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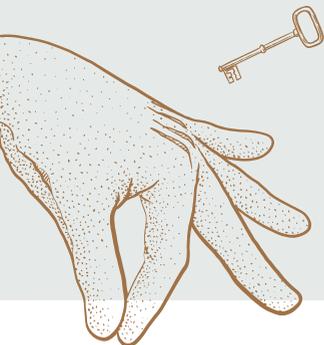


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*29th, 30th April
& 1st May 2022*

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FROM THE MAGIC CIRCLE



As President of The Magic Circle, I would like to welcome delegates to MagiCon 2022 in the beautiful Balmoral Hotel.

I'm very sorry I can't be there to join in the celebrations in this special 80th year of The Ulster Society Of Magicians and the 70th IBM convention. I'm grateful to our Vice-President, Katherine Rhodes, for taking my place representing The Magic Circle alongside our wonderful representative for Ireland, Pat Fallon. Over the past two years, we've been able to connect with more members around the world than ever before, so we are excited to be hosting a special reception to give you all a chance to meet our team and find out about the many benefits membership of TMC can offer you.

Under the leadership of James Hobart, the committee have organised an excellent event for all those attending, and I am so pleased to see many members of The Magic Circle performing. I hope you all have a wonderful time, and I have no doubt MagiCon 2022 will be another success.

Megan Swann MIMC



As the regional representative of The Magic Circle for Ireland, both north and south, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this very special MagiCon 2022 in beautiful Belfast.

Not only is it a celebration of 80 years of our hosts, The Ulster Society of Magicians and the 70th IBM convention, but for the first time in many years members of the Magic Circle from home and abroad will feature heavily, both lecturing and performing all over the weekend. Vice-president Katherine Rhodes will also be on hand to inform and advise anyone who would like to learn more about the advantages of belonging to the world's premier magic society The Magic Circle.

Once again James Hobart, Alan Kennedy and their team from the Ulster Society of Magicians are to be congratulated on organising another wonderful event, particularly in the light of the high calibre of performers they have engaged and the number of young magicians who are scheduled to appear over the weekend. It is vitally important that we encourage the youth in everyway possible as they are the magicians of the future and deserve our support and encouragement so they can continue to uphold the fine traditions of magical entertainment.

To those regular visitors to Irish conventions, you know what to expect and to those who are joining us for the first time, it will be an unforgettable experience that you will remember forever more. Irish hospitality is known the world over and there is no better place to enjoy it than in the wee north of Ireland.

Pat Fallon MIMC.



2022 Convention

I.B.M. British Ring No 25



Competitions

5 Stage Shows

International Gala Show

Ali Bongo Micro Marathon

Sooty & Friends

Workshops

Lectures

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1st - 4th September
Eastbourne Welcome Building
and Devonshire Park Theatre



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

Hullo everybody, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this year's MagiCon Irish Magic Convention.



It is with sadness we reflect on the past couple of years where our Magic Brotherhood has been devastated due to the pandemic. We think also of our fellow Magic members who have passed on since last we were together and ask you to spare a thought for them.

Sadly I won't be with you all this weekend due to a medical procedure being scheduled for convention weekend. Our heartiest thanks and congratulations must go to MagiCon organiser James Hobart who will be at the helm all weekend to ensure we have another extremely smoothly run and very successful Convention.

James and his team have amassed a terrific line up for us this year and worked tirelessly to ensure we have a great weekend, well done and thank you. I hope you all have a brilliant convention, it is wonderful to see our Magic Brotherhood back together for another great Magic occasion.

Sean Brannigan Irish TVP and current President - Irish Ring 85



Moira and I are delighted to be with you all here in Belfast, at MagiCon 2022, and we are looking forward to seeing some great magic, meeting old friends, and making new ones, over this weekend. It is good to be able to join in with 'in person' events again and the team here is to be congratulated for putting together an impressive line-up for us all to enjoy. It is great to see so many young performers on the bill. This is also my first visit to Northern Ireland, which is something else I have been looking forward to, so there is a lot to enjoy!

The covid outbreak had meant so much was put on hold including, in my case, the events that the I.B.M. British Ring President traditionally presides over, but we have been able to finally open up again and have held a very successful President's Dinner and we also have our next event planned to take place in Ormskirk, Lancashire, on 29th May. Please make sure you put a note in your diary, (and book!), for September 1st to 4th when the British Ring Convention will be back in Eastbourne with a great cast of lecturers, shows and competitions. For more details on this, and information on joining the British Ring, come and have a chat during the weekend, with Moira, myself, our registration Officer Carol Tynan, President elect Oliver Tabor, or Treasurer Dr Rick Tynan.

Enjoy the Convention!

Alan Maskell

President - British Ring No.25

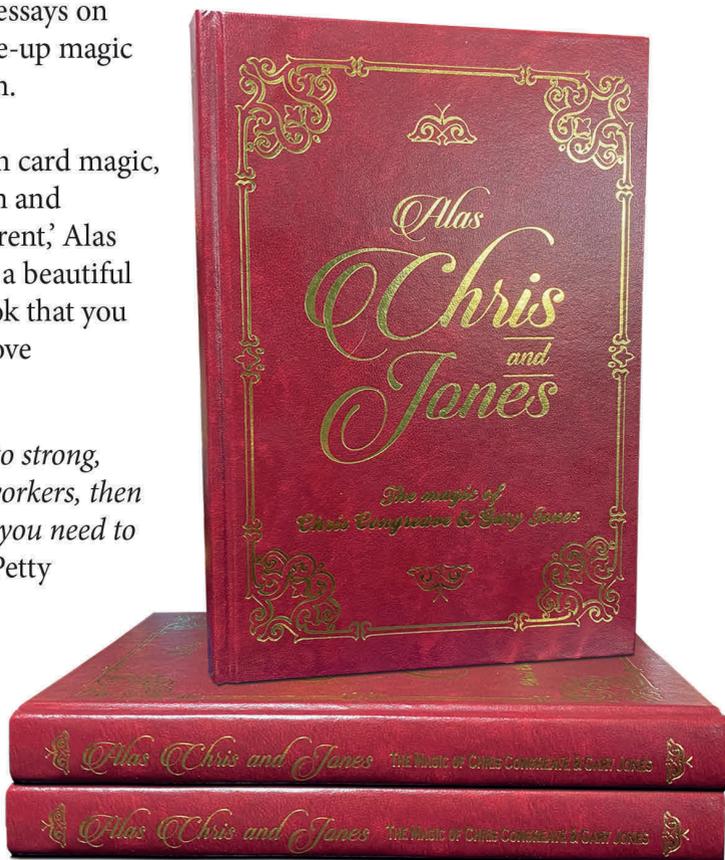
Chris Congreave

Professional magicians and creators Chris Congreave and Gary Jones have been friends and collaborators for almost twenty years. In that time, they have released between them and together, dozens of effects and routines many of which, are in the repertoires of a great many working professionals.

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FROM THE ULSTER SOCIETY OF MAGICIANS



As President of the host society, The Ulster Society of Magicians, I am delighted to welcome each and every one of you to MagiCon 2022. If this is your first visit to an Irish convention, I know you will enjoy the experience. If this is not your first visit, *you* know you will enjoy the experience.

We have had a very strange few years because of Covid so this is the first major physical gathering we have had in over two years. Many of us have been very resourceful and looked at other ways to interact with our audiences. That is to be applauded, however, I believe that there is no substitute for the real thing i.e. meeting people face-to-face.

A very packed weekend of magic is planned but there will be plenty of time to enjoy each other's company and to experience the hospitality of an Irish magic convention. There will also be time for reflection and to remember absent friends.

I would like to thank you all for your support; many of you have travelled long distances to be with us and we really appreciate that. Let's have a weekend to remember - for all the right reasons.

Céad míle fáilte romhaibh go léir.

George



As we return to some sort of normality, after long periods of inactivity due to the Covid virus, I would just like to say how honoured I am to welcome you all to the IBM Irish Magic Convention, MagiCon 2022, hosted by the Ulster Society of Magicians, on the occasion of our 80th anniversary.

We have a fantastic line up planned for everyone for this weekend, with some of our very own homegrown magicians also performing this year. Once again, we are all looking forward to meeting up with old friends, magicians and non-magicians and hopefully we can make some new friends too.

I would really like to thank the committee for all their hard work in the build up to this event and especially to David Lillie (Vice Chairman) for standing in for 75% of the year when I was away due to work or down with the dreaded Covid!

Finally, I would also like to personally thank the organisers of this event James Hobart and Alan Kennedy and our Treasurer/Registration Officer Craig Gill. They have all generously spent so much of their own time working for the event this weekend to make it a roaring success. I hope you all have a great weekend and I hope we meet again at future events.

Peter Gunn Chairman

Friday Schedule

- 6.00 pm Registration and Dealers Open
7.45 pm Dealers Close & Show Doors Open
8.00 pm Joel M – Live
With Special Guest Colm Dawson



DEALERS

- Chris Congreave
- Magicbox
- Peter Pellikaan
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Saturday Schedule

9.30 am Registration and Ticket Desk open

10.00 am Dealers Open

10.00 am The Magic George Show

11.00 am Opening Close up Gala Show

USM President George Bleeks will introduce

Tom Crosbie, Katherine Rhodes,

Oliver Tabor and Fritz with a Z

12.30 pm Lecture 1 – Fritz with a Z

1.30 pm Lunch Break

(soup and sandwiches available for £5 if prebooked at Registration Desk before 11am)

2.00 pm Registration Desk Open

2.30 pm Lecture 2 – Oliver Tabor

3.30 pm Coffee and Cake (courtesy of The Magic Circle)

4.00 pm Magic Circle Presentation

5.30 pm Dealers Close

6.30 for 7.00 pm USM Chairman's Dinner

followed by

80th Anniversary Gala Show
and Raffle



President - George Bleeks and Chairman - Peter Gunn

invite you to

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80th Anniversary



Dinner and Gala Show

on

Saturday 30th April

as part of

MagiCon 2022

Dinner and Show Tickets **£34.50** (Children's Meals **£17.50**)

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Arrival **6.30 for 7.00 pm**

(including **Dave Taylor** with his Bunco Booth)



With After Dinner Stage Show

Fritz with a Z will introduce **Sarah Jane Smith**
Jasper Cherry, Aidan McCann, Cillian O'Connor
and **Tom Crosbie - "Performing Nerd"**

Sunday Schedule

9.00 am IBM Ring 85 AGM

10.00 am Dealers and Registration Desk Open

10.30 am Lecture 3 – George Firehorse

(Warning – this lecture may contain rude parts !)



12.00 pm Lecture 4 – Chris Congreave

1.00 pm Lunch Break

(soup and sandwiches available for £5 if prebooked at Registration Desk before 11am)

2.00 pm Registration Desk Open

2.30 pm Lecture 5 – Tom Crosbie

4.00 pm Jamie Raven interview and Q&A

5.30 pm Dealers Close

7.00 pm Bus leaves for Gala Show

7.15 pm Doors open for Gala Show

7.45 pm Gala Show – “Stars of The Magic Circle”



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presents



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TALENT
2015 Runner Up



Jamie
Raven



Oliver Tabor



Katherine
Rhodes



Rodd Hogg



Alan
Kennedy

with

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1st May 2022

Starting at 7.45 pm

Tickets £15, £10 for 16 and under

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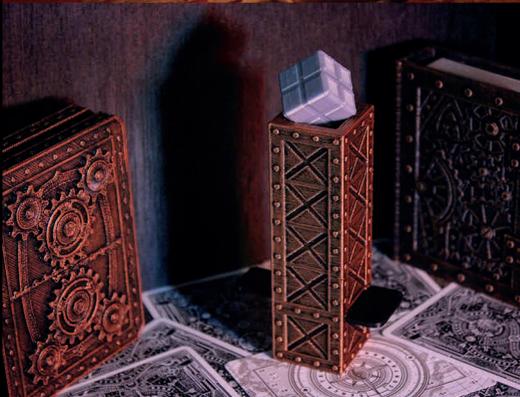
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