

In March, as a result of the combined efforts of member Dave Levitan and Will Fern, the Ring was able to sponsor a lecture by one of top children's magicians in Italy, Flavio Iacobini.

Flavio, who is based in Rome, Italy and performs under the name Mago Iano, started things off with a short PowerPoint presentation where he addressed such items as character development, costume evolution and different types of audiences meaning those that include the grown-ups and audiences that do not include the older folks. It is extremely clear that Flavio has given each of these topics much thought. After the slide show, Flavio performed a number of items from his act after which he explained and discussed each effect.

Remember that effect "Fresh Fish Sold Here Today"? Well, Flavio's version is "You Will See Nice Magic Here Today". After his performance, he went on to explain all his reasons for the changes. He followed this routine with one using one linking ring and rope, a sponge ball routine, a nest of wands routine and closed with a performance of that commercial item where he produces four clear boxes of flowers from a paper bag. Sorry, I don't recall the name. After each performance, he explained how he tweaked these effects and adapted them to fit his character and audiences. After a short intermission, Flavio, who in addition to his children's show skills, is an accomplished close-up magician went on to demonstrate some of his signature card effects.

This was highly entertaining and informative lecture and if any Ring has the opportunity to snag Flavio for a lecture, please take advantage. You can't help but learn something. Thanks again to Dave Levitan and Will Fern for the "Get".

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