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PENGUIN LIVE SPOTLIGHT

by Erik Tait

This year is just flying by with one incredible lecture after another. This month we feature two very different lectures from two very different performers who both have something to offer everyone. Fresh off her incredible performance at FISM, Alexandra Duvivier shares with us some of the magic she has used to become one of the most in-demand performers in Europe. Our second lecture features a rising star in magic. David Jonathan has carved out a niche for himself with clever methods and engaging presentations, and a string of best-selling effects. European sleight of hand and American self-working miracles are in the spotlight this month.

ALEXANDRA DUVIVIER

Alexandra Duvivier is a second-generation magician. She, along with her father, Dominique Duvivier, performs regularly at Le Double Fonde, a beautiful theater dedicated to magic in Paris, France. In this lecture, she shares incredible effects from her one-woman show. You'll learn how to vanish a shoe off your foot and reproduce it from a burst balloon. Dazzle your audience with battle-tested coins across that is not only deeply fooling but also extraordinarily engaging. A highlight of

her lecture is Amelie Poulain. Alexandra fashions two butterflies out of tissue paper and then causes them to levitate for a few moments before the room fills with thousands of brightly colored tissue paper butterflies. It's almost like a version of the snow storm in China effect, but with real emotional impact.

My favorite piece from Alexandra's lecture has to be the Impromptu Wild Card. I have always been a fan of Monty-style routines, and this one begins like many others. The queen is introduced as the money card and placed in the center of the table, and then surrounded by black eights. When the magician asks where the money card is, and the audience shouts the center card, there is lots of comedic byplay as the magician desperately tries to "help" the audience find the money card. When the center card is turned over, it is discovered to be a black eight, and all of the other cards surrounding it are seen to have transformed into red queens. It's a wonderful effect that has a very clever handling.

DAVID JONATHAN

David Jonathan is our second lecturer this month, and in his first Penguin Live, he shares some incredible effects that are all nearly self-working. If you've

never seen Jonathan's work before, he's one of the people behind the incredibly fun SNAPS deck, Threesum, and The Stroop Test. This lecture features some laser-sharp thinking and material that he's never shared before.

Most of the effects feature engaging presentations that you can create on your own using blank-faced cards, but Jonathan includes a PDF with all the artwork if you want to print off the full-color cards he uses. The lecture is a mix of mentalism and mental magic. You will learn how to predict what drink someone will choose, predict the sum of randomly selected dice flashcards, and predict which movies someone might

want to watch. The stand-out trick for me is his effect Ideal Meal. This trick has you predicting exactly how much a meal would cost from a freely selected menu of items. It's a complete fooler because the method is a forcing matrix that is so well disguised, that even a mathematician would have no idea you are using a simple math trick to perform such a powerful effect.

Alexandra Duvivier and David Jonathan are both incredible magicians with very different approaches to their magic. Both of these inspiring performers have so much to share, and I know you are going to love the magic they teach in this month's Penguin Live Lectures.

