

Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

November 24, 2009

At our next Ring 313 General Meeting, we have the honor of presenting a lecture by Aldo & Rachel Colombini!! Aldo Colombini moved to the United States from Italy in 1993 and has taken the country by storm! He has performed in 52 countries including every European country, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, South Africa, China and South America for both children and adults. He is a F.I.S.M. prizewinner, one of the most prestigious awards in the world of magic. He performed often on Italian television (RAI 1) and has also appeared on television shows in Portugal, Spain, Japan, Colombia and Sweden. Aldo dazzles audiences of all sizes... from as small as 2 or 3 people with his amazing close-up magic to groups of 1000+ with his entertaining comedy and charismatic and magical stage presence. Aldo has performed often at Caesaris Magical Empire in Caesaris Palace, Las Vegas and continues to appear several times a year at the famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, California where he is one of few magicians who are able to perform in all four showrooms. When he is onstage, audiences from all over the world are mesmerized by his wonderful mix of magic, comedy and Italian charm. Aldo was voted by the Academy of Magical Arts, Hollywood, California: TWICE Parlor magician of the year, nominated for best Close-up magician of the year, Best stage performer of the year, Best Bar magician of the year and for Best COMEDY act of the year. He appeared on iMasters of Illusion, a series of weekly magic specials airing on PAX-TV. And, if all that wasn't enough, he speaks Italian, English, Spanish and French and can perform in all four languages allowing him to dazzle audiences from diverse backgrounds. Because of this he is in demand by major companies who entertain clients from around the world. Besides bewildering audiences large and small, Aldo has written and published several books on magic and created many magical effects used by magicians all over the world. He also lectures on magic worldwide and was nominated by the Academy of Magical Arts TWICE Lecturer of the Year. He also entertains children all over USA every year with his highly praised magic school show assemblies. He also produces, publishes, manufactures and distributes wonderful quality magic products through his former company, Mamma Mia Magic, and at present with the new one Wild-Colombini



Magic. In the history of the Magic Castle is the ONLY magician to be nominated in all six categories: Comedy, Stage, Close-up, Parlor, Bar magician and Lecturer.

With magic as a life long hobby, following her career with one of the largest corporate organizations in Britain, Rachel Colombini established a magic shop in Manchester, England in 1993. It supplied a vast array of magical apparatus, catering for every level of performer but specializing in quality handcrafted wooden effects. She spent the next five years displaying and lecturing on magic at various conventions and magical societies before moving to the United States. Rachel is

also an accomplished, full time performer in both stage and close-up magic at private and corporate events.

Bio taken from
www.wildcolombini.com



*The Colombini's new
secretary, Molly!*

ANNUAL ELECTION. Also in November, Ring 313 will hold its annual election for board members for the year 2010. The nominations committee has selected the following nominees: Kevin Brown-President, Kent Kwan- Vice President, Philip Henderson- Secretary, Gary Meier- Treasurer, Todd Reis and John Fedko- Members at Large, Annie Young- Juniors and Newsletter Editor, Don Hill-Webmaster, David Peltier-Raffle Coordinator Catherine Fedko-Librarian, Kevin Brown-Ring Lite Meetings Coordinator, Annie Young-Sgt-at-Arms.

Other nominations can be accepted at the November Ring meeting. All nominees must have been a member of Ring 313 for at least one year and must be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.



PAST EVENTS

By: Phillip Henderson

Pictures by Ron Porter and Ryan Shepard

On October 27, 2009, more than fifty members and guests attended our monthly meeting to celebrate the Halloween Season with a night of two of our Junior Magicians faced off in a contest

Bizarre magic. In addition, to determine the outstanding Junior performer for 2009. New Junior member, Ryan Porter, challenged the reigning champion from 2008, Zack White. The winner will be announced at our November 2009 meeting.

The evening took a bizarre turn when Ring 313 president Kevin Brown removed a shrunken head from a wooden box and draped a velvet cloth over the head. Next up was the duo of Steve Longacre and Greg Koppel, who showed us illusions with an alphabet flash card deck, a shark's fin, and a guillotine. Member Jay Leslie was next and systematically smashed each paper bag in the knife board without injuring his hand. Sammy Ruiz approached the stage with a stemmed wine glass in hand and filled it with smoke! Next, Ron Porter advanced to the stage with a bag full of tricks and treats.

Next was Vice-President Kent Kwan who had a trick or treat effect. Kevin Brown approached the stage with a portrait of his psychic grandmother and "The Sands of the Time." Treasurer, Gary Meier, in a beautiful long coat and hat from India, hid in his pocket a red velvet pouch containing five mysterious globes and correctly identified which of the five volunteers had chosen the only black globe. Member SUDS closed the evenings bizarre performances by bringing a replica of master magician Houdini's skull. He gathered five brave souls to stand with him around the replica skull to see if the spirit of Houdini might send us a message from the other side. After a brief pause, the skull began to vibrate and emit a horrible sound, but alas, no clear message from Houdini.

We shall have to wait until Halloween evening to hear from Harry Houdini.

Complete article will be in the Linking Ring Magazine.



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For The Birds: My Journey Into the Dove World Part 2

By Kevin A. Brown

It's been months now since I acquired my Doves and with the injured toe now healed it was time to continue our education. I'd already learned basic dove care. How to care and feed them, how much they eat, and how often. I've had to learn about about bird vitamins, nail care, mite spray, grit, hygiene, bird treats and toys. I've learned how to transport them and how to feed and care of them on the road. Not to mention how to deal with the latest threat to their health, the cat that I've found tip toeing through the backyard attempting to find a way to dine on Dove for lunch!

The Doves have done their part by completing "return flight training". Now it was time for the magical part. The part that I was looking forward to. But wait... it seems I still had more I had to learn. I still had to educate my self about the various apparatus involved in Dove magic. The boxes, the tables, the gimmicks, the pockets, the harnesses, and the clothing. I had no idea there was so much to learn! It had all looked so easy when Fielding West pulled his Dove out from under a silk using his special gimmick. Fielding's gimmick was good but I wanted to do a little more, something a little more flashy.

I eventually found a kit called Doves 101 put out by Dove magician Andy Amyx. His kit contained most of the basic information and equipment needed to put me on the path to becoming a Dove "Guy". The first few attempts loading the Doves into the pockets and harnesses did not go all that well. During the first few fittings in the harness the Doves stumbled around like little drunks. The pockets were a little less of a challenge then the harness was. In the pockets once their little heads are placed in the dark they calm right down. And although the Doves still protest when I placed in the various pockets and harnesses they seem to complain less with each rehearsal.

I have found while working with them that they each their own distinct personality. Cosmo (the male) is the complainer. He'll verbalize his unhappiness whenever he feels the need. Astrud (the female) is very easy going and enjoys being handled more then Cosmo.

I have yet to use the "Kids" in a performance as most my recent shows have been outdoors and after all we've been through they might still hear the "call of the wild" and fly away.

I very much enjoy working with the Doves everyday and I feel they give me joy and a magical feeling each time I'm with them. Now if I could just find a way to get them to clean up their own poop they'd be the perfect pets.

I'll have more to say after our first show together, say tuned.

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Questions? Comments? Corrections? Ideas? Magical articles? E-mail the editor at Ring313.editor@gmail.com

Magic Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.
Directions and a map are available at www.Ring313.org.

Saturday, November 21	2 PM	(change) Ring 313 Juniors Meeting at Annie & Kent's, Santa Ana
Tuesday, November 24	7 PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg —Lecture Aldo Colombini, Irvine
Tuesday, December 8	7 PM	Ring 313 Lite Gathering at Knowlwood's, Irvine
Tuesday, December 29	7 PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg —Member Participation Night

Have a Magical Thanksgiving!!