

DAVID SEEBACH'S BACKSTAGE

2009 FALL EDITION

DO THE SPIRITS RETURN?

Will contact with the departed
be achieved at 19th annual

Halloween Magic Extravaganza?

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Milwaukee's Favorite Halloween Attraction Returns to a Real

HAUNTED THEATER

Since 1991 David Seebach has thrilled and chilled audiences at the haunted Modjeska Theater with his unique "Illusions in the Night" attraction. For its 19th consecutive edition in 2009 the slightly sinister illusionist has decided to try and make contact with the spirit world.

The spiritualism movement began in about 1879 in southwestern New York State in Lily Dale.



The proponents still are active there every summer with mediums attempting to bridge the divide between the living and the dead. Wisconsin has its own center for these doings. It's in Wonegoc in southwest Adams County.

The magician will try three different methods of "crossing over" to communicate with the souls of the deceased. Madame Helene Modjeska, for whom the theater was named, had her own beliefs in the afterlife and used her theatrical wardrobe cabinet as a sanctum in which she tried to make contact. Seebach has her restored cabinet and he will duplicate her ritual and try to summon a ghost.

Séances are part and parcel of spiritualism. Just as it's done in Lily Dale, David Seebach will offer one of his assistants ---Maureen--- as a spirit medium. Maureen will be securely tied to a chair by audience members and then enclosed in an examined, cloth-covered framework. Will Maureen be able to entice the phantoms of the afterlife to manifest themselves?

If all else fails, there is the tried-and-true Ouija board, more popular once again due to the Twilight vampire novels and motion pictures.

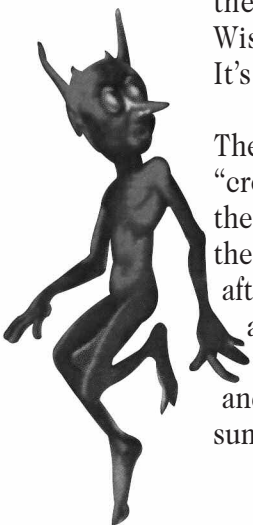
In a theater as filled with ghosts as the Modjeska Seebach guarantees success.

The show is presented by Halloween Express, the perfect destination for all your Halloween needs of costuming, make-up and party décor.

SOMETHING NEW... AND VERY BIG

The show's second act will open with The Aerial Flight, a lightning-fast teleportation of a beautiful assistant from a go-go cage stage right to a sealed drum stage left. What makes it sensational is that this all happens with everything in mid-air! This has NEVER been attempted at the Modjeska before.

This family-friendly attraction also features the magician's live tiger, Tara, and popular acts like an eerie *Levitation*, the hilarious *Guillotine*, the thrilling *Buzz Saw Illusion*, a fiery *Cremation* and his signature opus, *Mysteries from the Devil's Chamber*. Seebach has other surprises on tap, too: that wacky pair of live ducks ---Popeye and Olive--- will return, he promises a dream date of fantasy trick-or-treating for a lady from the crowd and a chilling story about a very valuable pawn ticket. And, the show would not be complete without its famous finalé, a furious



YOU'LL LAUGH!
YOU'LL SCREAM!
YOU'LL LOVE
THIS SHOW!



lights-out nightmare of ghosts, phantoms, specters and more appearing everywhere in the old theater.

As usual two EMT paramedics from Bell Ambulance will be standing by for the sawing in halves act "in case the saw slips." Remember, if it doesn't say Bell on the side, you've just been taken for a ride!

Take advantage of the party-like atmosphere with a down-in-front cabaret table seat and come in costume. You'll enjoy all your favorite theater snacks and alcoholic libations.

All seats are reserved. Order tickets by calling 414/645-0700 or 414/384-4550. Show times are October 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th and 31st at 7:30 pm. Special matinees with discounted tickets for youth and seniors are scheduled for 2:00 pm on October 24th, 25th and 31st. Evening prices are \$20 and \$25.

Check out our website at:
www.illusionsinthenight.com.



"MERRY MAGIC CHRISTMAS" Returns to Marcus Majestic

Fun-Filled Holiday Magic on Nov 27, 28 and 29



Get in the holiday spirit over the long Thanksgiving weekend at the plush AT&T Palladium Theater on Springdale Rd in Brookfield (WI) at the Marcus Majestic Cinemas with David Seebach's 3rd annual edition of "Merry Magic Christmas."

This is the show for Yuletide lovers of all ages as the magician adds seasonal music and special holiday costuming to his mix of magic and illusions that are selected because of their appropriate motif.

These Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1:00 pm matinees also feature a very special guest: Santa Claus! He'll greet each and every child.

And, don't bother to have lunch beforehand. This theater offers at-your-seat food and beverages. You can dine and enjoy the wonderful Christmas magic that Seebach has up his sleeve.

Acknowledgements

Demon spooks courtesy of "Magique" Vintage Magic Posters 2009 Calendar.

Beautiful Girls with Hex Appeal courtesy of "Pleasant Nightmares Dr. Neff and His Madhouse of Mystery" by William V. Rauscher.

A MAGICAL PREDICTION

MAGIC YOU can do!

(Sssh
remember
it's a secret)

Sssh,

Sssh, it's a secret. You'll need two decks of playing cards for this mystery. Note the card that's on top (the uppermost facedown card) of one deck and then turn that card face up in the other deck. Make sure it's somewhere in the middle. If the decks are identical make sure you can tell them apart.

Have the spectator point to one of the decks. If they point to the one with the reversed card, give it to him (or her) and say, "Good. It's yours. Hold it until later." If they point to the other one say, "Good. That's the one we'll use."

Next say, "Please pick a number between 1 and 52. If you pick a high number, though, this is going to take a lot longer."

When the spectator announces the number take the deck and deal cards, one-at-a-time and one-atop-another, counting down to their selected number. When you finish, pretend you forgot a detail.

"Oh, it's actually much better when YOU do it." Carefully gather up the cards and put them on top of the deck. The card that was originally on top will now be at the spectator's number when he (or she) repeats the counting and dealing. Ask the spectator to place the card at their number aside without looking at it after completing the dealing process.

"We haven't touched that other deck. Let's look at it now." Have the helper spread the second deck out. One card will be reversed. After they note the single reversed card have them turn over the set-aside card from their freely chosen number.

They match!

You CANNOT repeat this magical effect so just smile knowingly. Remember, it's a secret!



VERY SPECIAL THANKS

The annual Halloween "Illusions in the Night" show requires enormous effort and it benefits from many long-time friends and supporters. Deserving of special recognition is **HALLOWEEN EXPRESS**, the chain of specialty stores that can provide you with all your party, decorating and costuming needs. Another supporter of merit is **BELL AMBULANCE** whose EMT paramedics are on duty for every performance of the very dangerous **Buzz Saw Illusion** (remember, "If it doesn't say Bell on the side, you've just been taken for a ride." 414/264-BELL). David also thanks **PAIN ENTERPRISES** and **CHAMPION CHICKEN RESTAURANT** for providing food and dry ice for the show. Our tiger, TARA, lives at the wonderful **JO-DON FARMS** in Franksville where you can visit and see people and animals working together.

— Thanks.

PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY NOW!

David Seebach has always been a busy entertainer during the extended end-of-year holiday season. Parties can begin over Thanksgiving weekend and go on into February. However, the 'prime' weekend dates are always claimed by the 'early-bird' party planners. The ones who call later often wind up without first class options.

Seebach's "Wonders of Magic" attraction is the perfect choice for entertainment. With decades of coast-to-coast experience, Seebach can scale his program up or down to meet the needs of groups of all sizes, in different venues and with varying budgets.

Each show has lots of comedy and is full of audience participation. The show can be suitable for an all-adult crowd or a family audience. Please check out our website at www.davidseebach.com or call our office at **262/252-3333** and find out what David Seebach can do for you!

- David Seebach provided halftime basketball game entertainment at Northwestern University early in 2009 with assistants Mary and Nancy. The performance was arranged by Lake Geneva's (WI) **Class Act Agency**.
- **Rob Munger**, of Munger Technical Services, invited Seebach to perform his unique tableside

close-up magic for a party he hosted for his employees and guests at the IPIC Theater in Milwaukee.

- The Wonders of Magic returned to the Wisconsin School for the Deaf as evening entertainment in 2009. **Roger Claussen** booked the show for the school.
- David and Mary performed for Smile Day, an annual outing sponsored by the Dental Association. It was the fourth time David appeared at this event. The day, at Milwaukee's Zoo, was arranged by **Michael Shimeta**.
- A big Wonders of Magic stage show with multiple assistants and the tiger, Tara, was featured at Iowa's Hawkeye Community College. Audience commentary was extremely positive and favorable after the evening event. **Barbara Roeder** secured the booking.
- Seebach was again the headline act at Metro-PARENT's KIDSfest weekend last spring. He has been a featured performer at every KIDSfest since its inception. **Hannah Jowiak** handled all the details for Metro-PARENT.
- Michigan Magic Day selected David Seebach to be the grand closing act for their Saturday night show in Kalamazoo. **Antony Gerard** arranged for all the acts that performed.
- Milwaukee's Polish Fest once again presented Seebach's show at their annual festival. **Janine Adamczyk** produces all entertainment for the popular event.
- For the 30th consecutive year David Seebach was a performer at Milwaukee's Summerfest. He had another brand-new show with a different mix of magical effects for his long-time fans who return year after year to see his act. **Dawn Bugos** schedules entertainment for the stage sponsored by Milwaukee Children's Hospital and Northwestern Mutual Life.
- David returned once again to the annual Abbott's Magic Get-Together in Colon (MI), but NOT as a performer. He presented his "So You Want To Be An Illusionist" lecture to magicians from around the world. He also released his how-to book about performing the big stage miracles on the same day. The response to the lecture and the book was extremely strong. **Hank Moorehouse** invited David to appear.
- Assistant Christine joined David in Fort Atkinson (WI) for Jones Dairy Farm's annual golf outing and sales meeting. **Pauline Blazel** secured the magician's services for the evening.
- A Wisconsin wastewater conference, held in Green Bay on October 8th, once again turned to the Wonders of Magic for after-dinner entertainment. David was joined onstage by Maureen and Kristine and the tiger, Tara, for the performance. **Richard McKee** invited David to return after a similar appearance at the Wisconsin Dells several years ago.
- Music on the Move Plus's **Bryan Wenzel** asked David and his cast to return to another Assurant Health party on August 29th at the Zoo. For his return engagement David was asked to present two outdoor shows of magic, audience participation and illusion.

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