

W E S S E X
MAGICAL
ASSOCIATION

MAGIC CONVENTION

SUNDAY 29th March
Bournemouth
School For Girls

2026

Let the magic begin.....



A Presidential Welcome....

Welcome everyone to the 2026 Wessex Magical Association Convention and Gala Show.

On behalf of the Wessex Magical Association and the council members I'd like to welcome you all, whether you're here for the day convention, gala show or both, it is set to be an amazing day of Magic and fun.

Running and planning this event takes a lot of time and organisation, more than I realised. With the help of the fantastic council members, we have put on some of the best magicians for you to enjoy.

I'd like to take this time to thank everyone for their support, along with the amazing staff at Bournemouth School for Girls where we are fortunate enough to hold our convention and gala for the third time. A special thanks goes to Jon Gardiner, not only for producing this convention program but also for providing the amazing food and bar we are going to enjoy throughout the day.

It is important to pass on my sincerest thanks to the dealers, lecturers and gala show acts, without them we would not have a convention!

To everyone attending the day convention I hope you have a truly magical day. Enjoy learning and sharing your knowledge with each other, jam and have fun.

Spend time talking to the dealers, buy something new and support magic creators, you know you deserve that new piece of magic and there's going to be some things you've not seen before.



Chris Howat WMA President 2026



To those attending the gala show, we have picked some amazing world class acts, two of them have fooled Penn & Teller, and one of them has just won the 2026 family entertainer of the year! We have Oliver Tabor & Wayne Trice from West End Magic, London's longest running theatre magic show! An illusion act from international award-winning magician's Amethyst Magic! And our very own local Academy of Dance from Bournemouth with their amazing performances who have been a part of our convention for years and we're so happy to have their talented dancers back again.

Now that's enough from me,
I hope you all have a wonderful magical day!
Enjoy,

Chris Howat

Convention Time Plan

TIME

8 30		REGISTRATION			
9 00	BREAKFAST	OPEN 09.00	OFFICIAL		DEALERS
9 30	AVAILABLE		OPENING 09.10		OPEN 09.15
10 00	09.00 to 10.30	RAFFLE	10.00 LECTURE	MAGIC	TO 17.00
10 30			JOHN MORTON	JAMMING	
11 00			HALL A	IN CAFÉ AREA	
11 30		DRAW AT	11.30 LECTURE	ALL DAY	
12 00	LUNCH	16 00	ANDI GLADWIN		
12 30	AVAILABLE		HALL A		
13 00	Noon to 14.00				
13 30					
14 00			14.00 LECTURE		
14 30			OLIVER TABOR		
15 00			HALL A		
15 30					
16 00			16.00 LECTURE		
16 30			JAMIE WILLIAMS		
17 00	DINNER		HALL B	BAR OPEN	
17 30	AVAILABLE			17 30	
18 00	17.00 to 18.00			LICENSED	
18 30				BAR	GALA SHOW
19 00					DOORS OPEN
19 30					18 00
20 00				PRE-ORDER	
20 30				INTERVAL	SHOW STARTS
21 00				DRINKS	18 30
21 30					
22 00					
22 30					



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9.10am Opening Speech from the WMA President.

9.15am Dealer Hall open for demonstrations & sales.

10am Lecture 1 – John Morton
Main Hall A.

11.30am Lecture 2
Andi Gladwin – Main Hall A.

2pm Lecture 3 – Oliver Tabor
Main Hall A.

4pm Lecture 4
Jamie Williams – Hall B.



Registration

DEALERS
9:00 - 4:00



CAFE
8:30-6:00

RAFFLE
9:00 - 4:00

MAIN HALL
LECTURE
ROOM
A

GALA SHOW
6:30

LECTURE
ROOM
B



Abra-Café-Dabra

The opening Act – served from
8.30am.

English Breakfast: Bacon, sausages, fried
eggs, toast, hash browns, baked beans,
grilled tomato, mushrooms.

veggie / Vegan sausages available. £7.50

**ALLERGENS: (GF)(DF) EXCEPT TOAST, ALSO
CONTAINS EGG, SULPHATES.**

**Breakfast Rolls from £3.50 ALLERGENS:
WHEAT, DAIRY, (DAIRY FREE & GLUTEN
FREE AVAILABLE).**

Magic Munchies –

available throughout the day.

Refreshments, cakes, snacks, sandwiches,

Crisps, Chocolate, Desserts.

Bottle of water £1.00,

Cold Drinks & Fruit Juice £1.50,

Hot Chocolate £2.00

ALLEGENS: DAIRY, SOYA.

Tea, various flavours £1.50,

Bean to Cup Coffee Machine £2.00

ALLEGENS: DAIRY.

Sleight of Hand Sandwiches –

Served from 11am.

**Roast Chicken Mayo & Salad - Tuna Mayo
& Salad –**

**Ham & Cheddar Cheese Ploughman's -
Gammon Ham & Mustard –**

**Cheddar Cheese & Chutney – Vegan
available. All @ £3.50**

**ALLERGENS: SEE PACKAGING, GLUTEN &
DAIRY FREE AVAILABLE, MAYO IS EGG FREE,
MUSTARD, DAIRY, WHEAT, FISH.**

Chips £3.00 (GF)(DF).

A Spell of Lunch – Served from Noon.

**Lasagne, slow cooked shredded beef
brisket layered with pasta and an extra
cheesy white sauce, Served with chunky
chips, Garlic Bread. £9.50 ALLERGENS:
WHEAT, DAIRY, SULPHATES, MUSTARD.**

**Penne Arrabiata, a rich tomato & basil
sauce with a hint of chilli, served with
Garlic Bread, Parmesan Cheese & salad.**

**£8.00 ALLEGENS: WHEAT, DAIRY FREE &
VEGAN WITHOUT CHEESE, GARLIC BREAD
IS VEGAN.**

Side Salad Pot £3.00

Baked Potatoes

with various fillings

Baked Beans (GF) £5.00 –

Cheddar & Baked Beans (GF) £6.00

Ham & Cheddar Cheese (GF) £6.00

Tuna, Red Onion & Mayo (GF) £6.00

**ALLERGENS: CHESSE CONTAINS DAIRY &
SULPHATES, TUNA CONTAINS FISH, MAYO
IS EGG FREE.**

Before The Curtain Rises – served from 5pm to 6pm

**Hot Dog with Fried Onions. ALLEGENS: WHEAT £4.50 with chips £5.50
Aberdeen Angus Beef Burger's, Cheese, Bacon, Salad, Relish. From £6.50
with chips £7.50 ALLERGENS: WHEAT, DAIRY, SULPHATES.**

**Chicken Wraps, Sweet Chilli and Salad. £5.50
with chips £6.50 ALLERGENS: WHEAT, SULPHATES.**

**Moroccan Falafel Wraps, Sweet Chilli and Salad
(V)(DF) ALLERGENS: WHEAT £6.00 with chips £7.00**

GLUTEN FREE WRAPS ALSO AVAILABLE

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John Morton – AIMC



Magician, mind reader, hypnotist and consultant & creator of several magic effects for other magicians. A full-time professional close-up magician for over 15 years performing mainly at private parties and corporate events.

Awards:

The prestigious London Magic Circle awarded John - Associate Member of the Inner Magic Circle (AIMC) with silver star - the highest level possible to achieve when joining the club through magical examination.

One of only a handful of magicians in the world that have Fooled Las Vegas magicians Penn & Teller on their television program "Penn and Teller - Fool Us" season 7 (broadcast 26th March 2021).

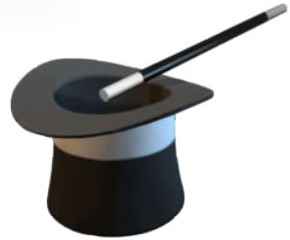
Close-Up magician of the year 2021 awarded in the Medway Magic Society's annual competition.

Past winner of "The Best Entertainment in Lincolnshire" and "The Best Entertainment in Yorkshire" at the Wedding Industry Awards voted by the public. In June 2022 John was asked to present his lecture at the Magic Circle Headquarters in London.

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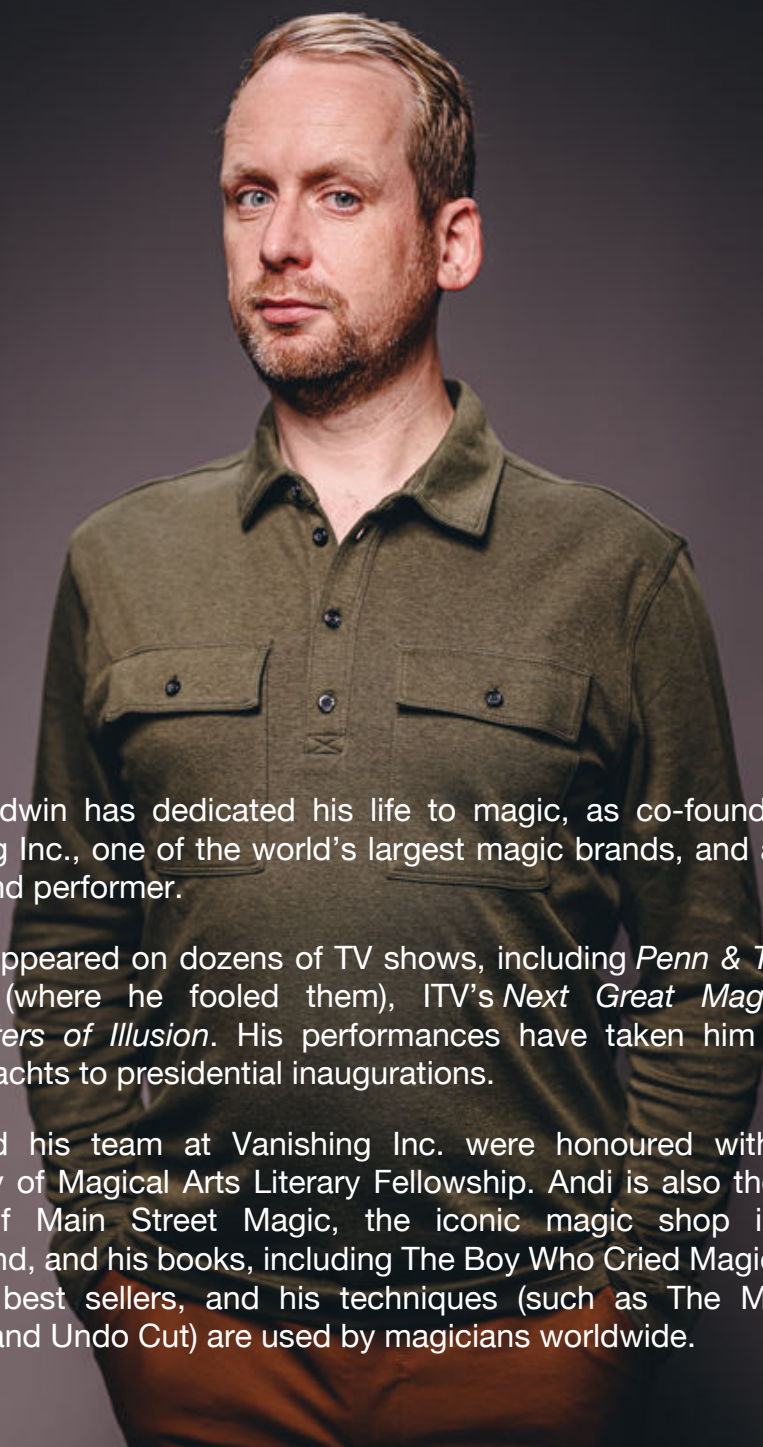
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Andi Gladwin

A portrait of Andi Gladwin, a man with short, light brown hair and a beard, wearing a dark green polo shirt. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a dark, solid color.

Andi Gladwin has dedicated his life to magic, as co-founder of Vanishing Inc., one of the world's largest magic brands, and as an in-demand performer.

He has appeared on dozens of TV shows, including *Penn & Teller: Fool Us* (where he fooled them), ITV's *Next Great Magician*, and *Masters of Illusion*. His performances have taken him from private yachts to presidential inaugurations.

Andi and his team at Vanishing Inc. were honoured with the Academy of Magical Arts Literary Fellowship. Andi is also the co-owner of Main Street Magic, the iconic magic shop inside Disneyland, and his books, including *The Boy Who Cried Magic*, are industry best sellers, and his techniques (such as *The Master Pushoff* and *Undo Cut*) are used by magicians worldwide.

WMA HISTORY

A Forgotten Member of Magic History

The history of the Wessex Magical Association is rich with individuals whose dedication and passion have helped mould the club into the lively and supportive community it is today. Among the many performers, organisers, and enthusiasts who contributed to its legacy, Montague Wynne stands out as a significant figure from the association's formative years in the 1940s.

A Rediscovered Legacy

Recently, a fascinating piece of Wessex Magical Association history came to light overseas. In the United States, Montague Wynne's great-niece uncovered a WMA medal bearing the engraving "M. Wynne" while sorting through family possessions after her mother's passing. This discovery not only confirms Montague Wynne's acknowledged

involvement with the association but also provides a tangible link to his contributions, serving as a poignant reminder of his connection to the club.

Born in 1893, Montague Wynne eventually made his home in Bournemouth. His commitment to the Wessex Magical Association was evident through the crucial roles he played within its organisation and administration. In 1940 and 1941, he held the post of Honorary Librarian. Montague's involvement did not end there, he went on to serve as President of the Wessex Magical Association in 1948 and 1949. Leading the club during the post-war years was particularly important, as magic societies throughout the UK were rebuilding their activities and reconnecting their communities after the upheaval of the war. Montague Wynne passed away in Bournemouth in 1962 at the age of 69. While many details of his magical performances have faded with time, his invaluable service as librarian, president, and active member has ensured that his contribution remains a vital chapter in the club's history.



WMA HISTORY



The Modern Wessex Magical Association

Today, the Wessex Magical Association (WMA) stands as the region's largest society of magicians, gathering at its headquarters in the Grasshopper pub, Poole. The Jasper Maskelyne Room, located upstairs in this unique pub, is the hub for regular meetings where members exchange secrets and showcase their talents. The room is adorned with mementos honouring the Association's heritage, which dates back to its founding in 1932. Equipped with a spot-lit stage, cameras that stream close-up views of performances onto large monitors, and a members' library containing approximately 500 books, pamphlets, and DVDs, the Association continues to uphold its original aim: "to bring together people with an interest in magic and afford them opportunities for discussion and demonstration of their skills."

The WMA welcomes magicians of all levels—professional, semi-professional and amateur—from across the south coast and remains committed to advancing the magical arts by hosting shows, conventions, and competitions. The club also protects the secrets of magic, ensuring that performances remain powerful and captivating for audiences. The club room honours Jasper Maskelyne, the Association's first President and master illusionist, later known as 'The War Magician'. Maskelyne, with his team known as the 'Magic Gang', employed magical techniques during World War II to deceive and confound German forces, using illusions to hide strategic locations and mislead the enemy.

WMA HISTORY

Historic Venues and Magical Traditions

The Wessex Magical Association has a longstanding tradition of meeting in distinguished eateries and venues. Originally formed at Gatti's Restaurant in Bournemouth, which served as its headquarters for several years.



The Association later convened at Bournemouth's Grand and Devonshire Hotels. Today, they proudly gather at The Grasshopper, a Hall & Woodhouse Brewery pub known for excellent dining and a friendly atmosphere. Magic is ever-present, with performances taking place both upstairs on stage and downstairs in the bar and restaurant, making The Grasshopper synonymous with the art of magic.

Honouring the Past: The Maskelyne Portrait

Forty-six years after the WMA's founding, a special event took place on Tuesday, 10th October 1978, at the old Church Hall on Sutton Road, Bournemouth. Joan Wright, the Association's first female President, presented a portrait of Jasper Maskelyne to Jackson Laurie and his wife Win. Laurie, a devoted admirer of Maskelyne, had served as President five times and edited the club's magazine, "The Bulletin", for twenty-three years. Lewis Ganson—a noted magician, author, and member of the sister club "The Portsmouth & District Magic Circle"—was commissioned to paint the portrait. Laurie and Win were delighted with the artwork, but as their health declined, they decided to donate it to the Magic Circle in London, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

Thanks to the Magic Circle, a copy of the original Maskelyne portrait now resides with the Association. In a fitting tribute, the current and first female President of the Magic Circle, Megan Swann, was able to present a copy of the portrait back to Joan Wright forty-four years later, completing a poetic circle and celebrating the enduring legacy of the Wessex Magical Association.



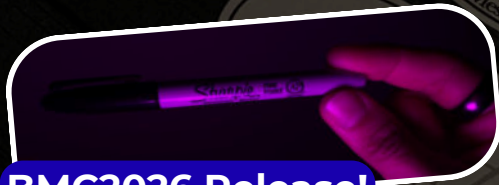
PAST PRESIDENTS 1932 - 2026

2025/26 Chris Howat	1993/94 Phil Hare	1961/62 Maurice Goldsworth
2024/25 Chris Howat	1992/93 Joan Wight	1960/61 Kenneth Greenwood
2023/24 Andy Scarratt	1991/92 Roger Williams	1959/60 Philip Maggs
2022/23 Andy Scarratt	1990/91 Bill Taylor	1958/59 E. Jackson-Laurie MRO
2021/22 Alistair Brien	1989/90 Ron Gilbert	1957/58 Geoffrey A. Groves
2020/21 Alistair Brien	1988/89 Alan Wright	1956/57 F.W. Harrison
2019/20 Nick Baverstock	1987/88 Deryk Bartlett	1955/56 P.G. Longley
2018/19 Nick Baverstock	1986/87 Stephen Lickman	1954/55 Philip Maggs
2017/18 Steve Bowring	1985/86 Jack Blake	1953/54 E. Jackson-Laurie MRO
2016/17 Steve Bowring	1984/85 Fred Castle	1952/53 S.G. Plomer OBE
2015/16 Jon Gadd	1983/84 Mervin Cole	1951/52 W.M Mankervis
2014/15 Jon Gadd	1982/83 David Willitts	1950/51 E.J. Balleine
2013/14 Jay Parsons	1981/82 David Willitts	1949/50 G. Court
2012/13 Andy Nineham	1980/81 Joan Wright	1948/49 M. Wynne
2011/12 Andy Nineham	1979/80 Alan Wright	1947/48 Thomas Glew
2010/11 Jana Bundy	1978/79 Stephen Lickman	1946/47 P.G. Longley
2009/10 David Pennington	1977/78 Joan Wright	1945/46 R.S. Lane
2007/09 Derek Roberts	1976/77 John Taylor	1944/45 Rex Gatti
2007/08 John Williams (dec'd)	1975/76 Fred Castle	1943/44 Rex Gatti
2006/07 David Willitts	1974/75 A.L. Watkins	1942/43 Rex Gatti
2005/06 Paul Hyland	1973/74 Fred Castle	1941/42 Vic Allen. Hampton
2004/05 Carol Gilbert	1972/73 Geoffrey Scalbert	1940/41 Vic Allen. Hampton
2003/04 Ron Gilbert	1971/72 Stephen Lickman	1939/40 Vic Allen. Hampton
2002/03 Ron Gilbert	1970/71 John Liautard	1938/39 Geoff Scalbert
2001/02 Peter Masters	1969/70 E. Jackson-Laurie	1937/38 William Fry
2000/01 Bryan Cole	1968/69 E. Jackson-Laurie	1936/37 Dr. Aitchinson Robertson
1999/00 John Saxty	1967/68 Geoffrey Groves	1935/36 Dr. Aitchinson Robertson
1998/99 Joan Wright	1966/67 Geoffrey Groves	1934/35 Jasper Maskelyne
1997/98 Terry Café	1965/66 Percy Bee	1933/34 Jasper Maskelyne
1996/97 Ron Harris	1964/65 Percy Bee	1932/33 Jasper Maskelyne
1995/96 Stephen Lickman	1963/64 John Liautard	
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Oliver Tabor

A close-up portrait of Oliver Tabor, a man with short brown hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a black turtleneck sweater. The background is a dark, solid color.

Oliver Tabor is a multi-award winning member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians & the Magic Circle. A British Magical Champion, and award-winner in the stage category at the FISM European Championships of Magic. He is a past President of the I.B.M. British Ring No. 25, and member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star. Oliver specialises in visual and theatrical magic delivering a varied, unique and elegant twist on stage magic. His long-running London show West End Magic has been running for over 10 years at the Leicester Square Theatre and is currently on it's 4th UK tour. Oliver also runs his own theatre dedicated to magic shows in an historic 17th century Red Brick Barn in Essex for 20 years.



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An Associate of the Inner Magic Circle (AIMC) at the prestigious The Magic Circle.

As a lecturer, Jamie has shared his material both in the UK and internationally, including appearances at The Magic Circle and a standout lecture at the Blackpool Magic Convention that many attendees named “the hit lecture of the weekend.”

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Join Us

Are you a budding magician? Do you know one? Would you like to learn more about magic, the related arts and performance?

The Wessex Magical Association (WMA) is a friendly, welcoming association that has tremendous resources to help motivate, inspire and nurture all levels of magicians. During the last year, three of our members have been accepted into The Magic Circle, with more well on their way to achieving that ambition with the support of the WMA.

There's so much online content available to learn from, but it's great to be able to get together in the real world to practise and try things out, with experienced magicians who can provide additional thoughts and guidance. But don't be fooled - we're always keen to learn something new and we're sure you'll be able to teach some old dogs some new tricks!

Fellow Magician

The Wessex Magical Association was formed in 1932. Our membership comprises of around 60 full or part-time professionals and devoted amateur magicians of all ages.

We get together on the second Tuesday of each month for lectures, workshops, competitions and jamming sessions, to socialise and share our magic knowledge and skills.

If you are a magician or new to magic and would like to join, please email our secretary (secretary@wmagic.co.uk) or contact one of our members for more information.

They will then recommend to me that you be invited as a guest to come and join us.
I look forward to seeing you.

The President



We meet at:

The Grasshopper Pub

141 Bournemouth Road
Parkstone Poole
Dorset BH14 9HT



Academy of Dance

Established in 1960 (by founder and former Principal Norma Fraser) our school has stood the test of time, and we are proud of our work ethos of fun, enjoyment, and positive encouragement. With branches now in Christchurch, Cranborne and Verwood, we are excited to have been asked to support the Wessex Magical Association again this year at their Gala Show.

Our Performance Team open the show this evening as we welcome you with a fast-paced Tap number to 'I'm Still Standing' from the Legend that is Elton John. For the second half we wanted to bring something different and to showcase our talented students – as we perform to 'James Bond' from our latest performance at Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre.

Our students have been working very hard in preparation for tonight's performances and we hope that you enjoy these numbers.

Melinda Gadd - Principal
RAD Registered Teacher. RTS.
ANATD. NATD Contemporary Diploma.

The Performers - Keira Charlton, Martha Hibell, Emily Higgins, Evie Koller, Natasha Lane, Hope Moody, Ellis Spring.



Amethyst INTERNATIONAL MAGICIAN & ILLUSIONIST

Amethyst are international illusionists Danny Hunt and Stephanie Clarke. Highly acclaimed as one of the UK's top magic and illusion acts, Amethyst have established themselves as world-class performers. With their fresh and dynamic approach, they lead the way in entertainment for cruise ships, corporate and private events. Their unique and versatile shows have attracted worldwide acclaim and taken them around the globe, dazzling audiences in many countries.

Amethyst are renowned for its range of spectacular and unbelievable shows featuring mind blowing illusions and breath-taking escapes and stunts. Amethyst offers several different shows including magic and illusion, mentalism and escapology.

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- Penn and Teller.

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- The wedding Journal
Magazine.

"Mesmerising!"
- The Telegraph.

"You won't believe your
eyes!"
- channel 7 Television.

"Brilliant Tricks"
- Insight Magazine.

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Oliver Tabor



Contemporary Conjuror
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going to see a live magic
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Bron Ivy

Bron Ivy is a storyteller at heart, and became a magician as a way to share a message in a meaningful and memorable way. Her skills were recognised by her peers at the world's magic convention in Blackpool this year, where she won Family Entertainer of the Year 2026, becoming the first female magician in the history of the competition to win. Her award winning run includes South London Magic Society's Stage Magician of the Year (2025), plus multiple victories performing gospel magic and ventriloquism at the Equip Festival for Creative Ministries.

Bron is a member of the world famous Magic Circle, and an Associate Member of the Inner Magic Circle with silver star.

Andi Gladwin



Andi Gladwin is a British magician, speaker, and publisher. He has been featured on shows such as ITV's Next Great Magician, Penn & Teller: Fool Us, The Big Breakfast, The Young Magician's Showcase, and Masters of Illusion. Gladwin has lectured internationally, authored books on magic, and is a Member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star. He received the Maskelyne Literary Award from the Magic Circle. His television appearances include BBC1, BBC2, ITV1, Channel 4, and multiple seasons of Masters of Illusion.

Wayne Trice



Wayne Trice has been involved in magic for over 35 years, starting out at The Demon Club, run by Davenports Magic Shop. A Member of The Magic Circle, he has performed as a Compere, Host and Magician at weddings, corporate events and private parties up and down the country, and is part of the team alongside one of your other performers, Oliver Tabor, behind West End Magic, London's longest running family magic show - which kicks off a brand new tour this April.

Alongside his magic work, Wayne has performed in plays, musicals and shows over the years, and knows his way around backstage just as well as he does the stage itself. He also runs London Magic Tours, a walking tour exploring the hidden and forgotten history of magic in London.

Wayne is delighted to be back hosting this show and is looking forward to introducing you to the fantastic acts we have for you this evening.

WESSSEX MAGICAL ASSOCIATION

Presents...

Night of the impossible

We hope you enjoy this evening of magic with
Wayne Trice as your compare.

ACT ONE

Academy of dance
Andi Gladwin
Bron Ivy
Oliver Tabor

Intermission 20 minutes.

ACT TWO

Academy of dance
John Morton
Amethyst magic

Thank you for coming and
have a safe journey home.





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The Wessex Magical Association
Gala Show

SUNDAY 29th March

2026

Let the magic begin.....