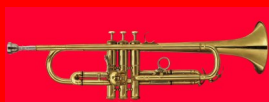




THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



January 2021

December Meeting Round-up

December 19th was the day of our last Ring 96 meeting for 2020. Our guest lecturer was Rafael Benatar, all the way from Spain, via Zoom.

Rafael is famous for his close-up work, and he has travelled the world, appearing in many places including the prestigious Magic Castle in Hollywood California.

Rafael opened with what he calls "The favorite card of my friends." In this strong opener two

volunteers pick a card, and the magician picks a third. The magician's card is slipped into the middle of the deck and is suddenly surrounded by the other two chosen cards. The patter that goes with this effect sets the stage for fun and humor.

The second effect was fast, and requires some good long hours of card work practice, but it was well worth it. A card is chosen, and a second card is chosen but not looked at by anyone. Wouldn't it be cool if the two cards were mates? They are not. But

when the second card is rubbed on the table top. It somehow changes into the first card's mate. Only for a moment though. Magically, before all our eyes, it changes back to what it originally was.

Rafael explained his next effect. Sadly, it cannot be done on Zoom, but it was a winner for sure. It is a matching trick called "You and I." In the performance the magician and spectator each take a part of the deck, and put out one card at a time. They are mates! Once is a coincidence, but it happens as many times in a row as the magician chooses.



Next meeting

Jan 16th

"Howard Hamburg"

Online:

Via "Zoom"

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Jan 16th



Feb 20th



March 20th

It is a beautiful effect.

Rafael brought out his version of the classic "Cups and Balls" trick. While his moves probably more or less match many other versions, his patter does not.

Both his words and facial expressions make this more than just an ordinary cups and balls routine.

The last effect we learned started with a large size book, that had a jumbo card in it face down. A spectator chose a card, and was offered many chances to change her mind about what card to pick. After spending some time with the multiple decision making, she selected the four of spades. The jumbo card looked like the four of spades, and kind of was, but in a closing site gag, it was the five of spades with one pip torn off.

The best part of Rafael's lecture was the amount of time he spent, not only showing us the moves, but also talking about the psychology behind his facial expression and the misdirection and spectator control. This was a wonderful lecture

Another amazing night
at Ring 96.



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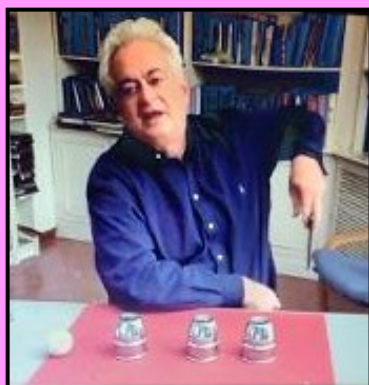
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