



Words from the Secretary

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No Meeting this month because of Covid-19, We will hold an online meeting using Zoom

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RING OF FIRE LIVE
March 11th 2021 at 7pm

Once again, we will hold the Ring of Fire Meeting on Zoom on March 11 at 7pm. We had a great time last time
Info to sign in

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/736296076?pwd=Sm4ybzA4SENCZnNZMk9odVN0QnF5Zz09>

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Magic Review BY PAYNE

Extreme Brain Damage

Stick 4 umbrellas through your head

Andrew Mayne

DVD 20 mins

<http://www.andrewmayne.com/shop/>

Price \$20.00

Reviewed by Payne

Here is yet another trick off Andrew Mayne's "Shock FX" that has been minorly altered and re-released as a single trick DVD. The only difference between the two is that the original uses a cardboard box and this version a paper grocery bag. Otherwise, the methodology is exactly the same. The effect is basic and straight forward. A bag is placed over your head and four umbrellas are pushed through it supposedly puncturing your head. They then are withdrawn, and the bag removed, and your head revealed to be no worse for the wear.

The blurb on the back of the DVD proclaims it as "A shocking one-man illusion that can be performed on stage and on the street. Build it in 20 minutes for under \$20".

Al of this is true, sort of. Yes, you can build it for under \$20. The only out of pocket expense I incurred was six dollars for 4 cheap umbrellas from a dollar store, well dollar and a half store. The rest of the materials I had on hand as it was just some tape, cardboard, and a grocery sack. It took a little longer than 20 minutes to build mine. But then I added some modifications that were not on the DVD. It can be done by one person but I'm not so liberal with the usage of the word illusion. I generally reserve that word for effects that are perplexing and actually fool people. You can perform this both on stage and on the street. But the big question is, would you want to? The angles on this are atrocious. For best results, the audience is required to be dead on in front of you. It would also be beneficial if they all were one eyed as well as a severe lack of depth perception only improves the look of this feat. Thus, this trick is best place to perform this trick is far upstage or in an alcove or hallway. Anyplace where the audience cannot get a good view of the sides of the bag. Thus, I cannot see any way you could perform this on the street. Unless of course you were working in an alley or an alcove. I however would strongly advise one not to include this in their street act as while you are performing this trick your vision is completely obstructed. You after all have a bag on your head. This raises all sorts of issues in this unpredictable environment from breaking your connection with your audience to having your tip stolen by hooligans who take advantage of your momentary blindness.

However, I don't want to leave you with the impression that this is a bad trick or completely unusable. As much as I thought this wouldn't work at all. On the two occasions I've presented this, once in front of a lay audience and once at my local magic club, it received a good response. But then I really dressed the effect up and used it as part of a much longer presentation. Out of the box, where you just ram four umbrellas through your head and attempt to make it look like a real piece of mystery, I fear your success rate will be very, very small. However, with the proper amount of window dressing it becomes a fun, tongue in cheek interlude. Buyer be aware.

February's Meeting Report

Once again, we had our meeting via Zoom, "Ring of Fire LIVE"

Robert VanVorhees discussed a book of his "Routine in Rhymes" It was a book of effects with rhyming patter. As the author is concentrating on the development of the patter in rhyme, instructions on the effects are not given. It is assumed that the reader knows how to perform the tricks. Robert also informed us about the new chair suspension he got. This led to a discussion about the different types of Chair Suspension apparatus and of the different ways of performing the Chair Suspension.

Payne demonstrated a new illusion that he made by 3D printing. It was a ashtray with cigars in the tray. Every time it was rotated the number of cigars change. Payne also showed a chop cup routine that first produced a lemon and had a final load of a statue of Bernie Sanders with the mittens as per the meme. Payne also showed us a parachoot guy that he 3D printed. Payne had a metal disc with Zodiac Signs to use with the clock trick. He also used mini Tarot cards vs regular cards as the original.

Craig Colombel received a new trick "Oracle" and gave his first impressions of the trick. Will be working on the trick to get a better idea of the trick and use.

There was a discussion on plays and opera and what magicians can learn from them.

Everyone had a good time.

Hope to see you soon.

See you next Thursday March 11th at 7pm on Zoom See [page 2](#) for info

MANY THANKS TO SANTIAGO, FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!!

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and visit the clubs Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page_internal

Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market
1501 Pike Place #427
Seattle, WA 98101

www.marketmagicshop.com

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

Magical happenings

Because of the restrictions for Covid-19 the below are both closed temporarily

Magic Monday! Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at jim@earnshawmagic.com. You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

"That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!