



87th Annual Convention
CONCORDIA THEATRE, HINCKLEY
14 SEPTEMBER 2025



A warm welcome to everyone attending this year's convention – we may have less time together, but I know the convention will be as much fun as ever. If this is your first time, my very grateful thanks for joining us this time – and we hope to see you at future events. If you've been before – grateful thanks again – you know you are in for an amazing day of magic. Had you told me in 1980 that I'd be writing a presidential greeting I would never have believed you – I still find it hard to believe I've been able to represent the British Ring family during the course of the last year. Do come up and say hello if you see me around – I will have my younger daughter with me (a junior member of the British Ring) so I'm sure you will make her welcome as well.

I, together with my wife Heather and two children – Alice and Lily – thank you for the support you've given me during the past year, and we extend our warm wishes for a fantastic year as President to Moira.

Aidan Heritage
I.B.M. British Ring President
2024–2025



Mobile Phones

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched off or switched to silent during any programmed event.

Mobile phones may not be used for any method of photography or recording in the Theatre.

Policy on all photography and recording

The British Ring's official still and video photographers are the only persons authorised to photograph or record performances, lectures, or demonstrations in the Theatre, and then only with the permission of the artiste and the British Ring Council. Delegates are welcome to take photographs in the Studio and other open areas and post them on social media, but please always ask the subject's permission first. Please tag the British Ring and share using #britishringHinckley25.

Stewarding/Delegate Safety

We would respectfully ask that all delegates comply with reasonable requests by both our own volunteer stewards and the venue staff. All requests are made with safety in mind, and we are obliged to comply with all Health and Safety issues. Therefore, if asked to clear any areas, please do so immediately when requested. We may need to ensure areas are cleared before we can progress onto the next event and therefore your prompt attention when requested would be appreciated.

Sunday 14 September

Schedule

9am	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
9am	Dealers Hall Open	Studio
9.30am	Lecture: Graeme Shaw	Theatre
10.45am	Close-Up Competition	Theatre
12.30pm	Lecture: Kane & Abel	Theatre
2.30pm	Jeffery Atkins Memorial Lecture: The Magic Of Anita Harris	Theatre
4pm	Lecture: Eddie McColl	Theatre
6.30pm	Stage Competition	Theatre
8.30pm	Kane & Abel Show	Theatre
9.45pm	Competition Awards & Installation of New President	Theatre
10pm	Close of Convention	Theatre

The British Ring Close-Up Competition

Organised and Introduced by Cameron Gibson

Competitors (in alphabetical order)

Alex Cahill (Nottingham)

Bharat Patel (London)

David Gemmell (Tonyrefail)

Dean Raymond (Liverpool)

Louise Taylor (Ulverston)

AWARDS

1st Place - The Zina Bennett Trophy plus £500

2nd Place - £250

3rd Place - £100

The 'Rovi' Trophy may be awarded for the most entertaining and skilful act using cards

Chair of Judges: Ed Gibbons

Judges: Alan Maskell, Graeme Shaw and Laurence Gibbons

Timekeeper: Robert Moss

Assistant Timekeeper: Lawrence Addison

The British Ring Stage Competition

Organised and Introduced by Oliver Tabor

Competitors (in alphabetical order)

Andy Storm (Loughborough)
Danny Lee Grew (Clacton-On-Sea)
Michael Carr (Hemel Hempstead)
Oliver Bell (Llandudno)
Raymond & Cannon (West Kirby)

AWARDS

THE BRITISH RING SHIELD may be awarded to an act that achieves outstanding magical excellence

1st Place - BRITISH RING TROPHY plus £500

2nd Place - THEO SPEAKER CUP plus £250

3rd Place - ALASTAIR WAND plus £100

CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY may be awarded for originality shown in effect, method, or presentation

DITTIA SHIELD may be awarded for Manipulation

TOM HARRIS CUP may be awarded for Comedy

Chair of Judges: Philip Partridge

Judges: Dean Metcalfe, Fraser Stokes, Graeme Shaw and Paul Buonocore

Timekeeper: Robert Moss

Assistant Timekeeper: Lawrence Addison

Convention Artistes

Anita Harris

2.30pm - Jeffery Atkins Memorial Lecture

The Magic of Anita Harris

(In Conversation With Richard Cadell)

Having worked on television with several famous magicians - including David Nixon, Tommy Cooper, Ali Bongo and Paul Daniels - Anita will share stories of her magical experiences in an intimate conversation with Richard Cadell.



Eddie McColl

4pm - Lecture

Eddie McColl has performed on television and stage as both a close up and parlour magician since a young age. He has most recently focused on his passion for card magic. After studying under Roy Walton and Gordon Bruce, Eddie has developed a softness and elegance with cards that is rarely seen, combined with his own modern touch. Eddie considers himself lucky to be able to share with and learn from magicians all over the world.



Graeme Shaw

9.30am - Lecture

As well as running Magicbox, one of the UK'S biggest magic stores, Graeme Shaw is one of the UK'S busiest working magicians. He performs close-up and family shows all over the UK and won the Family entertainer of the year award at Blackpool in 2020 with his racoon sidekick 'Derek'.



Graeme's lecture will focus on his family shows. He will talk about his whole approach to kids and family shows and why it works for him as he performs and explains his openers, his closers and everything in between... as well performing his winning raccoon act with 'Derek'.

Kane & Abel

12.30pm - Lecture, 8.30pm - Show

Kane & Abel are a comedy magic double act with more than 20 years of performance experience. They were inspired to take up magic by their grandparents Bryan & May, who were recipients of the Order of the Merlin Award in honour of their longstanding commitment to the I.B.M.



The twin brothers perform magic and comedy based on being twins. Every twin question - hurtful or hilarious - they have been asked has been weaved into the narrative of their gala show.

In their lecture Kane & Abel will share the secrets of some of their most talked about stage routines and their full close-up double act. They will also discuss the importance of collaboration, not only between themselves but with third parties to provide a unique look at their magic.

Dealers Hall

CCC Magic

Selling online tutorials as well as physical products. Cubes: Refraktor Gimmickless Cube Project, Speed Cubes, Cube Royale and Cubeify; Coins: RUSC coin set; Cards: Boxxer, Minify, Aperture; Other: Harmonious, Parameters Book

www.cccmagic.com



**EDDIE
McCOLL**

Eddie McColl

Eddie will have specially recorded USB flashdrive video notes available for sale at Hinckley after his lecture. He will also have several card codes for sale that allow access to download tutorials on skills and effects such as the riffle shuffle, pass work and false cuts from his website.

www.EddieMcColl.co.uk

Kaymar Magic

Since 1958 Kaymar Magic have dealt in quality magic tricks and props, focusing on easy-to-do close up magic. As well as new releases, Kaymar also shines a spotlight on hidden gems from creators such as Stephen Tucker, Peter Kane, Steve Cook, Peter Duffie and more!

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www.trickedmagic.com





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KANE & ABEL

THE COMEDY MAGIC DUO

Direct from Edinburgh Fringe

'Real Magic'
- BBC Radio

Tickets £15

Concordia Theatre
Hinckley

14 SEPTEMBER
2025 8.30pm

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- John Hill, Box Office Manager, Concordia Theatre
- Rosie Jane, technical Co-ordinator, Concordia Theatre
- Concordia Theatre: Tech Crew, Staff and Volunteers
- All the artistes and lecturers
- Richard Cadell
- The British Ring Technical Crew
- The Stewards
- All Competition Judges and Timekeepers
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Stage Competition	Oliver Tabor
Close-Up Competition	Cameron Gibson
Anita Harris Interview	Richard Cadell
Timekeeper & Assistant Timekeeper	Robert Moss & Lawrence Addison
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We hope you had a MAGICAL time!



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