



The Silent Messenger

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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Kent Axell: Getting Mental with Cards and Billets



Kent Axell is a dynamic mentalist and magician who lectured Ring 122 via Zoom on June 30. Axell’s ease in front of the cameras that he had strategically placed in his living room made it feel like we were having a magic jam session with him instead of a lecture. But Axell didn’t turn the event into a chat session; he delivered the goods when it came to presenting and teaching magic. He started with two excellent card tricks, one a classic (Hamman’s Gemini Twins), the other an original of his. What made these tricks, indeed, all of his tricks, so enjoyable to learn were the insider’s touches, the “real work,” that Axell shared with us. Word choices and sleights (none knuckle busters) were examined with clarity and purpose as Axell broke the moves down for us. For instance, he showed us a subtle way to place a double on the table that serves to convince the audience there is just one card there.

Axell also showed a good move for switching a billet, and other mindreading effects, that were entertaining and practical to perform. He was very generous with his time and responded fully to any question; I hope we can have him perform and lecture live for us when we get to the other side of this pandemic.

For more information and to get his book *Diviner/Deceiver*: <https://www.kentaxell.com>

—Patrick Farenga

NEXT MEETING: A lecture by street magician, inventor, producer/publisher extraordinaire, Kozmo!

Tuesday, July 28 at 7:30 PM. Join the free Zoom meeting for a lecture by Kozmo:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76358456556?pwd=cksrT1VGNnhFVS9TMDRsaWJqenAwUT09>

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The International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 122, present

Kozmo!



Kozmo is a well-known street magician, creator and distributor of high-quality magic (<https://kozmomagic.com>), and the founder of the amazing video magazine, Reel Magic Magazine (<https://reelmagicmagazine.com>). He lectured Ring 122 many years ago and impressed us all with his chops (watch him work a chop cup!)—and he uses many more objects than cards for magic.

Like many performers and sellers of magic, Kozmo is solely using online platforms to make his living now and we want to support him by giving him a large, online audience for this lecture.

Please share this link and information with any magic clubs, magicians, or people interested in becoming magicians.

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