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"Wonders of Magic" to Make Grand East Coast Appearance

Morristown, NJ – The Community Theatre has invited illusionist David Seebach to bring a special version of his touring "Wonders of Magic" show to their stage for one performance only on Friday, January 23rd, 2004, at 8:00 pm.

The facility, in Morristown, New Jersey, is about one hour from New York City. It was built in 1936 as a movie theater, but has been updated and transformed into a venue for a variety of performing arts. Some of the other artists and acts that have appeared at The Community Theatre during the 2003-04 season include Mandy Patinkin, Peter Frampton, Jackson Browne, Little Feat and Art Garfunkel. The Smothers Brothers follow Seebach later in January.

This edition of the show is special because the theater is non-conventional and so the illusionist has had to design a repertoire of acts appropriate for their staging.

It's a challenge, but not unusual for this magician who has had to perform outdoors, in the round, on temporary stages, and in Europe on a raked (sloped) stage.

Seebach has planned a two-act program of some of his favorite big stage illusions and lots of inter-active, audience participation acts with plenty of humor. He will be accompanied to Morristown by onstage lady assistants Christine and Becky plus offstage and technical helpers Brian, John and Nichole. His long-time animal trainer, Bob Meyer of Franksville's (Wisconsin) Jo-Don Farms will bring Tara, the magician's tiger, along, too.

Spectacular Illusions Planned

The Community Theatre is expecting a family audience for the performance so Seebach has promised to present magical

effects appropriate for all ages. That includes a sparkling opening sequence with beautiful scarves, a woman's materialization within a **Crystal Casket** and the clever **Mis-Made Girl** where one of



Geometrick's woeful bag-lady assistant before...

the magician's assistants is dis-assembled right before the audience's eyes.

Harry Houdini's lightning-fast **Metamorphosis** escape will be staged in the magician's famous manner: if you blink your eyes, you'll miss it!

As is customary in a Seebach show, one lucky (?) audience member will get close to a **Guillotine**; very close, in fact.

His unique presentation of the unusual **Geometrick** illusion will open act two as a comical bag lady is transformed into a svelte Las Vegas showgirl.

The elaborate Oriental sequence created for his recent Halloween show will be

restaged for the Morristown audience. This beautiful pageant of exotic magic includes his newest illusion, **The Enchanted Temple**, an interlude with Chinese silks, Seebach's favorite minor mystery, **The Rice, Grapefruit & Checkers**, and the very puzzling **Origami** illusion.

There's Still More!

A main attraction will be the magician's signature illusion, **Mysteries From the Devil's Chamber**, an act long



admired by the public and his professional peers. He says, though, there will still be time for some stories, conjured-up beverages for the audience, and ---perhaps --- a favorite card trick.

Reserved seat tickets are available at The Community Theatre's box office by calling 973/539-8008 and are priced at \$22, \$27 & \$37. Group discounts are available. The Community Theatre is located at 100 South Street in Morristown. Additional information is available at their website, www.communitytheatre-nj.com.

May We Interest You In A Small Show?

David Seebach's Backstage newsletter often highlights the large, elaborate productions that he is called on to present in theaters and for major corporate functions. But, did you know he regularly appears at small, intimate gatherings as well?

Happy Birthday To You!

The magician has no idea how many birthday parties he has appeared at during his career, but he's a frequent special guest for children, teens and adults. Children are excited knowing there will be magic at their party and adults are often surprised when his participation at a significant milestone (30, 40, 50, etc) has been kept a secret. These shows, often presented in people's homes, do not require any special conditions, just an area where everyone can gather to enjoy the show. David Seebach brings everything for a very modest professional fee.

Come To Our Open House

Adults are mesmerized by Seebach's abilities as a close-up magician. Clever patter, his witty charm, and smooth sleight-of-hand are presented casually on a one-on-one basis at cocktail parties, receptions and other appropriate events. The party doesn't halt except for applause and laughter as he enchants your guests almost non-stop.

It's A Special Event

Every December and January David Seebach appears at lavish holiday parties with hundreds watching an after-dinner show. But, he also attends luncheons for very small groups and scales the show ---and the budget--- down to an appropriate level. The magic is still world-class with his award-winning style, but focused for an intimate audience.

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Christine is being handcuffed for Houdini's
Metamorphosis escape act.

Client & Talent

But, Which is Which?

Here's a photo taken at a recent smaller event. David Seebach and assistant Becky are pictured with Bruce Ross at Milwaukee's Brynwood Country Club. Bruce heads up Imagemark, a national supplier of custom apparel and accessories. On this night Bruce was David's client. After two days of meetings with his national sales staff, Bruce provided an elegant dinner at the famous country club and then invited David and Becky to perform for about forty guests. David is also Bruce's client, however, since Imagemark supplies all of the "Wonders of Magic" and "Illusions in the Night" t-shirts, sweat shirts, denim and twill apparel, and baseball caps with screen-printed or embroidered logos. Imagemark can do that for you, too. They're at 414/214-1500.





Ss-sh, Ss-sh, it's a secret. Practice this easy-to-do card trick a few times and you'll have a miracle. All you need is an ordinary deck of cards... and an audience.

Start by mixing the cards any way you'd like. As you finish, secretly peek at the card at the very bottom of the deck. This is your **key** card; remember it!

Ask a spectator to cut the deck into three approximately equal piles. Remember which pile has your **key** card at its bottom. Next, have him pick a card from the center of any pile.

After memorizing it, the spectator returns the card to the top of any pile. If he puts it on the pile with the **key** card, have him cut that pile and complete the cut. Then put the piles back together in one stack.

If he puts his selection on one of the other two piles, reassemble the piles making sure the pile with the **key** card is immediately above the pile with the selected card.

Next, give the entire pack one complete cut. Then, turn it face up and divide the pack into three roughly equal piles and spread —fan— the cards out so that the spectator can see in which pile his card is located. *

Ask the spectator to point to the pile with his card and then pick that one up and hold it in your hand, face down, in a dealing position. Begin dealing, one card at a time, turning each card face up as you deal. The cards should overlap so they all remain visible. When you deal your **key** card, you'll know the next one is their selection. Keep dealing a few more cards.

Stop and predict, "The next card I turn over will be yours!" Since you've already passed his selection, the spectator will think you've made a mistake.

Pause and then triumphantly reach to the spread cards already dealt and turn his selection face down. Do not repeat this magic trick, but —instead— tease your friends for their lack of confidence in your powers and, remember, it's a secret!

*In the very unlikely event that you cut exactly at the **key** card, take this into account. David Seebach suggests, "Practice this card trick a few times and then purposely cut at the **key** card and see where the selected card is in relation to the **key**. With that knowledge, you'll always still be able to perform this effect."

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- The family of **Michael Karp** invited David Seebach to the **Mequon Country Club** in November to perform after the luncheon celebrating Michael's Bar Mitzvah. Young Michael "starred" in David's show when he came close to losing his head in a humorous finale to the program.
- The elementary students of **Vieau School** in Milwaukee were treated to David's "Wonders of Magic" at two assembly programs in November. The magician varied the repertoire to present age-appropriate acts for K-4th graders and 5th-8th graders.
- Father and son campers from Illinois spent a weekend at **Camp Minikani** in Hubertus (Wisconsin) and then gathered for some magic after their spaghetti supper on a Saturday night. The week end was sponsored by the **McGraw YMCA Indian Guides** group and was arranged by the **Class Act Agency**.
- The **Real Estate Company** of Oconomowoc and **Schoofs Plumbing of Waterford** (both of Wisconsin) held Holiday Open Houses in December and invited David Seebach to join their guests and spellbind them with his unique close-up magic, presented intimately on a one-on-one basis.
- **Maria Purpora** was caught unaware at a surprise birthday party thrown for her at the **Oak Creek (Wisconsin) Community Center** in December. Husband Sal invited David to liven the event up and saw one of the partygoers in halves!
- **Legacy Property Management** invited their staff to a Holiday Luncheon at Milwaukee's **Porterhouse Restaurant** in early December and their **Christine Guzlecki** contracted with David Seebach for an after lunch presentation.
- **Jessica Peret** of **Roberts Roofing** first invited the Wonders of Magic to their huge Christmas Party in 1999. She requested an elaborate show that was a big hit. Since then they have tried to bring David and his show back, but always picked a night when he was booked elsewhere. She was lucky in 2003, however, and a new, different repertoire was created for her event at Milwaukee's **Pfister Hotel**.
- Post Christmas holiday events continue throughout January with David appearing at the **Quilted Bear** in Germantown for the **Hartford Rehabilitation Department** as arranged by **Nicole Beaumier** and at Janesville's **Holiday Inn Express** for **Smurfit Stone** as booked by **ACA Music & Entertainment**.
- David returns to perform for the students of the **Lincoln Centre for the Arts** in Milwaukee. These annual appearances have been going on for at least seven years. **Cathy Sansone** invited Seebach to continue the tradition at Lincoln.
- The **Casper Country Club** (Wyoming) has requested that David return to perform for their guests in February. His show was well received there and in Cheyenne in March 2003.
- Cub Scout groups traditionally hold their Blue & Gold Banquets each February and the Wonders of Magic has been a featured attraction at these events since the 1960s! **Linda Flynn** of Milwaukee's **St Matthias Pack 592** was the first to call for a 2004 show. David appears at these family affairs every year.
- You can easily arrange for a Wonders of Magic show at your special event. Call us at 262/252-3333 and check us out at www.davidseebach.com.

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