

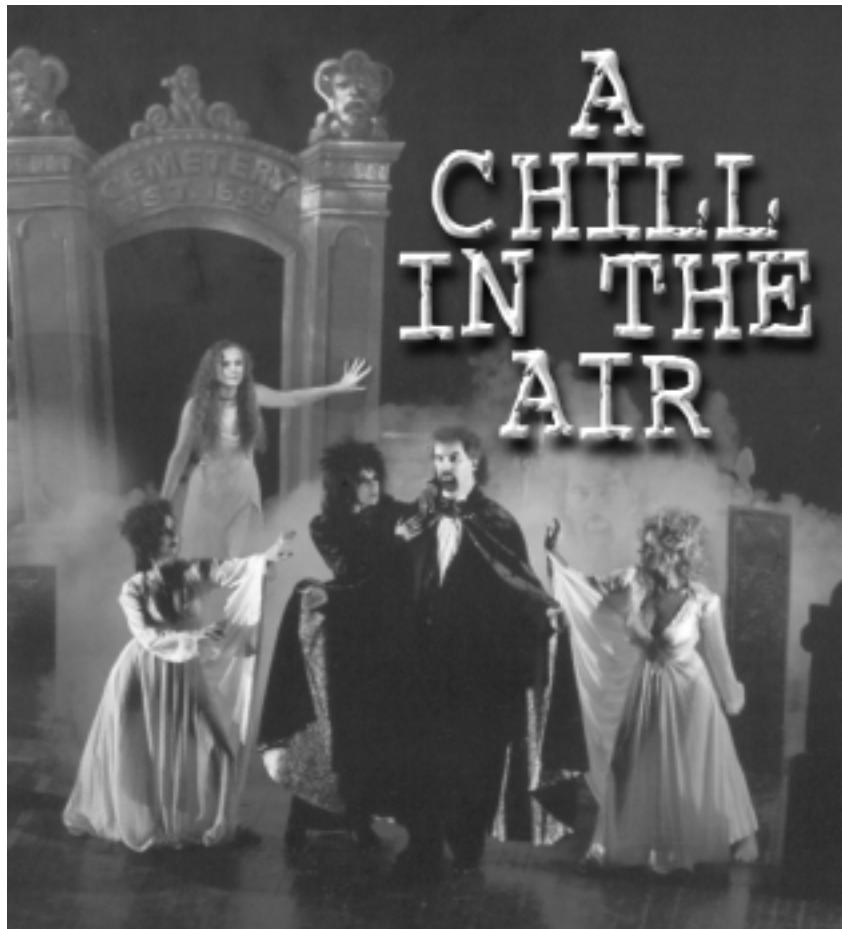
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Autumn's Chill
is More Pronounced at
Milwaukee's Historic ...and Haunted! ...
Modjeska Theatre for the

**11th Annual David Seebach's
"Illusions in the Night"**
from October 19th thru the 28th.

Fantastic Magical Frights

A Halloween Tradition With All New Surprises

David Seebach will bring his fun and frightening stage extravaganza, "Illusions in the Night" to Milwaukee's historic Modjeska Theatre for nine performances from Friday, October 19th, through Sunday, October 28th. It's America's scariest stage show at the most haunted theater in the country. You're invited to attend in costume and add to the spectacle.

The show is also filled with lots of comedy, glamorous lady assistants in beautiful costumes, effective musical accompaniment, lavish stage settings, elaborate illusions, and, of course, those famous ghosts and spirits.

You'll be welcomed by the appropriate funereal setting of a cemetery on the Modjeska's stage where the show begins as the slightly sinister Seebach arrives.

He'll guide you through mind-boggling sequences, each building upon the last, until the show's explosive finale

Each edition of the show has featured a ghostly tale of inexplicable events. This year you'll learn about a housecat with a most unusual ability, an affinity to sense impending death. Seebach's story-telling skills fuse with his magical artistry as this tale of terror unfolds. These interludes always produce shivers and gooseflesh in the audience.

So that we can all learn about the Modjeska's future, Seebach has invited a noted seer and soothsayer, Prince Radini, to attend this year's show. Radini will look ahead for us and he promises to tell the audience's future, too!

Three of his attractive female aides will unite for a short ...and slightly naughty... routine with some Halloween-themed silk scarves.

Seebach's long-time onstage partner, Peggy Ryan, will join the magician yet again. Peggy's vivacious presence and lively personality adds sparkle to the show for she is not the typical silent showgirl assistant. She and Seebach are a team, sometimes affectionately at odds, much like Sonny and Cher. Actually, maybe a little too much like Sonny and Cher as you'll see in the show. Peggy's strong singing voice will be highlighted twice in this year's edition in brand-new sketches guaranteed to amuse and astound. She'll also be visibly transformed into a favorite character from "The Wizard of Oz." No, it won't be Dorothy... or the Scarecrow... or the Wizard himself. You won't believe it, but it magically happens right before your very eyes!

Audience Favorites

"With many people coming year after year to see this production," the illusionist explained, "I have to come up with new material. However, I cannot forget that these people come back because they enjoy what they see." So, for that reason, there are several venerable acts that return year after year. They include the magician's fiery CREMATION act and its unexpected climax, the sidesplitting GUILLOTINE and its lethally funny audience participation feature, the truly terrifying BUZZ SAW for sawing a woman in halves, the beautifully eerie ASRAH LEVITATION, and Seebach's signature piece de resistance, MYSTERIES FROM THE DEVIL'S CHAMBER. This audience favorite is being completely refurbished in California by the prop's builder, Owen Magic Supreme. It was constructed in 1979 and has been all over the USA, from Florida and New York to California and Hawaii. After a May performance the entire act was air freighted to the West Coast for painting and repairs and it will return in time for the October shows.

New Thrills

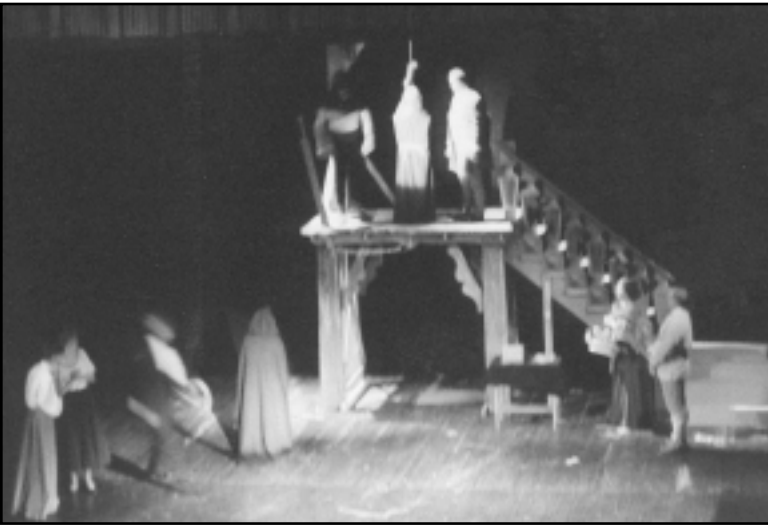
This is a show that attracts repeat guests and that requires the magician to prepare never-before-seen mysteries. Five lucky young audience members will be invited onstage to "Trick-Or-Treat" with the magician. They'll each don a costume and, before they're dismissed, another youthful volunteer will attempt some Halloween mind reading.



The spine-tingling **Impated Beyond Belief** illusion, as presented in the 1995 edition of "Illusions in the Night." It returns in 2001.

Something has gone terribly wrong. It's hoped that Rachel's other half is already in a Bell Ambulance!





The entire cast takes part in the epic *The Executioner's Dream* illusion.



The *Mysteries* from the *Devil's Chamber* apparatus is partially disassembled at California's Owen Magic Supreme for painting and repairs.

Apparitions,
Phantoms
and Ghouls
will SCARE
the
YELL
out of you!

Those Infamous Ghosts

Returning guests wait with anticipation for the show's unique feature, the nightmarish finale when all of the denizens of the troubled theatre's past come forth to scare the yell out of young and old alike. Apparitions, phantoms, and ghoulish images appear to loom over your head or soar throughout the darkened auditorium. It's an unexpected and explosive finish that perfectly caps an evening's (or afternoon's) entertainment.

The Executioner's Dream

Returning after a five-year hiatus is an elaborate stage illusion presented en tableau by the large cast. The audience witnesses a crime and the unjust hanging of a young, innocent victim. This very rarely seen spectacle will be long remembered.

And, There's Still More!

The magician promises *free drinks* for some folks as he shares some magical hospitality, a demonstration of magical shoe maintenance for a young helper, and an unpleasant, piercing suspension of a beautiful woman atop the tip of a gleaming sword.

Tickets and Ghostly Details

The seventy-plus year-old Modjeska is rumored to be "America's" most haunted theater" (*Haunted Places*, by Dennis W Hauck; 1994; Penguin Books). Named after Poland's famed stage actress Mme Helene Modjeska, it developed its mysterious reputation decades ago. The long shuttered balcony has its own ghost, a misty presence that has startled patrons and employees for years. Curious sounds, strange knocks, phantom footsteps, and a mournful crying, sobbing baby have all been reported in the theater and, especially, in its dank basement.

If you have the steely nerves, why not tempt fate and join the many others who will attend the eleventh annual David Seebach's "Illusions in the Night?" There are 7:30pm shows on Friday and Saturday, October 19th and 20th and 26th and 27th. There's an additional 7:30pm show on Thursday, October 25th. Matinees at 2:00pm are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st and 27th and 28th. All seats are reserved and can be obtained by calling 414/645-0700. Call early and reserve your own down-front cabaret table close to the stage with complimentary welcoming treats and full beverage and snack service. Cabaret seats are \$24. Traditional theater seating is \$20. All seats are half-price at the matinees for brave youngsters sixteen and under and sturdy seniors sixty and over. Group discounts are also available for theater parties of twenty or more.

Bell Paramedics Return

To guarantee the safety of Rachel, the brave assistant who will be divided by Seebach's giant Buzz Saw Illusion, the paramedics of Bell Ambulance will be onstage during the act. They often remain afterwards during act two for patrons who are more-than-a-little frightened by the onstage magic. Remember, "If It Doesn't Say Bell On The Side, You've Just Been Taken For A Ride!" Bell Ambulance 414/486-2000

Dead or Alive?



Ss-sh, it's a secret. Here's a perfect macabre mystery for your own Halloween party. Invite three friends to participate and hand the first person a piece of ordinary writing paper, about 4" x 6".

Stand so you cannot see them as you give them the following directions.

Hand the paper to him vertically and ask him to write the first name of an acquaintance on it. The name should be of someone unknown to you. The person must be alive.

The second spectator is asked to write the first name of someone known to him below. This spectator, however is asked to write the name, of someone no longer alive.

The third spectator is given the paper and asked to write the first name of someone known only to him below the first two. This name, too, should be of someone living.

Then, ask the third spectator to tear the paper into three sections such that there will be a single name on each scrap of paper. They are folded, or crumpled, and dropped into a hat, bag or box.

You immediately reach in and, without looking, bring forth the dead person's name!

Can you figure it out?

It's actually very easy ...when you know the secret. As you feel the three scraps of paper, two will have an uneven, torn edge on only one side, but the dead person's name will have two torn edges since it was in the middle of the sheet.

Your friends will be calling you Kreskin but, remember, it's a secret!



Holiday Dates

December and January are often the busiest months of the year for David Seebach and his "Wonders of Magic" attraction. David is asked to perform for all sorts of parties and gatherings.

The weekends will find him appearing at children's Christmas Parties to entertain young and old alike before the real star of the event, Santa Claus, arrives to greet his fans. For these happy occasions the magician presents some delightful, themed, seasonal magic with lots of audience participation for the youngsters.

By nightfall the repertoire changes for adult Holiday Affairs that range from casual to elegant. After-dinner shows with sophisticated sorcery and lots of interactive humor are presented to groups large and small.

It's not unusual for Seebach to present four, or more, shows on a busy Saturday, all at different locations. However, there is a limit to the engagements he can accept and more prospective clients are turned down at this time of year than any other.

Don't be the office party planner who calls too late.

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- David Seebach appeared twice at the new **Miller Park**, home of the Milwaukee Brewers, over the summer. First up was after-dinner entertainment in the posh **.300 Club** for Advantage Sales & Marketing's efforts on behalf of the MACC fund. About two weeks later he returned to the baseball players' family lounge where the son of one of the Brewers celebrated his birthday in style.
- On July 22nd Seebach's "Wonders of Magic" appeared at the **Pine Mountain Music Jam** in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Also appearing were Ted Nugent and Hermans Hermits.
- **North Hills Country Club** in Menomonee Falls (Wisconsin) held its annual Mardi Gras night complete with masks, beads and David Seebach presenting walk-around tableside close-up magic in August.
- **GE Medical** held an employee celebration at Milwaukee's **Villa Terrace** on August 16th. They manufacture diagnostic equipment and so Seebach "operated" on their boss, sawing her in halves in his burlesque doctor-and-nurse routine. Sandy Shave, of GE, invited the magician to appear.
- Sheboygan's (Wisconsin) **Pine Hills Country Club** invited the magician to their couples' invitational golf outing on August 18th for after-dinner magic and humor.
- The "Wonders of Magic" show will appear at Milwaukee's **Italian Community Center** on September 28th for the **4C** group. It's their 30th Anniversary, arranged by Carol Mauer.
- October begins with a visit to Lafayette (Indiana) and their **Long Center for the Performing Arts**. The show will begin at 7:30pm with the public invited to attend. Lafayette is northwest of Indianapolis. They have also reserved the magician for October, 2002!
- David will appear for students of **Oconomowoc (Wisconsin) Middle School** on November 9th.
- Besides the Holiday Parties already announced in our Summer newsletter, the "Wonders of Magic" will appear at **Davian's Banquet Center** in Menomonee Falls for **Horizon Home Care & Hospice** on December 15th. Kris Noyes, of Horizon, made the booking. And Seebach and Co will return to the **Silver Spring Country Club** on December 8th for the **Wisconsin & Southern Railroad** and their family Christmas party. Over the last ten years, David has performed at more than half of their parties! Suzanne Immel asked the conjuror to return.
- Have you planned your December and January events? Don't delay! Avoid disappointment by calling us now at 262/252-3333. Or, contact us via the Internet at www.davidseebach.com. You can email us at david@davidseebach.com.
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