society on Affiliation, other than the National Contest which is Open to any Sri Lankan National.

All contestants have to be in good standing.

All outstanding dues have to be settled on or before submission of applications.

A Refundable Deposit may be charged & a Semi Final may be held for the National Contest.

Other than for Magician of the Year Contest & the National Award, only the Winner would be selected / No Runner Up Certificates would be presented for other contests.

Entry Forms & Contest Rules for the July Contests would be made available on 30th May Get to gather.

All Contestants have to register in the CONTEST MASTER SCHEDULE for eligibility. Special Workshops would be made available for those registered.

For Inquiries Call VP Contests **Mr. Suranjith De Soysa** on 0777 208660

Best of Luck !



## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

- 05th Dinesh Thangavel
- 12th Joy De Silva
- 12th Rajitha Weerasinghe
- 17th G.S. Rodrigo
- 17th Anuradha Perera
- 18th Felix de Alwis
- 20th Merril Weckasinghe
- 21st M.B. Ranjith Silva
- 29th Luckruwan Sujeewa

*Don't forget to bring us a birthday treat when you come on Sunday.*

## The Famous Hoerbi Kull in Town!



The Swiss Magician Hoerbi Kull would be in Sri Lanka on a short holiday from 22nd October to 2nd November.

Hoerbi wishes to conduct a Workshop on Close Up Magic & General Magic on one day from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

Please register with Vice President Rohan Jayasekera (011-2728858) on or before 15 of July in order to plan out Hoerbi's holiday itinerary. A token fee of Rs.1000/= has to be paid before 15th of July and if there are less than 10 Members this event would be cancelled.

# Honoured Guests visit the Magic Circle

Our Vice Patron 2009/10 Her Excellency Madam Ruth Flint, Ambassador for Switzerland & her husband Mr. Flint were greeted by the Board Members on the 7th May at "156" when she visited the SLMC to see our current progress.

She was delighted with the progress in our construction work. These two were entertained with impromptu close up magic by Messers Rohan, Chandrasea & Sanjeeva, which was well appreciated by the guests.

Rohith, Shelton, Joy and Devsiri also participated at this event.



## News about Sri Lanka Magic Circle in Europe



Magician Andrew Haggard of Scotland, who visited us in November 2009 has featured the Sri Lanka Magic Circle in the May 2010 issue of the **Magicseen**, which is Europe's Top Magazine on magic. A copy has been gifted by him to our Circle Library along with "Magic Tricks to Fool your Friends" by Andrew Haggard & the Latest "Secrets" Magazine.

## Support the Circle.....advertise in the Website

Sri Lanka Magic Circle website, [www.srilankamagic.org](http://www.srilankamagic.org) is slowly taking shape. During the last one month more development work has taken place and many pictures have been inserted. We hope to do a comprehensive website and it has been decided to sell one horizontal banner advertisement in every page.

This is an ideal opportunity for performing magicians to promote themselves. The cost will be only Rs. 2000/- for a period of 12 months. Since



the number of pages are limited there are only a few advertising spaces available.

You can have your photograph along with a brief description and contact details within the banner advertisement.

You only need to provide the material and the artwork for your advertisement in the website will be prepared free of charge.

Hurry now. Contact Vice President Devsiri Fernando ( 072-2251420. Email: [devsirifernando@yahoo.com](mailto:devsirifernando@yahoo.com) )

## Do you want to be one in a one hundred thousand?

*Devsiri Fernando, (Vice President Media & Int. Relations)*

No longer can you remain a "mono-skill person" and expect to go to the top of your career ladder. When you look around everybody has qualifications in more than one discipline. The accountant has a marketing qualification. The marketing professional has a MBA and the human resource degree holder is also a fully qualified accountant. Therefore it is obvious when you are trying to seek a new job or advance in your career, you need to have developed other skills. In general we could call them personal skills.



Education helps us to gather knowledge and make use of this knowledge to solve problems. However it does not teach us the two important qualities that are required when we go out to apply our acquired theory into practice. **The all important Double C. Communication and Creativity.**

One may have loads of important data packed into a comprehensive Power Point file. But if you cannot make an impressive presentation you may be unable to convince your client, board of directors or maybe an interview board. Communications is not only public speaking. It is also clearly transferring an idea on a one to one basis and sharing a thought within a group. The linear education systems we have to follow to gain qualifications totally ignores and is also incapable of teaching the other vital C ingredient namely creativity. All of us have the element of creativity within us but most of us have not mastered the thought process to get it out into the open and make use of it.

If the two Cs are so important and formal education doesn't teach us them, how do we learn these skills? One could follow short courses or attend workshops. That's mostly for public speaking but creative thinking

is very difficult to learn in a classroom. There is one single method by which you can become a confident communicator and also a creative thinker. Become a Magician.

Magician? Is that what I said? Most definitely yes. The first thing that happens when you become a Magician is that you become an extremely exclusive person. Magic is a performing art just like singing, dancing, acting, miming or juggling. While there are tens of thousands of persons who can sing or act or dance, there are only around 200 performing magicians in Sri Lanka. So when you are a magician in this country of twenty million, you become one in a one hundred thousand. Obviously this will add to your self esteem and self confidence.

The best way to become a magician is to join the Sri Lanka Magic Circle. Established in 1922 it is the oldest performing arts society in the country and is recognised by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. The office is at 156 Templars Road, Mount Lavinia where members meet in the morning of every last Sunday. For further details you can visit the website [www.srilankamagic.org](http://www.srilankamagic.org). You may also call the Vice President (Marketing and Promotions) Rohitha J Silva on 0777-587112.



Meeting with a difficult customer in Sri Lanka or even a tough Customs officer in a far off land magic is a wonderful ice breaker. It helps you to gain entrance, attention and acceptance where ever you may go. To be a good Magician a person has to develop proper posture, gait, speech and facial expression and wrap it all up in your own creativity. William Shakespeare once said "All the world's a stage". If that is correct, it is obviously the best performers who will get the applause of life. **Add that extra edge to your life. Become a Magician today.**

***Vice President (Marketing and Promotions) Rohitha J Silva has got the above article published in the Daily Mirror of 13th May and in the Sunday Times of 16th May thus gaining valuable publicity for the Circle***