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THE
ILLUSIONISTS
LIVE FROM BROADWAY

COMES TO COLUMBUS APRIL 3 & 4

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™*, will play the Palace Theatre April 3 and 4 as part of its 2018 North American tour.

THE ILLUSIONISTS will play the Palace Theatre for two performances only, April 3 and 4. Tickets start at \$30 and can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and online at www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000. Orders for groups of 20 or more may be placed by calling (614) 719-6900.

The performance schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 3, 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 pm

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 Columbus 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: 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: Known for innovative illusions, Kevin is an inventor, comedian and collector of the strange and unusual. He 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, Colin 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: Widely considered one of the most creative, skilled, and frankly crazy stunt performers in the world, Jonathan 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 will leave the audience breathless with his death-defying stunts.

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 more than 40,000 tickets in 10 days. His two subsequent productions, *Aerial Dreams* and *Adrenaline*, also broke records in Sydney and across the world, achieving critical acclaim. In 2010, Simon had five versions of *Le Grand Cirque* playing concurrently. In late 2010, he 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 more than 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 more than 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 a few. Touring museum exhibitions produced include Jurassic World: The Exhibition, Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibition, Titanic: The Exhibition, Diana – A Celebration, and 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

<http://www.theillusionistslive.com/>

CALENDAR LISTING

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Palace Theatre (34 W. Broad St.)

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About CAPA

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, Drexel Theatre (Bexley, OH), Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts (New Albany, OH), and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a non-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

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