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My many hats/ Dad, Husband, Magician & President?

I am proud to announce that last month The International Brotherhood of Magicians - Ring 320 elected me as their President. I have been a member with this organization since 1996 and I have loved every minute of it. The International Brotherhood of Magicians is the world's largest organization dedicated to the art of magic, with members in 88 countries.

In other news, my online magic shop is growing by leaps and bounds with orders coming more frequently. I just created another new magic effect, more on that on the last page of this newsletter.

Natalie & I have also been super busy in the office booking all of our repeat customers like resorts, county fairs, company picnics, etc. We finally have a routine in the office again, things were hectic with a newborn but Lana can entertain herself a little more now so we can both be working at the same time for the most part. Our books show us way up for the year and we are crossing our fingers that the rest of the year is this good.

Quote of the month: A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work. Colin Powell

My Presidential Photo



I am the new president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians - Ring 320

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Who is this guy? Robert Baxt

Born in Brooklyn, New York Baxt started out as a kid twisting balloons and telling jokes. Robert worked his way through college performing at children's birthday parties, picnics, comedy clubs, and corporate events. Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Theater, he was presented with the dual opportunities of being accepted to both Ringling Brothers Clown College and Law School. Without hesitation, our hero chose the one he felt would give him the better training for a life in comedy: Law School! Cont on the next page...



Who is this guy? (Cont)

Attaining his juris doctorate degree from an accredited New York City law school, Robert realized that no one ever applauded an attorney after a hard day of cheating people. So forsaking a career in the hallowed halls of the judiciary, he turned to a full time career in show business.

Robert Baxt is an all around entertainer as a Magician, Actor, Comedian, Writer, MC and more, Baxt can and does do it all. Whether on the set with stars like Danny Devito, Kim Bassinger, Kelsey Grammer, and Ray Liotta or writing comedy lines for David Copperfield, Baxt is a very busy man.

Natalie & I first met Robert Baxt at the Magicians Alliance of Eastern States magic convention in New Jersey back in September 2012. Baxt lectured at the convention, and performed, he was super funny, original, and very talented.

If you ever get a chance to see Robert Baxt perform, go to that show, you will not be disappointed.

Check him out online at www.robertbaxt.com



Here I am with Robert Baxt after his lecture at MAES in New Jersey 2012

Entertainment News / Johnny Depp In new Magic Movie

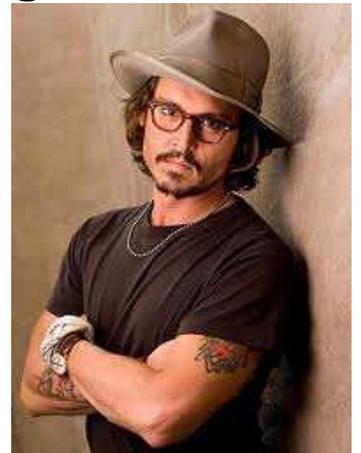
According to the Hollywood Reporter, Johnny Depp is producing with his Infinitum Nihil partner Christi Dembrowski. John Carls of Wild Things Productions also is producing.

Depp might star in the film, subject to script approval and his schedule.

Nanny McPhee Returns director Susanna White is attached to direct.

The project is loosely based on a 1987 novel written by Myron Levoy titled The Magic Hat of Mortimer Wintergreen. Set in the 1890s, the YA book follows a brother and sister who run away from their mean aunt and cross paths with a traveling magician named Mortimer Wintergreen. The man possesses a magical hat with a mind of its own, and the three find themselves on a series of wild adventures.

More on this as the story develops....



Video of the month/ Wes Iseli's Incredible Indestructible Magical Rope

This month's video features one of my routines from my current show. I call it the Incredible Indestructible Magical Rope. It is a cut and restored rope routine with lots of comedy byplay & audience participation ending with a professors rope finale. This video is not the best quality as it was filmed by a spectator from the audience, but it does show the routine from start to finish although it is a little shaky at times.

To see this video just search: Wes Iseli's Incredible Indestructible Magical Rope



My meeting with a TV casting agent



On Monday January 21, 2013 I was checking my email and received a message from an acquaintance whom I met when she interviewed me for Virginia Living TV a while back. Over time we have become friends. The email she sent was actually a casting call for a magician to be used in an upcoming TV project. She also attached a note saying I was the first person she thought of. The casting call stated that they were looking for someone who could actually perform magic and they were not looking for an actor. I responded to the email thinking, what the heck. In a matter of a couple of hours my phone rang and it was the casting agent. They saw my promo and YouTube videos, liked my bio, and wanted to talk to me. Well I missed the call because I was in the shower getting ready to go to a gig, after my shower I called them right back but they had left for the day. I called back the next morning and left a message again and got a call back that the main casting agent was out of the office but that they had a few questions for me. They interviewed me over the phone for about five minutes and they thanked me for my time and said "I think we got everything." Then I asked if I should call back in a few weeks and they told me, "don't call us, we'll call you". That was very funny to me and I couldn't believe that I actually heard that line from a TV casting agent. In about one hour I got a call back that they reviewed my info and they wanted to set up a Skype meeting on Thursday at 1:30 pm. So on Thursday I did the Skype interview and it went well, but they really just asked me the same questions as before. I did learn a little more about the show, but because of the risk of someone else stealing their idea I was asked not to talk about that. I may never hear anything from them again, but I must say the whole experience so far has been fun. The picture above is of me during my Skype meeting...

Party Magic News / More Satisfied Customers

"Wes & Natalie, Our church SO enjoyed the event last Friday night! I'm sure we'll be having you back, the kids were still talking about it on Sunday! I would highly recommend your show for anyone looking for a fun, exciting, Thrilling show!!!!" Jennifer Rose Heiserman

We thoroughly enjoyed your performance at our company party.

I'm hearing a lot of good buzz among the employees today. Even the people who weren't there are commenting that they heard the party was a lot of fun. The Audience participation was my favorite part.

We are hoping that you can come again next year for this same event. I wish you a lot of success. Judy Higgs



Teaching Magic Classes at Ivy Creek School

For the past 9 weeks I have been teaching a weekly magic class at a local school called Ivy Creek School. I am teaching 2 classes back to back and I have been having a lot of fun working with the kids and teaching magic. This school called me out of the blue and asked if I was interested in teaching a weekly class and after hearing about the school I knew I had to go for it. If nothing else it would be a learning experience.

Below is info from the school website explaining the students needs in this school:

Ivy Creek School (ICS) serves the needs of students from various regional school districts who have been identified through the special education process as emotionally disabled and in need of a specialized separate public day school placement. Located behind Albemarle High School, Ivy Creek School has the capability of serving 75 students from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Our Students Needs:

Our students have difficulty managing their feelings, controlling their behavior, and making good choices, all of which tend to impact their academic performance. They may appear angry, depressed, anxious, unsure of themselves, and/or in need of significant support and understanding. In order to function successfully in school, it is essential for our students to learn to manage emotions and behaviors, and respond to social expectations appropriately.



With this 9 weeks coming to a close I have already been hired to teach advanced classes for the next 9 weeks. The staff and kids are all great. This has been a really fun project...

Magic News / Penn & Teller celebrate 20 years in Vegas

The Magic duo have been braking stereotypes on what to expect with a magic show for 35 years. With sold out runs on Broadway, world tours, Emmy-winning TV specials and hundreds of outrageous appearances on everything from Letterman to Leno, Friends to The Simpsons, Chelsea Lately to Top Chef, comedy's only team show no signs of slowing down. Penn & Teller are now celebrating 20 years in Vegas. They have stayed fresh by constantly adding to their show. While other entertainers do the same act till they die, P&T are breaking that stereotype too.

Below are some photos over the years:



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Wes Iseli's Magic with a message series

Effect: Several cards are shown to depict scenes from famous love stories from the past. John Smith & Pocahontas, Lancelot & Guinevere, Mark Anthony & Cleopatra, Romeo & Juliet, Etc... The cards are turned face down and placed under the pile after each is shown, then dealt out until one card remains. You then talk about that card "forbidden love Etc". You then shuffle and deal the cards again ending on **THE CARD** with **GOD** having the world in his hands.

Then Say: But there is one love story that has been going on since the beginning of time. This story is known the world over in every country on every continent. There have been more books & movies written about this love story than any other. It is a different kind of love a love we can't even comprehend it is (turn Over the card) **GOD'S LOVE** John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

This packet trick can't be any easier and will quickly become one of your favorites. The trick also comes with a wallet to carry your cards in.

More magic available at wesiseli.com



Check out my new demo video on Youtube just search:
Wes Iseli's Love Story

Teach a Trick / The Reversed Card

Effect: The spectator selects a card and places it back into the deck. After placing the deck behind your back and bringing it out again, the selected card is shown to have reversed itself in the deck.

Secret: You have secretly reversed the top card so the deck looks as if it's face-down when it's really face-up. When the spectator places his or her card back into the deck, the selected card is reversed and facing the other way.

Tip: When no one is around, prepare the deck by reversing the bottom card so it's facing the other way. Never let the audience see that the bottom card is reversed.

