

THE ILLUSIONISTS

LIVE FROM BROADWAY

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NEW NATIONAL PROMOTER BRINGS

THE ILLUSIONISTS – LIVE FROM BROADWAY

TO ENMAX CENTRIUM AT WESTERNER PARK FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY –

APRIL 13, 2018

Tickets on-sale Friday October 13th at 10:00 am

Blockbuster Theatrical Show Dazzles Sold-Out Audiences Worldwide

RED DEER, AB - On the heels of a highly successful multi-city tour and run on Broadway, the world’s best-selling touring magic show, ***THE ILLUSIONISTS - LIVE FROM BROADWAY™*** (www.theillusionistslive.com), will play seven cities in Western Canada, including a stop at Westerner Park in the ENMAX Centrium on April 13, 2018 as part of its North American tour in 2018. Tickets for ***THE ILLUSIONISTS*** will go on sale on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 10:00 am only available on www.TicketsAlberta.com.

THE ILLUSIONISTS - LIVE FROM BROADWAY™ is produced by Simon Painter, Tim Lawson and MagicSpace Entertainment. Conceived by Simon Painter, the show’s creative team also includes executive producer Tim Lawson, director Neil Dorward and creative director Jim Millan.

Full of hilarious magic tricks, death-defying stunts and acts of breathtaking wonder, ***THE ILLUSIONISTS*** has shattered box office records worldwide and thrilled audiences of all ages with a mind-blowing spectacular showcasing the jaw-dropping talents of five of the most incredible illusionists on earth.

Creative Producer Simon Painter said, “We can’t wait to bring this electrifying show to (CITY) for a truly entertaining experience for the whole family. ***THE ILLUSIONISTS*** is the most non-stop and powerful mix of outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on the live stage.”

The five stars, each a master in their own field, are:

- The Trickster, Jeff Hobson is the epitome of glamour and showmanship. Don't be fooled by his innocent appearance; Jeff has audiences laughing long after the curtain goes down.
- The Inventor, Kevin James is known for innovative illusions, is an inventor, comedian and collector of the strange and unusual. Kevin is one of the most prolific inventors of magic in the world and has created some of the most celebrated illusions of the last century.
- The Deductionist, Colin Cloud, one of the greatest thought readers of all time is a psychic savant known as a real-life Sherlock Holmes. Don't play against him in a game of poker – he's never lost.
- The Manipulator, An Ha Lim: The first place winner at Korea's Busan International Magic Competition (2006), Italy Club Convention Manipulation (2006) and World Magic Seminar in Asia (2007), An Ha Lim was also a Golden Lion Award winner at the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas (2008).
- The Daredevil, Jonathan Goodwin, is widely considered one of the most creative, skilled, and frankly crazy stunt performers in the world. He is an accomplished knife thrower, archer, escape artist, fakir, martial artist, free diver, and free climber. Unlike the other performers in the show, Jonathan is not a magician or illusionist but he will leave the audience breathless with his death-defying stunts.

Promoting this exciting series of dates is the newly formed entity, True North Touring. Based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, TN Touring is owned and operated by True North Sports + Entertainment, owners of the NHL's Winnipeg Jets, and the 15,000 seat arena, Bell MTS Place. Kevin Donnelly, senior vp, venues & entertainment, explains the new venture, "this is an extension of our activity of promoting incredible family entertainment throughout the Winnipeg region. We have identified a demand for- and a lack of - quality entertainment in many of Canada's medium to smaller markets. Our connections to top US producers and agents allow us to route, for the first time ever, major Broadway calibre touring productions to these non-traditional markets for theatrical presentations. These centres have incredible facilities, and an audience eager for quality entertainment." Donnelly further states, "we see this as a viable business for the extended future, and look forward to bringing high quality touring shows to many cities across the country."

THE ILLUSIONISTS LIVE FROM BROADWAY WESTERN CANADIAN TOUR DATES:

April 10, 2018 – Winnipeg, MB - Bell MTS Place Theatre – www.ticketmaster.ca

April 11, 2018 – Regina, SK – Conexus Arts Centre – www.conexusartscentre.ca

April 12, 2018 - Saskatoon, SK – SaskTel Centre Theatre Bowl – www.ticketmaster.ca

April 13, 2018 – Red Deer, AB – ENMAX Centrium at Westerner Park – www.ticketsalberta.com

April 14, 2018 – Lethbridge, AB – ENMAX Centre Theatre – www.enmaxcentre.ca

April 16, 2018 – Kamloops, BC – Sandman Centre Theatre – www.ticketmaster.ca

April 17, 2018 – Prince George, BC – CN Centre Theatre – www.ticketsnorth.ca

All shows go on sale Friday October 13, 2017. Tickets start at \$59.50 plus fees.

SIMON PAINTER, CREATIVE PRODUCER

Simon Painter is a visionary creative theatrical producer who hails from London. Simon started his career on stage as a classical violinist, and performed the lead role for *Spirit of the Dance* in Las Vegas. The first show he produced, *Le Grand Cirque* smashed box office records at the Sydney Opera House selling over 40,000 tickets in 10 days. His two subsequent productions, *Aerial Dreams* and *Adrenaline* also broke records in Sydney and across the world and achieved critical acclaim. In 2010 Simon had five versions of *Le Grand Cirque* playing concurrently. In late 2010 Simon joined forces with Australian producer and close friend Tim Lawson and began assembling the greatest magical minds from a wide spectrum of disciplines. His production of *The Illusionists* has already performed to record breaking crowds in theatres and arenas across the globe including Australia, Mexico, Latin America, South

America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In addition to *The Illusionists: LIVE FROM BROADWAY*, Simon's current projects include *Le Noir (The Dark Side of Cirque)* and *Illusionists 2.0*, both of which are currently playing extensive international tours.

TIM LAWSON, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Tim Lawson is the CEO of TML Enterprises, servicing Australia and international territories with first class musicals and family entertainment with productions spanning across over 100 cities in 20 countries. Australasian theatrical touring credits include *Sweet Charity*, *Buddy – The Musical*, *Jolson* starring Rob Guest, *Spirit of the Dance*, *Oh! What A Night*, *Fiddler on the Roof* starring Topol, *It's A Dad Thing!*, *Weary – The Life of Sir Edward Dunlop*, *Shout! The Musical*, *Brave Men Run In Our Family*, *Jekyll and Hyde* starring Brad Little and *The Rocky Horror Show* narrated by Richard O' Brien. Tim's award winning production of *A Chorus Line* transferred to the prestigious London Palladium, and his production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* recently completed a 13 month tour. With partner Simon Painter, credits include *Le Grand Cirque*, *Ariel Dreams*, *Adrenaline*, *Le Noir – The Dark Side of Cirque*, *The Illusionists* and *The Illusionists 2.0*, all enjoying record breaking success and extensive international arena and theatrical touring.

MAGICSPACE ENTERTAINMENT, PRODUCER

MagicSpace Entertainment is headed by Lee D. Marshall, Joe Marsh, John Ballard, Steve Boulay and Bruce Granath and has been producing and presenting national tours, Broadway shows, concerts and museum exhibits worldwide for over 35 years. Consistently one of the top promoters in the world, MagicSpace Entertainment typically produces and presents more than 350 events worldwide per year. Recent Broadway credits include *The Illusionists - Witness the Impossible* (Broadway & West End), *Donny & Marie – A Broadway Christmas*, *American Idiot* and *RAIN - A Tribute To The Beatles On Broadway*. National tour credits include *The Illusionists – Live From Broadway*, *Lord of the Dance created by Michael Flatley*, *Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage* starring in *Mythbusters - Unleashed*, *Alton Brown Live*, *Mannheim Steamroller Christmas* by Chip Davis, *Donny & Marie Christmas*, *RAIN – A Tribute to the Beatles*, *The Magic of David Copperfield*, *Circus 1903 – The Golden Age of Circus*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *A Chorus Line* and national concert tours by Janet Jackson, Cher and Fleetwood Mac to name just a few. Touring museum exhibitions produced include *Jurassic World: The Exhibition*, *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* exhibition, *Titanic: The Exhibition* and *Diana – A Celebration*, *St Peter and the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes* exhibition. MagicSpace Entertainment has offices in Park City and Salt Lake City, UT. www.magicspace.net

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