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### **THE ILLUSIONISTS – MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS** **Mesa Arts Center** **December 23, 2022**



**Tickets on Sale Friday, July 29**

Mesa, AZ – **Mesa Arts Center** is thrilled to announce **The Illusionists – Magic of The Holidays** an all-new installment of the world-famous, blockbuster touring magic spectacular **The Illusionists**, from Producers **Simon Painter, Cirque du Soleil** and **MagicSpace Entertainment**. The new U.S. tour based on the smash-hit Broadway production will bring the mind-blowing, family-friendly show to **Mesa Arts Center** on **December 23, at 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets are on sale **Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m.** Get tickets at [MesaArtsCenter.com](http://MesaArtsCenter.com) or by calling the box office during regular business hours at 480-644-6500.

**The Illusionists – Magic of the Holidays** showcases the jaw-dropping talents of the most incredible illusionists on earth. **The Illusionists** has shattered box office records across the globe and dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

“Our record-breaking Broadway run for **The Illusionists – Magic of the Holidays** was an incredible hit and we are so excited to bring the show to more audiences around the country,” says producer Simon Painter. “The show is a perfect way for families and friends to celebrate the holidays together and see amazing illusionists perform on stage.”

**The Illusionists** previously wowed audiences around the world including smash hit engagements on Broadway, London’s West End and in the United States and Canada. This year’s family-friendly show promises even more illusions, close-up magic, mentalism, and technological spectacle performed by master entertainers who’ve captivated audiences worldwide.

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#### **ABOUT MESA ARTS CENTER**

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning, international award-winning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona’s largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. The facility is an architectural showpiece and a destination for visitors to the Phoenix area. Mesa Arts Center’s mission is to invite all people to create and discover entertaining, challenging and diverse art and arts experiences within joyous, dynamic and welcoming environments. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).

#### **ABOUT SIMON PAINTER, CREATIVE PRODUCER**

Simon Painter is a visionary creative producer and entrepreneur based in Los Angeles. Originally from London, Simon began his career as a classical violinist, but soon transitioned to producing and creating commercial theatre. Over the past 10 years, Simon has been at the forefront of the live entertainment industry, having launched and managed major performance venues and conceived, created and produced acclaimed productions such as *Adrenaline* and *Le Noir*. His first show, *Le Grand Cirque*, smashed box office records at the Sydney Opera House, selling over 40,000 tickets in ten days. In 2012, in collaboration with Tim Lawson, Simon founded The Works Entertainment and created *The Illusionists*, which became the biggest-selling magic show in Broadway history. The franchise expanded with the

stunning sequels *The Illusionists 2.0*, *The Illusionists 1903 - The Golden Age of Magic*, and the Lionsgate collaboration *Now You See Me Live*. Simon's *Circus 1903* premiered in Australia in December 2016 and toured internationally, mesmerizing audiences with thrilling turn-of-the-century acts and sensational elephant puppetry. In 2019, Simon sold The Works Entertainment to global circus powerhouse Cirque du Soleil, where he continues to produce and develop breathtaking spectacles for audiences around the world. He recently co-created Cirque du Soleil's latest resident production *Mad Apple*, which has been lauded as the new gold standard for Vegas shows.

#### **ABOUT MAGICSPACE ENTERTAINMENT**

MagicSpace Entertainment is a boutique producing and presenting firm focused on first-class properties and productions. Based in Park City, UT, the company has produced and presented national tours, Broadway shows, concerts, museum exhibits and sporting events worldwide for over 40 years with a powerhouse producing team focused on providing creative, marketing and general management expertise. [www.magicspace.net](http://www.magicspace.net)