



The Magic & Illusion Show Newsletter

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SPRING IS FINALLY HERE

This winter was so cold and more snow than I can remember! Every time it would warm up a little another cold front would hit and more snow would come, this happened over and over all February and March this year. It is so nice to be able to hangout outside with a cup of coffee and a magic book in the mornings. Our daughter Lana was getting cabin fever walking up the glass door in our kitchen in the mornings asking if she could play outside but Natalie kept telling her no, not yet Mother nature has become bi-polar.

This spring we have several full evening illusion shows on the books, 6 in 6 weeks to be exact. We are performing in Maryland, the eastern shore in VA, and a few in central Va.

We are finalizing our new illusion show which will debut at Massanutten Resort at the end of May. Lots of new stuff and still a few surprises.

To find out if we are going to be in your area check us out on facebook, Twitter & Google+



Hocus & Lana oceanfront after our illusion show in Cambridge, Maryland

Quote of the month: "In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."- Mark Twain

Check out our weekly blog & youtube channel now with links on the home-page of wesiseli.com

Who is this girl? Alexandria the Great

A modern day female Houdini: I've survived escapes never attempted elsewhere: achieved several world records: set myself apart in a niche dominated by men. Today, my trademark escape is breaking out of a bulletproof cell -but it only came about after I broke free of numerous other "boxes" I've been willingly locked in over the years (either by myself, others or society): "normal", "female", "wife" "mother"; "too heavy" "too old", "not smart enough", "not pretty enough" "girls not allowed."

By continuing to test my limits and push myself with each and every escape, I hope to thrill you and keep you guessing as to what I'm going to do next. But I also want you to know that like me you can get out of whatever boxes you're in -- Cont on the next page...



Who is this girl? (Cont)

and ultimately become your own "escape artist." (Although, please don't literally try this at home.)

My first practices began with simple rope escapes in my pool, which proved successful. I felt the need to move on to shackles and chains like the great Houdini but wanted to surmount his previous stunts. Ironically enough, I later found out that Houdini refused to use rope in underwater escapes as he said it was too unpredictable. Funny as, I love the challenge and ropes are still my favorite escapes to do. Just call me the Queen of Extreme.

Once I mastered escaping from rope underwater, I graduated to chains, then shackles. I am learning to master the art of lock picking. I just set a new world record for the fastest extreme straitjacket escape. My regulation strait jacket was secured by 50 feet of chain and 10 padlocks. I escaped in 2mins 37 secs. I am currently looking for sponsors to help me with my own death defying escape show.

I was so happy to be able to say I got to see her perform her escape live, seeing it on TV truly is something different. You could feel the tension in the room while she was underwater holding her breath.



Here I am with Alexandria at a magic convention in Northern Va

For more on check out www.alexanderiathegreat.com

Entertainment News / Monticore dies

Monticore, the infamous white tiger responsible for seriously injuring magician Roy Horn, has died at the age of 17.

During his recovery, Roy spent years with Monticore, learning to heal and growing closer with the beautiful animal that caused his injuries.

Monticore was blamed by national media for viciously attacking Roy, but he was actually protecting him. Monticore tried to (and did) pick up Roy after he fell and carried him off stage by the scruff of his neck, as they would carry their own cub. Monticore then took him into his cage and protected him.

If Monticore wanted to kill Roy he would have bit down and shook, not grab and carry.



Video of the month/ Wes Iseli's Instant Logo

In this video I show off my new logo that when read one way says wesiseli and the other way says magician. I show 4 blank cards, then I magically print my new logo on them.



To see this video search on Youtube: Wes Iseli's Instant Logo

Nandua High School Illusion Show Recap

Nandua High School has been booking our Illusion shows for years now. This year we were hired by the prom committee to have us perform for them as a fundraiser. This school has a wonderful stage and a really nice staff that after all these years feel more like family than customers. Nandua is near Chincoteague on the Eastern Shore of Va. We left the house at 10:30 am and arrived at the location at 3:30 pm then started loading in and started setting up. Our babysitter and friend Caitlin Hopkinson took a bunch of great photos during the show while Lana set next to Caitlin in the back of the audience enjoying the show. Once the show was over we left at 11:00 pm and got back home at 4:00 am the next morning. It was a really long day but we had a lot of fun and even made a few more fans on the Eastern Shore. We are already in talks to perform there again in the fall.



Party Magic News / Our new Magic & Illusion show kit



We have been wanting our own magic kit for several years now & we are super excited on how these turned out!

These kits include a ton of props, a book on magic, puzzles, history on magic and more.

Available at our shows or at wesiseli.com

Hocus got the first one!

Last month recapped in photos



I was happy to bring in my friend Duane Laffin to lecture for my magic club



We performed at a fashion show in Richmond



We performed at a senior living facility called The Colonnades



I started performing at a new restaurant on Wednesdays from 5-8 pm in Elkton, Va



Lana & Caitlin hanging out inside a magic box pre show.



Performing at a country club in Warrenton, VA



Natalie's getting more comfortable driving the van with the trailer attached, but she still won't back up

Magic News / AGT magic buzz

There is a new mystery magic man making waves in the world of AGT. During a press stop supermodel Heidi Klum revealed that a magician auditioning for this season on America's Got Talent managed to steal her bra during his performance. This comment has made a ton of news & was picked up by outlets such as E! and has been repeated on sites as far as Yahoo! India.



The ninth season of AGT starts on Tuesday, May 27, 2014

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Wes Iseli's Magic & Illusion show Kit



Front of box



Back of box

As Hocus also advertised on page 3 of this newsletter, we are super excited about our very own Magic & Illusion show kits.

They are loaded with a ton of magic, a book on magic, puzzles, & even includes a little magic history.

These kits are already selling great.

Only available at our shows and our website

Only \$25.00

Teach a Trick / A deceiving force

Effect: Imagine having the spectator deal as many cards as he or she would like, then ask them to pick up the new pile and deal it into 2 piles. When they turn over the top two cards they will match your prediction you had in an envelope from the start. .

Secret: The cards that match the prediction starts out on top of the pack. The spectator is asked to deal cards from the pack 1 by 1 till they are happy, they are then asked to deal those cards into 2 piles, then turn over the top card from each pile. All the dealing is done face down and everything seems super fair.

