

In March, we had a lecture. It was none other than Asi Wind. Asi is a regular at Monday Night Magic in Manhattan. He also came with a good reputation and he did not disappoint.

He works primarily with cards and he started with one of his favorites – A.A.C.A.A.N. That means Asi's Any Card At Any Number. He says he has many presentations and I'll explain the one he chose. He actually had someone make a call on their cell phone and choose a card after which a spectator in the audience named a number. All this time, the cards were still in the box. After the card and number were announced, he opened the box, poured out the cards and a spectator counted down to the selected number and bingo, there was the card. Pretty amazing stuff. Out of the Blue is an item where a freely selected card in a blue deck is found reversed in a red deck. The next bit was a routine where a dollar bill kept vanishing and appearing under a spectator's watch. Next was his take on the Pegasus Page where a freely selected page is ripped out of a book, set on fire and re-appears attached back in the book. Next was Transportation in Three Phases, a cards across type of an effect. He closed by having someone donate a dollar bill, memorize the serial number and then sign it. After Asi unfolded the bill, it was now a mis-made bill, still signed in the correct place and the serial number was still the same.

After the performance, Asi sets up a laptop and does a PowerPoint presentation for the teaching part of the program. Let me tell you, it was simply an outstanding evening of magic and education. He is influenced in his magic by Juan Tamariz and Slydini. A couple of heavy hitters if I do say so myself. If you ever get the chance to see him perform, do not pass it up. It's only my opinion, but this guy is good!

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