



**The Magician's Alliance of Eastern States**

**81st Annual Convention**

**September 7th, 8th & 9th, 2023**



**Artem Shchukin**

Artem is a funny and likable character with excellent sleight of hand. This clever act will tickle your imagination with endless impossibilities. In 2022, he became an overnight success by winning the I.B.M. Gold Medal, the European Champion of Manipulation FISM Manresa, and the World Champions of Manipulation at FISM in Quebec City.



**Ben Train**

When he isn't on stage Ben is busy behind the scenes, producing live shows as the co-founder of The Toronto Magic Company and lecturing on his original magic to magicians all over the world. Ben has written two books and produced two dvds on magic, and has been the magic consultant for tv and film (including Amazon's "The Boys").



**Craig Diamond**

With a 40-year historic full-time career in the cruise industry, traveling to all seven continents, more than 135 countries and entertaining over a million people in live theater performances... Craig Diamond has done it all. A multiple award-winning magician, hilarious stand-up comedian and not to be missed master showman!



**Wes Iseli**

Wes Fooled Penn & Teller with a trick he created on their show Fool Us on The CW. He and his wife (Natalie) have Wes Iseli's Magiclife Podcast which has listeners in 49 different countries. He has his own TV show also called Wes Iseli's Magiclife airing now across the US.



**Jon Armstrong**

Jon stars in the NetFlix documentary *Magicians: Life in the Impossible*, about his life in magic. You also have seen him amaze Kathy Lee on “The Today Show,” cause Penn on CW’s “Penn and Teller’s Fool Us” to exclaim his act as “the most original I’ve ever seen!” and have Jay Leno profess his love to him on “The Tonight Show.”



**Jonah Babins**

Jonah Babins is a rising superstar in the world of magic. He’s one of Canada’s busiest performers, the host of the critically acclaimed *Discourse in Magic* podcast, and the recent winner of the prestigious Alan Sleight award - an award given to magicians who have made important contributions to the art of magic.



**Pat Kuffs**

Pat Kuffs is a self-taught trickster known for his audacity and originality. With a definite gift for improvisation and a sense of humor of his own, this "Fun Wizard" surprises wherever he goes. Beneath this unique character hides a dynamic performer and a true master of his art with over 30 years of experience. And not only that, he creates his own material. If you like magic and you like to laugh, you can bet you'll love Pat Kuffs



**Moritz Mueller**

Moritz Mueller got started with Coin Magic and now focuses on Card Magic. Only 22 years of age, he has already performed and lectured in many countries and appeared on TV shows such as the Ellen DeGeneres Show and Penn & Teller Fool Us. He created new well-structured card routines and published his first book "Ransom Notes."



**Thorsten Muller (Paco de la Luz)**

Well known for his innovative Stage- and Cabaret Magic and his creations in the field of sleight of hand card magic, Thorsten focusses on entertaining mentalism and close up magic. He was the creator and director of the Show Abracalyse Now and hosted many magic shows in theatres in Germany.



**Mark & Ryan Phillips**

The Magic Duel combines comedy, magic, and audience participation into a unique, 90-minute experience. Two snarky sleight-of-hand masters compete for audience members' votes in a laugh-filled conjuring competition where the audience selects the challenges, judges each magician's efforts, and votes for their favorite! In residence at The Mayflower Hotel - Autograph Collection in downtown DC since 2016 with two public performances most Saturday nights, the Magic Duel Comedy Show has earned six consecutive TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence for its high audience ratings.



SAVE THE DATES:

SEPTEMBER 5, 6 & 7, 2024

THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL

CHERRY HILL, NJ

## 2023 Schedule of Events

All Events take place in Grand Ballroom C unless otherwise indicated. Dealer's Rooms are Crystal Ballrooms 1-3. Preferred seating is provided for those registrants holding registration numbers 1 through 100.

**Registration badges must be worn at all times. Video taping or any other electronic recording is prohibited without the express consent of the performer(s) being recorded. Flash photography is prohibited during all performances. Any registrant failing to comply with these rules may be escorted from the premises without refund at the discretion of M.A.E.S**

### **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> -Open ONLY to full Registrants**

6:00 p.m. Registration & Dealers Open

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction Set up

7:30 p.m. The Toronto Magic Company Show: Ben Train & Jonah Babins

10:00 p.m. Wes Iseli's Magic Podcast Live

10:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite Opens

11:00 p.m. Dealers Close

### **Friday, September 8th**

9:00 a.m. Registration, Dealers & Silent Auction Open

9:30 a.m. Lecture – Ben Trains & Jonah Babins

11:00 a.m. Lecture – Jon Armstrong

12:15 p.m. Visit the Dealers

1:30 p.m. Close-Up Show

Ben Train

Jonah Babins

Mark Phillips

Pat Kuffs

Jon Armstrong

Moritz Mueller



3:30 p.m. Lecture – Pat Kuffs  
4:45 p.m. Silent Auction Closes  
4:45 p.m. Visit the Dealers  
7:00 p.m. Dealers Close  
7:30 p.m. William Endlich Show:  
    The Magic Duel starring Mark & Ryan Phillips  
10:00 p.m. Dealers Close, Live Auction Opens, Hospitality Suite Opens

## **Saturday, September 9th**

8:00 a.m. Stage & Close-Up Competitors' Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Registration, Dealers & Silent Auction Open  
9:15 a.m. Stage Competition  
11:00 a.m. Lecture –Moritz Mueller  
12:15 p.m. Visit the Dealers  
12:15 p.m. Stage Contestants' Feedback  
1:30 p.m. Close-Up Competition  
2:45 p.m. Silent Auction Closes  
3:00 p.m. Lecture – Artem Shchukin  
4:15 p.m. Dealers Close/Business Meeting – Gallery  
5:15 p.m. Close Up Contestants' Feedback  
7:45 p.m. Awards Ceremony  
8:00 p.m. Gala Show:  
    Paco de la Luz, M.C.  
    Craig Diamond  
    Wes Iseli  
    Pat Kuffs  
    Jon Armstrong  
    Artem Shchukin  
10:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite Opens  
12:00 a.m. Dealers Out

## **MAES Live Auction Rules – 2023**

The Auction will begin at 10:00 p.m. and will end no later than 12:30 a.m. Auction spaces will be given based on receipt of convention registration.

There will be 6 items permitted per lot. These can be individual items with a minimum retail value of \$20.00 or packages of several items with a total retail value of over \$20.00. There will be a maximum of 2 lots permitted per registrant, but there is no guarantee that your second lot will make it to the auction floor. There are only two lots maximum permitted per family

The minimum amount allowed for minimum opening bid is \$25.00. The auctioneer will start any item with a minimum bid at that price.

No magazines, videos or DVD's will be accepted for the live auction.

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