#### A Bruce Kalver Lecture

Are you interested in some magic effects that you can actually put into your act? How about some advice on performing for everyday audiences?

Bruce Kalver's lectures are filled with practical magic and real world tips and suggestions.

Bruce Kalver's Perfectly Practical is a lecture of magic effects taugt to him by his grandfather, Samuel Woolf, who was a builder for Houdini. Bruce's stories about his grandfather will entertain you as well as teach you about the thought process behind each routine and effect.

Bruce is a full time magician, magic inventor, theatre producer/director, and popular radio talk show host. His company, Top Hat Productions, manufactures unusual and entertaining magic effects and props for working magicians and balloon artists. He is the author of many books and dvds on magic, balloon art and the entertainment business.

Bruce's lecture may include:

**The Samuel Woolf Code** - the easiest two person code act in the world.

**Growing and Shrinking Head Illusion** - advice on getting the maximum reaction with this great spiral.

**Professor's Nightmare** - You will love this method that even fools magicians.

**Linking Rings** - Two new moves that will spark your interest in this classic effect.

**Rapid Eye Movement** - A great mind blowing card effect.

#### **Performing in Restaurants**

#### **Birthday Party Magic**

Background information on the **Lizzie Borden Seance** that was created by Larry Whilte, Al Manson, and Bruce Kalver and performed in the Borden Home in Fall River, Massachusetts.

"I have paid a lot of money to see all the "professional" lectures come to the meetings and show us nothing we can use in everyday performances. Your lecture is packed with useful magic as well as wonderful stories and tips. Your lecture was worth every penny and more! Great job.."

"If you get a chance, don't miss this lecture."

- Paul Diamond

"This was the best lecture we've ever had. Your grandfather wa a genius. I can't wait for your next one."

"The Samuel Woolf Code with the dollar bill is worth more than the price of admission. It's too good to give away!"

"When are you coming back? We need to see more!"



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A Magic Lecture by

# BRUCE KALVER

### PERFECTLY PRACTICAL

Lessons from my grandfather, Samuel Woolf





# REMARKS FROM A RECENT 10 CITY LECTURE TOUR OF GREAT BRITAIN INCLUDING THE MAGIC CIRCLE

"Bruce Kalver did his first lecture of his UK tour last night at the Manchester Circle of Magicians, and it went down a storm. It was one of the best lectures I have seen in a while. If you do get chance to see him, it will be well worth your while."

"The best part of the night was the Shrinking and Growing Head. It was wonderful getting advice from the inventor."

"Bruce did very well at Watford's WAM. He is very likeable and has some great ideas, as well as a formidable grandfather watching him from above."

"If you can get to see him, please try to. It really is worth putting yourself out for."

"I purchased my lecture notes at the halftime interval, and I never do that, but the first half was so fantastic I couldn't imagine the second half being a disappointment, and boy was I right. A thoroughly enjoyable evening, all agreed."

"Please go and see this man's lecture or you will kick yourself."

"I had a great night, and the two person code is a massive hit. How many times can you say you went to a lecture and took something away you will use, and learned during the lecture???"

"I saw Bruce Kalver lecture tonight. Don't miss him, it was a great couple of hours. He has some "Must Have" effects, so don't miss his lecture, lots and lots of good stuff you will use." - Jerry O'Connell

#### On the Samuel Woolf Code:

"Whatever you are doing there is great!"
- Jay Marshall

"How the hell are you doing that? I'm stumped!
- Al Cohen

"That's a great trick. I'm impressed!" - Obie O'Brien

#### APPEARANCES AT

## THE MAGIC CASTLE ... THE MAGIC CIRCLE ... ABBOTT'S ...

# About Bruce Kalver

Bruce Kalver has been performing magic for over 40 years. Having learned magic from his grandfather, Samuel Woolf (who helped keep Houdini's equipment running) he has performed with his wife, Arlene, in dinner theatres, cruise ships, and resorts all over the world. An avid collector of old radio shows, his other interests include Mickey Mouse, 3-D photography, puzzles, classic movies, Broadway Shows, and flea circuses. Bruce's weekly Nostalgia Times Radio Programme is a long running hit with radio audiences in New England. He is the author of 13 murder mystery plays and has penned many articles for magic magazines. His November, 1999 issue of M-U-M magazine earned him the Leslie P. Guest Award of Excellence. Currently the moderator of the Society of American Magicians Internet Newsgroup SAMtalk, Bruce becomes National President of the S.A.M. in July, 2008.



#### Some of Bruce Kalver's Products ...

Bruce Kalver's Growing and Shrinking Head Spiral, The Restaurant Portfolio, The Birthday Party Portfolio, Polly Learns a Card Trick, Ring on Brandy Snifter, Cards Across, The Himber Ring DVD, In Lizzie's Hand, Hypnotic Ring and Spring, Airnimations Balloon DVD,s, Lizzie Borden Seance Portfolio, Bunny Whispers, The Key to the Bordens.

#### Fun Facts:

In 1975, Bruce set a Guinness World Record for doing the most card tricks in one sitting without repeating any (13 hours). Bruce is allergic to rabbits, so he will never pull one out of a hat.

Bruce is the only magician to ever perform at the Rhode Island Comedy Festival.

