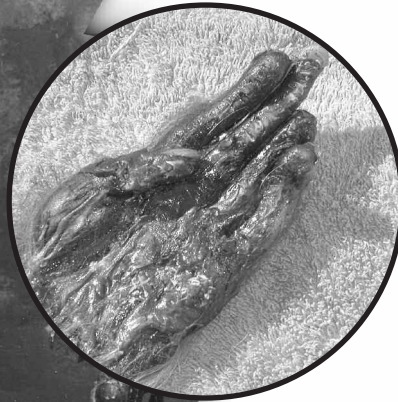


DAVID SEEBACH'S BACKSTAGE

2005 FALL EDITION

A HAUNTING COLLECTION...



"THE MONKEY'S PAW"
makes an appearance
at this year's
"Illusions in the Night"
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THE CLEVER ILLUSIONIST HAS COLLECTED SOME
MACABRE OBJECTS FOR HIS HALLOWEEN TALES OVER THE YEARS.
LOOK INSIDE TO FIND OUT WHAT HE'S ADDED FOR THE

15TH ANNUAL DAVID SEEBACH'S "ILLUSIONS IN THE NIGHT"

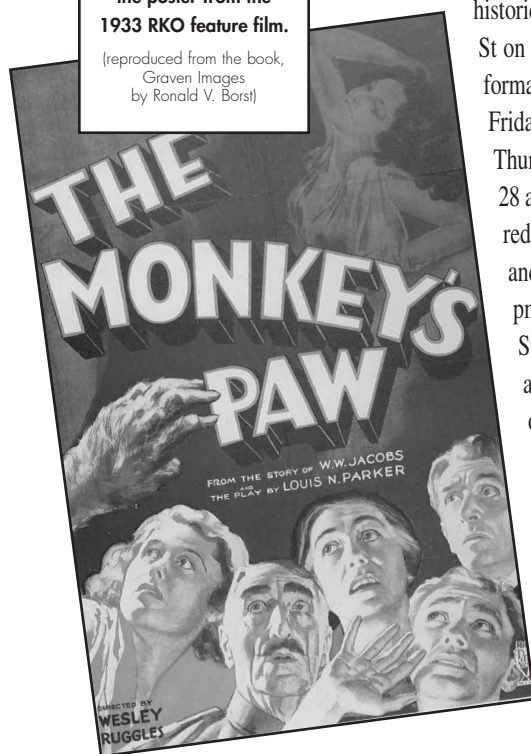
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
AT MILWAUKEE'S HISTORIC — AND HAUNTED! — MODJESKA THEATRE

NEW MYSTERIES ADDED TO ANNUAL FUN-AND-FRIGHT FEST

LOTS OF LAUGHS AND SHIVERS ARE IN STORE FOR AUDIENCE

W W Jacobs' famous story has been filmed more than once; here's the poster from the 1933 RKO feature film.

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For fifteen years the onset of cooler, fall days has signaled that David Seebach's annual thrills-and-chills "Illusions in the Night" is around the corner. Eight performances over two weekends are scheduled for Milwaukee's historic Modjeska Theatre at 1134 W Mitchell St on the city's near south side. Evening performances at 7:30 pm will be presented on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 27, 28 and 29. In addition, bonus matinees with reduced prices for students (16 & under) and seniors (60 & over) will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 22 and 29 and on Sunday, October 23. All seats are reserved and can be purchased at the theater's box office or by phone at 414/645-0700.

The show always features some of Seebach's famous spectacular stage illusions like the fiery **CREMATORIUM**, an eerie and beautiful **LEVITATION** and the dazzlingly sinister **MYSTERIES FROM THE DEVIL'S CHAMBER**.

The magician allows the audience to get into the act by inviting spectators onstage to participate, too. Both youngsters and adults get their opportunity to 'star' although that may involve placing your neck below the blade of an eight-foot Guillotine!

"Illusions in the Night" is filled with plenty of humor and there's much to laugh about during both acts of this elabo-

rate production that features alluring costumes, evocative stage sets, mood-enhancing music and lots of special effects. The landmark Milwaukee theater is owned by Stewart Johnson, an acclaimed scenic designer, who has contributed lots of his artistry to the show's extensive scenery.

Scary Things Come in Small Packages

However, Seebach's greatest 'knack' may be creating spell-binding mysteries from curious objects and magical effects that other magicians have forgotten or overlooked.

"There are new pop tunes every week," Seebach explained. "But, how many of those songs will be popular a year, or a decade, later? There are new magic acts, too, and many magicians try to add these new effects to their shows. Many of them are forgettable, however, and not very good to begin with. So, I look back for great magic acts that – over time – have proven their entertainment value, but that other performers have overlooked because they're not new."

It helps to have a very fertile imagination.

Almost 100 years ago W W Jacobs wrote a story called "The Monkey's Paw". It's one of Seebach's favorite tales of terror. He adapted it for a little close-up card trick to perform at cocktail parties and receptions where it has become popular and effective. Driving home from a high school post prom at 4:00 am last spring he thought about the comments he had received from a chaperone who had witnessed the presentation. Some of the girls had become very unnerved by the story of the severed simian appendage. He knew he could not present a little card trick on a big stage, but he had to adapt that story for his annual Halloween production.



Discount Shopping at Halloween Express

Your 'one-stop-for-everything-Halloween' location is always **Halloween Express** and you qualify for an '**R. I. P. 10% Discount**' just by showing this copy of **David Seebach's BACKSTAGE** newsletter. **Halloween Express** offers everything for the season from masks, costumes and make-up to décor and special effects. There are 7 locations:

S 27th St at Coldspring Rd, S 80th & Layton Ave, State Fair Park, Brookfield Fashion Center on Bluemound Rd, Hwy 11 & Lathrop in Racine and additional locations in both Oshkosh and Vernon Hills (IL).



BACK STAGE



A lovely young lady holds the magical monkey's paw.

His labors will come to life at the Modjeska as spectators will create some wishes (the holder of the paw is granted the proverbial three wishes). But, as readers of the story know, be careful what you wish for.

Part of the challenge in creating this sequence was to obtain an authentic monkey's paw. After much research and many inquiries, the magician located someone who would provide him with a specimen, but only with the proviso that Seebach would not divulge where he obtained it. Perhaps you will have an opportunity to hold the gruesome talisman onstage and make a wish.

Houdini, a Big Saw, a Real Tiger and Soaring Ghosts

Seebach's beautiful tiger, Tara, returns to the show in all her majestic glory and the magician will stage Houdini's masterpiece, **METAMORPHOSIS**, in recognition of the Wisconsin escape artist's death on Halloween in 1926. The show's signature conclusion, a dark séance, takes place with the lights out where the many ghosts, spirits and phantoms that inhabit the theater will swoop and fly throughout the auditorium accompanied by a barrage of spectacular stage effects. It's a finale that leaves young people slack-jawed.

At the Modjeska the beautiful woman is sawed in halves, visibly, with a 28" circular buzz saw. For this edge-of-your-seats thriller, trained paramedics from Milwaukee's Bell Ambulance will be on duty onstage just in case.

Tickets are \$20 for traditional theater seats and \$24 for the down-in-front, premiere cabaret seats with snack and beverage service at your own table. Everyone is invited to come in costume to add to the festive Halloween atmosphere.

MAGIC AT HARTFORD'S SCHAUER CENTER IN JAN '06

David Seebach will bring his "Wonders of Magic" stage show to Hartford's (WI) Schauer Arts & Activities Center on Saturday, January 7th, at 2:00 pm. Reserved seat tickets are priced at \$13.20 for adults and \$10.56 for children with a rate of \$10.03 for groups of ten and more. All prices include tax. The Schauer Box Office can be reached at 262/670-0560 ext 3 and is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm.

This family-friendly repertoire will include many of the magician's most popular acts from over four decades in show business. There will be lots of laughter and inter-active audience participation, an appearance by Seebach's beautiful tiger, Tara, and an elaborate sequence of exotic Oriental conjuring.

Begin the New Year with a fun-filled afternoon of magic and illusion in Hartford, only 25 miles northwest of downtown Milwaukee.



Mme Modjeska's dressing room vase (supposedly haunted) and a Ouija Board that Seebach will use to attempt contact with the spirit world.

A MAGICAL GET- TOGETHER

MAGIC YOU can do!

(Ss-sh
remember
it's a secret)

Ss-sh,

it's a secret. Here's a very easy-to-do card trick you can perform at a moment's notice with any pack of playing cards.

Have the spectator thoroughly shuffle the deck and then divide the pack into two roughly equal halves. The performer and spectator each take a half and shuffle their own cards.

Instruct the spectator to remove any card from his portion of the deck and remember it. You explain that you'll do the same. Although you remove a card, you ignore its value and, instead, remember the card at the very bottom of your stack.

Next, instruct the spectator to put his card on the top of his pack and you do the same with yours on your pack. Place your half on top of the spectator's (bringing your memorized key card on top of the spectator's card) half and then ask the spectator to cut the entire pack two times to "lose both cards in the deck".

"Wouldn't it be something if our two secretly memorized cards had an affinity for each other?" you ask. You can spread the entire deck face up and announce your 'selected' card (really the memorized one you noted). The spectator's chosen card will be right next to it! The audience will be amazed, but, remember, it's a secret.

Book 2005 Holiday Parties NOW!

The folks at Citizens 1st National Bank, of Princeton (IL), demonstrated foresight when they signed David Seebach to bring his "Wonders of Magic" to their annual Holiday Party on December 3rd back in June. They were assured of getting the date and time they wanted. With only a few Fridays and Saturdays in December and January, those who call first get those prime party dates. Make your plans soon and treat your guests and friends to award-winning first class comedy and magical entertainment. For more information go to www.davidseebach.com or call the office at 262/252-3333.

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UP TO DATE NEWS



David Seebach's
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- The **Arthritis Foundation** held its annual Camp MASH near the Wisconsin Dells and **Tammy Triplett** invited David Seebach to perform for the campers on August 7th. Assistant Laura made the trip and "floated in mid-air" for the delighted young people.
- **C S E Promotions** threw a company picnic at their New Berlin (WI) headquarters on August 20th and **Chad Rogowski** arranged for a "Wonders of Magic" show to entertain the employees and guests after food and games.
- Later that same night, David Seebach appeared at the **West Bend (WI) Country Club** performing walk-around close-up magic as part of the club's 75th anniversary. **ACA Music & Entertainment** secured the appearance for the artist and the client.
- Labor Day weekend found David Seebach in Rockford (IL) for their **On The Waterfront** festival with two shows on both Saturday and Sunday and a live TV appearance Saturday night on **WREX** television. **Lynn Rodé** once again booked the magician.
- **Woofstock**, a two-day benefit for Kenosha's (WI) Safe Harbor Humane Society invited David Seebach to appear on Sunday, September 11th. **Frank Carmichael** secured the magician's services for this charitable fundraiser.
- **Colby College**, in Waterville (ME) will feature a performance by David Seebach on September 24th for their students. **Meaghan Fitzgerald** contacted David and invited him to appear for the student activities office.
- Milwaukee's **River Trail School** will feature David Seebach in two school assembly programs for their students on Friday, September 30th. Teacher **Traci Jaka** made arrangements for the appearances.
- David Seebach will present the wedding edition of his "Wonders of Magic" show on Saturday, October 8th, for a reception at the **Legacy** in New Berlin (WI). This unique show is designed just for wedding receptions and features unique acts selected for the very special occasion. **Barbara Herfurth** and **Greg Schaal** are the bride and groom.
- Madison's (WI) **Wisconsin Historical Museum** has invited David Seebach to be part of its "Brown Bag Lunch Series" and speak to their guests on Tuesday, October 25th at 12:15 pm. His presentation, "Magic at the Movies: The Forgotten 'Spook' Shows of the '30s-'50s" will be a brief look at the magic and ghost shows that were featured across the USA. He'll also detail how they helped him develop his elaborate "Illusions in the Night" show.

It's never too early to plan entertainment for any business or social event on your calendar. We're here to help in any way we can. Whether you desire intimate, one-on-one close-up magic during a cocktail hour, after-dinner entertainment in a cabaret or nightclub setting, or an elaborate stage show with spectacular illusions, please find us at

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