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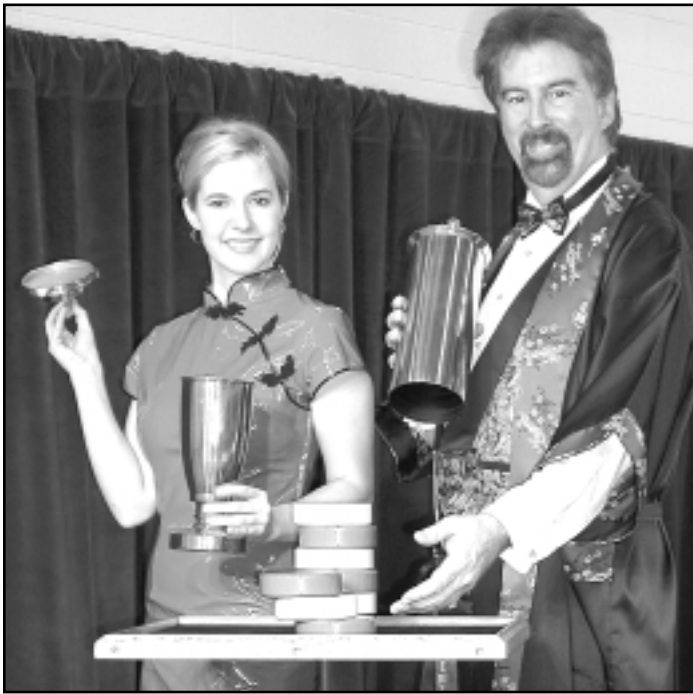
Thomas Perz, Bank President, joins the cast
backstage at the Milwaukee County Zoo
between shows on May 5th
(from left to right: Rachel, Christine & Peggy)

Summerfest & State Fair

A 2002 Entertainment Double Feature

New assistant Sarah joins Seebach for some Chinese conjuring at her first appearance with the show in April at **Forest Park Middle School's** LockIn.

photo by Erin Brown



You can enjoy David Seebach's acclaimed **Wonders of Magic** at both of Wisconsin's main summer attractions during 2002. He's a long-running regular at one and a first-timer on a brand-new stage at the other. Both venues will feature the award-winning entertainer's delightful mix of magic, comedy, inter-

active audience participation and illusion, but you'll have to attend both to see all the magic since he's planning different acts for each event.

It will be his 23rd consecutive year at Milwaukee's Summerfest from June 27th through July 7th with twice-nightly shows at 7:30 and 9pm on the Children's Stage.

Long-time assistant Christine and newcomer Sarah will join Seebach onstage each evening. The challenge, each year, is to create a mix of audience favorites and new surprises. For 2002 the show will open with the novel **Geometrick** illusion. It's a rarely seen puzzler that features Seebach's unique presentation and some special music arranged just for the **Wonders of Magic** show. Christine and the illusionist start together onstage, but need an extra 'helper' from the audience; who do you suppose they'll find?

Just two years ago the magician premiered an uncanny act to illustrate part of Einstein's famous theory about time and velocity. It was popular with the audience, but Summerfest employees and vendors would return, night after night, to watch it again and again and try to figure out how the impossible happened right before their very eyes. You can, too, as he brings it back and you'll discover why this act truly is uncanny.

The magician has often sawed his own beautiful assistants in halves, but this year he'll do it with a lucky lady from the audience. And, some young festivalgoers will be able to participate in a fondly remembered routine with a trained snake. The act dates back to the magician's teen years as an amateur conjuror, but the all-new version has an unexpected surprise that has produced lots of reaction when he has tested it this past Spring.

Christine will literally come apart at every show, but the magician vows to always put her back together and some appropriate 4th of July magic will be featured nightly, too.

Summerfest is a world-class music festival on the shores of Lake Michigan in downtown Milwaukee. It attracts about a million people each year and is David Seebach's longest-running engagement. For more Summerfest information call 414/273-2680.

Wisconsin's State Fair is held just west of downtown and right along I-94. Many of the Fair's permanent structures are being re-built and the major new addition for 2002 is the huge Expo Building. For six of the Fair's nights, David will perform an hour-long show on its WISN Radio Newstalk 1130 Activity Stage. He will be bringing the best and most popular acts from his giant repertoire including an eerie **Levitation**, the funny **Guillotine** and Houdini's **Metamorphosis**, the fastest magic act in the world!



Wardrobe Updated

New Costuming For The Show

Young and old alike will be able to participate as they're summoned from the crowd for their turn onstage.

Like popular music, book and cinema many magic acts fail to stand the test of time and become classics, but the **Zig-Zag Lady**, from the late 1960's, is just as baffling now as forty years ago. You'll see this famous mystery at the State Fair as the magician's lovely assistant is visibly divided into three sections each evening.

Plan on seeing David's show on August 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th at 8:30pm; on the 10th at 8:00pm; and the 11th at 6:00pm. The Wisconsin State Fair has all the traditional attractions of animals, a mid-way, lots of food, drink and entertainment and its very famous cream puffs. It runs from August 1st through the 11th and you can get additional information at 414/266-7000 or 800/884-FAIR.



Christine is wearing a Moulin Rouge-inspired costume for Houdini's **Metamorphosis**.

photo by Erin Brown

Audience member Stephanie assists David Seebach while Tina serves as the magician's maid during this humorous moment from the show for **Financial Executives International** at Chicago's Cantigny Park.

photo by Erin Brown

Jackie Nimmeman, of **International Paper**, and Cindy join the magician after their banquet on March 9th in Fond du Lac (Wisconsin) at the Holiday Inn.

photo by Becky Goral

It's important for entertainers like David Seebach to constantly look for new features to amaze and delight the audiences that flock to see him, but it's just as important to keep the older material looking fresh and new.

For 2002 that meant working on the beautiful costumes that the illusionist's many lady assistants wear for the spectacular magic acts.

For Houdini's **Metamorphosis**, a historic act that was first seen at the beginning of the 20th Century, two new outfits were selected so there'd be something appropriate for every assistant. Each calls to mind the costuming seen by dancers and chorus girls of the period.

For **Modern Art**, a very up-to-date illusion that will be featured at Summerfest 2002, the dressy slacks outfit is gone, replaced by a more contemporary mini skirt and matching top.

The signature 'little red dresses' that his assistants are often seen in have been retained as they're very popular with both the cast and the public, but by the annual Halloween **Illusions In The Night** at Milwaukee's Modjeska Theatre (Oct 25th-Nov 2nd), many other outfits will have been remade.

Many are specially designed just for the show by long-time cast member Peggy Peterson Ryan.

We hope you'll like what you see our glamorous assistants wearing!



The Seven Penny Mystery

Ss-sh, it's a secret.

You'll start by suggesting a "reflex test" to your spectator with this stunt, but then finish by fooling him again and again! All you need are seven pennies and the confidence to pull this off.

Arrange the coins on your left hand in two rows (if you're right-handed) so it's clear you have exactly seven pennies. Have your spectator take his right hand (if he's right-handed) and hold it, palm up and open, just below and to the right of your left hand.

"I'm going to count these seven pennies into your hand, one at a time, and I want you to close your hand, as fast as you can, after you have the seventh coin."

Pick up one of the coins with

your right fingers and place it on his palm saying "1". Do not throw it or push it. Continue at the same, steady pace, about one coin per second, saying "2", "3", "4". Raise your voice, but don't change your tempo or motions on "5" and "6". For the last coin, just tip your open left hand to the right, letting the final penny drop into his hand.

He should immediately close his hand.

"You're pretty good... and fast! Now, let's do it again and make it harder... for me!"

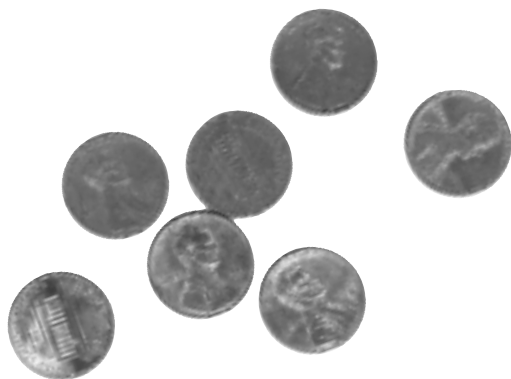
Replace everything and get set to do it all again.

"This time we'll see who has faster reflexes. We'll do everything the same, but I'm going

to try and snatch the last penny back faster than you can close your hand."

Repeat everything exactly as above. However, you don't actually place the sixth coin in his hand. Just tap it against the five coins already there as you say "6" and drop your right hand, with the coin still in it, to your side. Tip your left hand, just as before, saying "7" and he'll quickly close his hand.

Ask him how many he got. When he discovers only six, show him the one you managed to retrieve faster than he could close his hand into a fist! You can actually repeat this fooler as long as you never vary the tempo. It's all due to the clever set-up. Remember, it's a secret!



WONDERS OF MAGIC

up to date news



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- **H&R Block**, once again invited David Seebach and Christine to perform at their annual awards night. About five hundred guests had dinner and a show at Milwaukee's **Bavarian Inn**.
- The **Racine County Dental Association** held its staff appreciation party on April 16th and **Dr Suzanne Sikora** invited David to be the after dinner entertainment.
- Women Bowlers from across the USA competed in Milwaukee recently and Massachusetts' **Kathleen Henze** arranged for the Wonders of Magic to be presented at the New England Dinner on April 23rd.
- **Charter Wire** turned again to David Seebach for their awards night at Milwaukee's **Sheraton Four Points**.
- **Marie Hallein**, and **Bill Seiden of Financial Executives International** arranged for David to bring Christine, Tina and Erin to the Chicago area for their annual social night at **Cantigny Park**. Following an elegant meal at the beautiful park, the guests enjoyed a presentation of magic, comedy, mind reading and five elaborate stage illusions.
- David returned to Milwaukee's **3rd St Pier** on June 22nd for G.M.A.C. and their out-of-season holiday party. **Roxanne Patterson** arranged for the event.
- The **Houdini Stamp Hometown Station Issue** of the US Postal Service's commemorative stamp will be held in Appleton (Wisconsin) on Friday, July 5th at noon. Harry Houdini considered Appleton his home. David Seebach will perform at 12:45pm and stage one of the escape artist's most famous acts. The show is free at 330 College Avenue, next to the Houdini Historical Center. The center's **JoEllen Wollangk** and **Tom Boldt** made arrangements.
- The **Lionel Operating Train Society** holds their annual national convention in Milwaukee this year and David Seebach performs at their banquet on July 20th at the **Sheraton Four Points**. Conventioneers are also scheduled to view the magician's elaborate O gauge train layout on their daylong tour of Milwaukee's model railroads.
- **UBS Paine Webber** has asked for a return visit from the **Wonders of Magic** on August 18th at **TOKEN Creek Park** in the Madison (Wisconsin) area. This is the show's second appearance at this event.
- The **Milwaukee Area Activity Professionals** hold their Wisconsin conference on September 19th and David and one of his assistants will be appearing for their three hundred guests.
- The **Wonders of Magic** will present a benefit event on Saturday, September 21st at Oconomowoc (Wisconsin) Middle School. Two shows are scheduled at 4:30 and 7:30pm with tickets available for \$5 & \$10. Call **Michael Duncan** at **262/782-4431x232** for more information. This will be a two-act show appropriate for all ages.
- David takes his show to Wisconsin Dells recreation area on Saturday, September 28th for the **Wisconsin Chiropractic Association**. **Dyana Tillinger** made the arrangements for the show, with two assistants, at the **Kalahari Convention Center**.

David Seebach's **Wonders of Magic** has been invited to appear at the **Texas Association of Magicians** convention in Fort Worth over Labor Day weekend. About one thousand magicians attend this event that showcases and spotlights the top magical artists from around the world. In addition to closing the Saturday night show at the **Will Rogers Auditorium**, David has been invited to present a lecture to magicians who sign up for his exclusive presentation, "So You Want To Be An Illusionist." It's his unique hands-on session for magicians interested in the elaborate illusions of the theatre.

Make sure you check our website at www.davidseebach.com and please consider including the **Wonders of Magic** in your summer picnic plans.

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