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State Theatre New Jersey presents

Masters of Illusion

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 8pm / \$35-\$75

Ticket Office: 732-246-SHOW (7469)

New Brunswick, NJ (January 19, 2017)—State Theatre presents **Masters of Illusion** featuring magicians from the television show *Masters of Illusion*® on the CW, on **Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 8pm**. Tickets range from \$35-\$75.

Masters of Illusion—Believe the Impossible includes grand illusions, levitating women, escapologists, comedy magic, sleight of hand, and beautiful dancers. And all of these magicians have been featured on the hit TV show *Masters of Illusion*® on The CW. This performance includes performers **Bill Cook** combining music with mind-blowing magic, **Farrell Dillon** with his unique brand of comedy magic, **Greg Gleason's** thrilling and cutting-edge performance, **Jonathan Pendragon**, one of the 100 most influential people in the history of 20th century magic, and **Ed Alonzo** (*Saved By The Bell*), the "Misfit of Magic." And it's all live, no camera tricks, no computer graphics—just amazing illusions in real time in front of a live audience.

Ed Alonzo, the "Misfit of Magic," is easily recognized as one of the country's foremost comedy magicians. Twice winner of "STAGE MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR," "COMEDY MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR," and the coveted "MERLIN AWARD," Alonzo was the recipient of the "MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR" award which was presented to him at the Academy of Magical Arts Awards show in Hollywood, April 2010. Alonzo joined the *Masters of Illusion® Live* tour in September of 2011 when it first premiered. Since then, he has performed at multiple venues on the live tour, and he has been featured multiple times on the hit TV series *Masters of Illusion*® on The CW.

Bill Cook is a three-time award-winner at the prestigious World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas, and has been hailed by his peers as the Young Master of Magic. Combining music with mind-blowing magic, Bill's high-energy show features comedy, drama, and interactive audience participation. His ability to entertain both young and old alike, make him one of the most versatile performers working today. Cook was recently a featured magician on the hit TV series *Masters of Illusion* on The CW.

Farrell Dillon is one of America's top comedy magicians—combining hip, hilarious, stand-up style comedy with mind-blowing magic. He has been touring with *Masters of Illusion®* since its premiere in

2011 and has performed on the hit television series *Masters of Illusion*® for three seasons straight, the most current one airing in 2016 on The CW. Dillon is a rare honors graduate of the Chavez Studio of Magic, the most prestigious magic school in the world. Dillon has a unique style that creates a perfect blend of magic, comedy, skill, and illusion.

Greg Gleason is one of the top performing magicians in the world, doing shows literally all over the world. In Las Vegas, he starred in “The Wizard’s Secrets” at the MGM Hotel and Casino, performing a record-breaking 9000 shows there. Gleason’s thrilling and cutting-edge performances have made him an international sensation. His shows exhibit his impeccable technique and a dedication to his craft that is rarely seen in modern illusion acts today. He was awarded “Magician of the Year” at the *World Magic Awards*, which is recognized as the International Academy Awards of Magic. It is from the *World Magic Awards* and the multi-award-winning television series *Masters of Illusion*® that the *Masters of Illusion*® Live tour was born.

Jonathan Pendragon has performed at three Presidential Galas in Washington D.C., for the Queen of England, the Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family of Monaco. At the turn of the millennium, *MAGIC* magazine created a list of the 100 most influential people in the history of 20th century magic with a list Harry Houdini, Harry Blackstone, Pendragon—who was one of only a handful of current performers named. *The World Magic Awards* has twice named him “Best Illusionist” and also “Magician of the Year.”

For tickets or more information, call the State Theatre New Jersey Ticket Office at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at StateTheatreNJ.org. The State Theatre New Jersey Ticket Office, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. For information on group outings and discounts, call 732-247-7200, ext. 536. *Some additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

State Theatre New Jersey—creating extraordinary experiences through the power of live performance. The theater exists to enrich people’s lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through education. State Theatre New Jersey’s programs are made possible, in part, by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and contributions from numerous corporations, foundations, and individuals. The Heldrich is the official hotel of State Theatre New Jersey. Magic 98.3 is the official radio station of State Theatre New Jersey. The Star-Ledger is the official newspaper of State Theatre New Jersey. United is the official airline of State Theatre New Jersey.

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