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The Dix Hills Center for the Performing Arts Presents
Renowned Magician Scott Interrante's

Magic Secrets

Sept. 12, 2:00 pm

Long-Island born and raised magician featured on A&E's *Mindfreak* brings serious *prestidigitation* to Dix Hills Center

Aug. 14, 2010, Dix Hills, New York --
Back by popular demand, award-winning magician, illusionist and escape artist Scott Interrante returns to the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center with his latest mash-up of miracles entitled "Magic Secrets," Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are just \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

The show promises to meld his highly acclaimed signature routines with a dose of unusual feats and unrivaled illusion. Although Scott has been seen on television's *Mindfreak* and in films such as *Ragtime*, the Long-Island born and raised magician prefers to present the unexplainable live on stage, where anything can happen -- and usually does!



Whether he is causing a cracker to vanish at his fingertips or dividing a woman with a 36-inch buzz-saw, he is sure to keep an audience amazed, amused and mystified. Barbara Delatiner of *The New York Times* called him a "Best bet!" "His shows have been sell-outs so get your tickets now before they magically disappear!" she wrote.

The son, grandson and younger brother of amateur magicians, Scott Interrante, was hooked on performing feats of the "impossible" at a very early age. At age 11, Interrante devoted himself to the study of magic, establishing himself remarkably fast and earning new mentors in two of the world's best magicians.

Interrante was paid just five dollars for his first professional appearance at a Levittown Memorial Library Halloween party at 15 years of age. But the

appearance quickly led to a spot on the Jerry Lewis Memorial Day Telethon, where he was discovered by talk show host Joe Franklin. He landed his first film *Magical America* just a year later.

Spending the next two years perfecting "Magic By Candlelite," a critically acclaimed act incorporating some of his grandfather's original tricks, Scott soon caught the attention of two of the world's top magicians, James "The Amazing" Randi, considered the world's best escape artist, and Aldo Richiardi, voted world's best magician 10 years straight by his peers. Both took Interrante under their wings, teaching him many tricks, and opening doors for the young magician.

Richiardi, for example, put Scott's award-winning act before the footlights in the touring version of his Off-Broadway Show *Magic & Illusion*, while Randi taught Scott the principles behind many of Houdini's escapes, then took him on a two-month world tour. While in Australia, Scott appeared in his second film *Explorer*. He was not yet 18.

Back in America, Scott performed Houdini's famed upside-down straight-jacket escape stunt in the Oscar-nominated film *Ragtime* with Randi's help. Since those early days, Scott has continued to zigzag the globe and crisscross the country, honing his skills as a master magician.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

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