

DAVID SEEBACH'S

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2008 FALL EDITION

THE WIZARD OF THE WEIRD

unveils the 18th annual

"Illusions in the Night"

8 performances over 2 weekends

OCT 24th – NOV 1st

at HISTORIC – and HAUNTED –
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of David Seebach's
"Illusions in the Night"
at the very creepy Modjeska

Theater on the city's near south side. For 18 years the illusionist and his cast have created a delightful mélange of magic, mystery, laughter and spooky surprises to delight audiences of all ages.

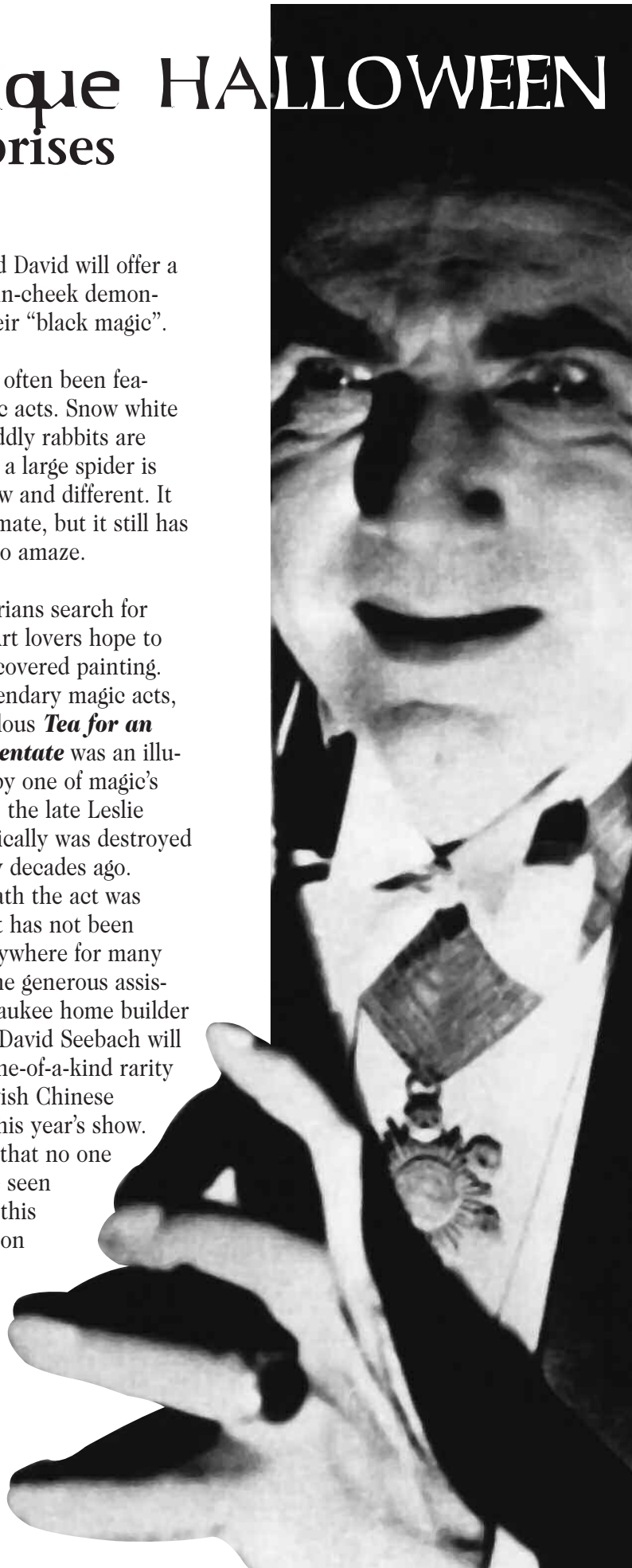
Folks return year after year because there's always something new. For 2008 Seebach will explore Salem, Massachusetts and its witch history. Certainly any authentic witches escaped detection by using their, well,

witchcraft and David will offer a very tongue-in-cheek demonstration of their "black magic".

Animals have often been featured in magic acts. Snow white doves and cuddly rabbits are expected, but a large spider is something new and different. It may be inanimate, but it still has the capacity to amaze.

Cinema historians search for "lost" films. Art lovers hope to find an undiscovered painting. There are legendary magic acts, too. The fabulous *Tea for an Oriental Potentate* was an illusion created by one of magic's true geniuses, the late Leslie Smith. It tragically was destroyed in a fire many decades ago. Before his death the act was recreated, but has not been performed anywhere for many years. With the generous assistance of Milwaukee home builder Tom Hignite, David Seebach will feature this one-of-a-kind rarity within the lavish Chinese sequence of this year's show. It's a safe bet that no one will ever have seen anything like this curious creation before.

Folks also return year after year to see their Halloween favorites:



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the fiery **Cremation**, the hilarious **Guillotine**, the terrifying **Buzz Saw Illusion** and Seebach's signature presentations of the famous **Asrah Levitation** and the dark **Mysteries from the Devil's Chamber**. Of course, all this is in addition to lots of opportunities for audience participation, an appearance by the magician's Bengal tiger, Tara, and the explosive climax to the show when all the theater's lights are extinguished and you'll discover why the Modjeska is called "the most haunted theater in America!"

Join the Party and Come in Costume

You're invited to be part of the party atmosphere. Come as a group and wear costumes if you're inclined. Take advantage of the down-in-front cabaret table seating and the full selection of beverages available plus traditional theater snacks. Performances are at 7:30 pm on October 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and November 1st. Special 2:00 pm matinees are set for October 25th, 26th and November 1st. Tickets are \$20 & \$25 with discounted admission for youth (16 & under) and seniors (60 & over) at the matinees **ONLY**. Group rates are also available. Reserve your seats by calling 414/645-0700.

It Will Be a "Merry Magic Christmas" at the Marcus Majestic

Start your 2008 Holiday Season in style at the beautiful AT&T Palladium Theater in the Marcus Majestic Cinema complex on Springdale Rd. in Brookfield over the long Thanksgiving weekend. David Seebach and his lovely assistants – plus Santa Claus himself – will return for 3 matinee shows on November 28th, 29th and 30th at 1:30 pm. You'll enjoy a program of 'seasonal' magic with wonderful holiday costuming and music. And, you'll experience it all in the area's newest and fanciest theater! These shows sell out fast so don't delay ordering your tickets at www.marcuspalladium.com. David will be looking for you. And, so will Santa!



MUSIC AND MAGIC with the MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and conductor Pierre Simard have once again invited David Seebach to join them onstage at Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts to add some magic and surprise to one of their popular Kinderkonzerts. The orchestra will feature selections of music from the Harry Potter motion pictures as well as favorites like Khachaturian's "Sabre Dance". As he has in the past with the MSO and other orchestras across the USA, Seebach will inject some of his sleight-of-hand skills to the program. The concert will begin at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 9th. For tickets call 414/273-7207.

I KNEW IT
ALL ALONG!

Ss-sh, Ss-sh, it's a secret. This one is so-o-o easy, but it's also so impressive. Take a few minutes to prepare these props and you'll have a very easy-to-do fooler when you host your Halloween gathering.

Visit a nearby HALLOWEEN EXPRESS store and purchase several cardboard Halloween decorations that are all about the same size. You'll also need a sturdy manila envelope that they'll easily fit in to, a bold marker and a sheet of plain paper.

Pick out three colorful images: a jack-o-lantern pumpkin, a skeleton, and, perhaps, a witch. Pick whatever suits you, but make sure they're all distinctly different.

On the back of the pumpkin write 'I Knew You'd Select This One!' On the back of the manila envelope write 'You Will Choose the Witch.' On the piece of plain paper write 'The Skeleton Will Be Your Choice!' Fold the paper in half and place it and the three decorations in the manila envelope.

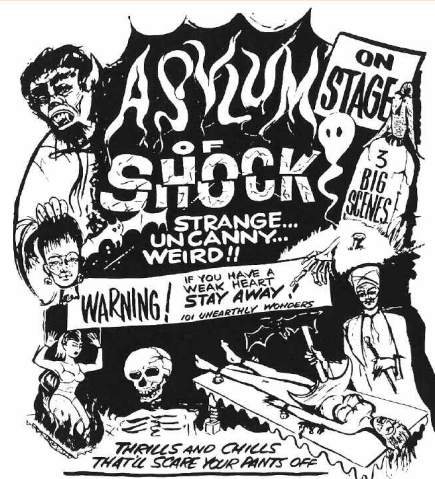
Bring out the envelope for your performance, but be very careful not to expose the writing on its back. Remove the three decorations, but make sure the folded piece of paper remains in the envelope.

Place the decorations in a row or column and make sure they remain face up to not reveal the writing on the back of the pumpkin.

Ask your spectator to carefully gaze at all three Halloween images and then select just one. Give the spectator an opportunity to change his or her mind.

Then, ask him to announce his choice for everyone to hear.

You finish the magic by directing them based on their announced choice:



Pumpkin — Turn over the witch and the skeleton. Ask the spectator to turn over the pumpkin. They will be amazed to read your prediction.

Skeleton — Ask the spectator to reach into the manila envelope (while you hold it and keep its back out of view) and remove what he finds inside. Again, your prediction will amaze them. Make sure they see there's no other paper in the envelope.

Witch — Pick up the skeleton and pumpkin and put them back in the manila envelope (without revealing their back sides). Then, turn the envelope over and they'll be amazed by your prediction.

This is easy to do, but you CANNOT do it more than once no matter how much they demand to "see it again." Remember, it's a secret!

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can do!

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As always December and January will be filled with corporate parties, family gatherings and other holiday social functions. David Seebach's "Wonders of Magic" shows are always in demand for both children's and adult groups. David has a variety of offerings, from the very simple to the very elaborate. Don't delay; **call NOW** to reserve your date before someone else does. Your guests will always remember David's unique style and flair; he'll be the hit of your holiday!

- **Karen Hoag** made arrangements through Lake Geneva's (WI) **Class Act Agency** for a "Wonders of Magic" appearance at September 13th's festival in Flossmoor, Illinois.
- Racing back to Milwaukee, David staged a special show for **Assurant Health** at the new Harley Davidson Museum that included the magician making their CEO magically appear in full biker regalia! **Music on the Move** booked the appearance. **Denise Garczynski** coordinated the entire event for **Assurant Health**.

- **Assisted Living Concepts** invited David to perform at their 2007 holiday party. They liked the show so much they invited him to return for their annual conference at Milwaukee's Wyndham Airport Hotel. **Joy Zafke** selected the colorful CARNIVAL repertoire for her event.
- The students of **Harrisonburg High School** (Virginia) have requested a live performance by David Seebach on Wednesday, November 5th. David will make the journey and bring his acclaimed school assembly program to them as arranged by **Class Act**. Seebach has presented assembly programs for all grade levels since 1969.
- A carnival fundraiser in Marshfield (WI) is scheduled for November 8th with a "Wonders of Magic" show at 2:15 pm at Columbus Catholic High School. **Michelle Keffer** booked the show through the **Class Act Agency**.

- **Wray Young**, representing retired police officers, has invited David Seebach to appear at their social luncheon on November 12th at the Todd Post Legion Hall in Milwaukee.
- David will present the CABARET repertoire with a special bonus feature for the holiday gathering of the **Safari Club International** on December 5th at the Quilted Bear in Germantown (WI). **Curt Wuesthoff** made all the arrangements.
- Another "encore" engagement will occur on December 6th at the Marriott Middleton (Madison area) for the large holiday gala of **Zimbrick Motors**. David, his cast, crew and the tiger were all invited back by **Sonja Henriksen**.
- The **Elm Grove Public Library** has presented a "Wonders of Magic" program multiple times over the years. Response to his 2007 appearance was so strong that **Kim Irwin** immediately rebooked the entertainer through **Class Act** for December 7th.

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. David's long-time friend, **RICK SWANEY**, took on the challenge of creating a stage-size arachnid for the **Spider Web Card Illusion**. — Thanks.

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