

THE MAGIC CIRCLE SHOW

**COLLEGIATE
THEATRE**

27th DECEMBER 1976 to 1st JANUARY 1977





Where do the tricks come from?

On July 1st, 1905 at Pinoli's Restaurant in London, where some twenty-three amateur and professional magicians were present, The Magic Circle was born. The meeting was the result of prodigious work by an enthusiastic amateur Neil Weaver, and it was during the course of a debate regarding a name for the proposed society that Louis Nikola, a great inventor-magician, with unconscious inspiration suggested "The Magic Circle".

October 3rd of the same year, Britain's greatest magician, David Devant became the first President and as a mark of generosity he offered his collection of books as a nucleus of a library.

Since that date The Magic Circle has collected virtually every book or publication printed on the subject of Magic. Today it has the finest collection of books on Magic in the world. Members borrow these books as works of reference to help them invent new tricks . . . or simply find out how to do some of the older ones.

But if you think "knowing how to do the tricks" is the most important thing, you'd be wrong. You've got hours and hours (sometimes years) of practice ahead of you before you can present it skilfully enough to deceive anyone. That's the real secret. Practice and more practice.

You'll be seeing the results of that practice in abundance tonight from the world's top magic acts.

So sit back, relax and be prepared to be deceived . . .

PUZZLE PAGE

by Ali Bongo



— — THERE ARE TWENTY-ONE DELIBERATE
MISTAKES IN THIS PICTURE... SEE HOW
MANY YOU CAN SPOT IN THE INTERVAL!

PROGRAMME

Fred Castle	Your magical host
Jan Torell	High speed tricks
Pat Page	Tongue-in-cheek magic
Van Buren and Greta	Now you see it, now you don't
Aniko Ungar	Trickery with the feminine touch
Los Magicos	Mexican Magic

INTERVAL

Jim Sommers and Janine	International deceptions
Roy Johnson	Comedy magic
Stromboli and Sylvia	Fire eater extraordinaire
Tony Shelley and Elizabeth	Magic a la carte
Larry Parker	Who's kidding who?
Van Buren and Greta	International illusionist

Cast subject to change without notice

Orchestra under the direction of

LESLIE SODEN

Direction
Production
Advertising Administration
Press Officer
Box Office Manager
Publicity Distribution
Stage Management

JOHN SALISSE
GIL LEANEY
BRIAN KING
ANTHONY BRAHAMS
GEORGE FARROW
HAROLD FRAKE
AL WOODROW, DAVID HILL

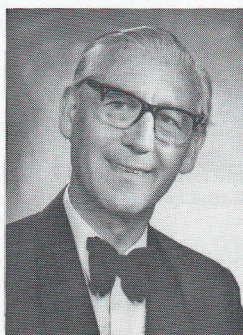
Lyons Maid Ice Cream on Sale

Foyer Bar open for evening show

LICENSING REGULATIONS. In accordance with the requirements of the Greater London Council—Persons shall not be permitted to stand or sit in any of the gangways intersecting the seating, or to sit in any of the other gangways. The safety curtain must be lowered and raised in the presence of each audience.

Taking photographs in the auditorium is prohibited

Your magical host



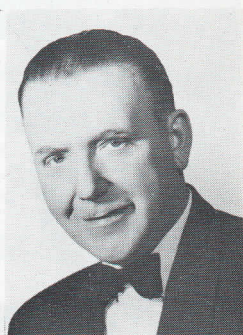
FRED CASTLE

Director of the show



JOHN SALISSE

In charge of production



GIL LEANEY



LOS MAGICOS

Magic from Mexico. This highly successful act is in big demand for clubs, television and world tours. You'll have seen them recently on 'Wheeltappers and Shunters', now see them 'live' at the Magic Circle Show.

PATRICK PAGE

Incredible sleight of hand plus a sharp, incisive wit . . . a great combination that's taken him to top dates in the world's capitals. Has appeared on television in over 50 countries.



JAN TORELL

This amazing magician from Germany performs no less than 40 effects during his extremely skilful act . . . about one trick every 15 seconds. His fellow magicians respect his skill and originality. We think you will too.

LARRY PARKER

When we saw him on the Royal Variety Show we just had to have this zany magician on ours. Rated as one of the best visual acts ever. Has worked every leading spot from the famous Crazy Horse in Paris to Max Bygraves show at the Victoria Palace.



STROMBOLI AND SYLVIA

Fire eating and sword swallowing as you've never seen it before. A smash hit wherever they go. Snapped up for coast to coast shows in North America, the continent and the best of our own TV shows. Now we've 'snapped them up' for *you*. They're unbelievably sensational!

TONY SHELLEY AND ELIZABETH

'Magic a la Carte' sums up this colourful act perfectly . . . something for everyone. It's a perfect recipe for success. Repeat TV and big show dates throughout this country and major cities all over the world.





ROY JOHNSON

Believe it or not, this accomplished comedy magician actually teaches and invents tricks for other magicians! He's even toured the USA doing just that. If he can baffle them, he's certain to deceive us in a big way too!

VAN BUREN AND GRETA

A whirlwind of spectacular mystery from the moment they appear on the stage. Here is baffling stage magic at its very best presented by two performers who've worked the best theatres in the world.



JIM SOMMERS & JANINE

Jim Sommers is called the "World Traveller" for obvious reasons; he has travelled to thirteen countries of Europe, a total of four times, plus eight countries in the Far East, including Vietnam three times. Add to this, 45 of the U.S. states, including Alaska and Hawaii, not to mention Canada and Mexico, too.



ANIKO UNGAR

Who says a lady can't keep a secret? Aniko disproves that old wives' tale in her beautiful act time and time again. One of the most heavily booked acts on the club circuits.

