

All-Gal Gala Scheduled for Friday

If you've been scoping out the convention schedule that's posted on the S.A.M. web site, you already know that Friday is one of the most jam-packed days of the upcoming Louisville convention. It all starts off, of course, with the opening of the Dealers Room, but it's only an hour before it's time to head for the second session of the S.A.M. University class — this time an enlightening lecture by the legendary Johnny Thompson. Now, you'll have to decide which of the several new S.A.M. Sessions slated for Friday appeal to you — topics range from restaurant magic to ventriloquism to escapes — or you can try to catch them all. The sensational *Stars of Tomorrow* show begins at one o'clock, and immediately following that it's time to board the Belle of Louisville for the fun-and-magic-filled cruise of the scenic Ohio River. And among Friday's activities for the Young Magicians is an Autograph Party. Finally, at 8 p.m. sharp, the curtain goes up at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts for the much-anticipated *All-Gal Gala*.



Pam Thompson

The magic convention world is long overdue for having a full-evening show devoted to female magicians, and while Executive Show Producer R.G. Smith recognizes that the S.A.M. is not the first to put together this sort of show, he boasts that no other international magic organization has produced a theme show featuring the very best women magicians in the business.

Emceeding the all-star *All-Gal Gala* will be none other than Pamela Hayes, better known as the "& Company" of The Great Tomsoni & Company act. Pam, who's a talented and funny actress in her own right,

plans to add a little "one up(wo)manship" to the proceedings and, in so doing, redefine the role of the magician's assistant. Watch out, Johnny!

Las Vegas headliner Arian Black will open the show with her smooth-as-silk manipulative act. Originally from Canada, Arian studied magic with Doug Henning and then musical theater in college before deciding to go pro. Since moving to Las Vegas in 1990, Arian has appeared in major revues such as *Splash!*, *Dream Girls*, *Magic, Magic, Magic*, and had a successful one-year run of her own one-woman show *Secrets* in 2003.

Luna Shemada is exotic, mystical, and all together feminine in nature, as her name implies. The daughter of famous Japanese magician Shimada, she has been performing since age 12, when she first assisted her father onstage. By taking the traditional parasol act to new heights — producing a dazzling number of colorful parasols from thin air with her bare hands — Luna has created an act that has played show-rooms across four continents.



Arian Black



Luna Shemada



Farrah Siegel

She has also been featured on numerous television shows, including the PBS series *Art of Magic*, TLC's *Magic's Greatest Illusions*, and *The Story of Magic* on the Discovery Channel.

Many will remember Farrah Siegel's closing act on the *Stars of Tomorrow* show at the 2003 convention in Las Vegas. Since then, Farrah has been finishing up high school while at the same time refining an act that combines her talents as an award-winning magician and the skills of a yo-yo champion. Her performance promises to be a unique high-energy blend

of magic, dance, juggling, and visually stunning effects.

The award-winning magic of Juliana Chen will close out the show. After winning the All-China Best Magicians Competition in 1988, Juliana moved to Vancouver, Canada and, between 1990 and 1997, continued to win countless magic competitions everywhere, including the FISM First Place for Manipulation in 1997. She now lives in Las Vegas and enjoys a performing career that takes her around the world. We consider ourselves lucky that Juliana's schedule allows her to perform at our convention.

The *All-Gals Gala* is but one of the great shows you'll see in Louisville, July 12-15. For openers, there's the *People's Choice Award Show* on Wednesday night. On Thursday, there's *Bargatze's Boys*, an evening of magic and mayhem with Stephen Bargatze, David Garrard, Jay Sterling, The Great Tomsoni & Company, and magical emcee Gene Anderson. And Saturday night's *Homecoming Celebration with Mac King & Friends* will not only afford Mac the opportunity to perform his *complete* Las Vegas show, but also present performances by Terry Seabrooke,



Juliana Chen

Tony Chapek, Losander, and Fujimoto from Japan.

And that's just the evening shows. There are the other contests, close-up shows, lectures, sessions, workshops, junior magician activities, dozens of dealers from around the world, and more. Check out the schedule at www.magicsam.com. And while you're there, sign up for the convention. Or register by calling Convention Registrar Virginia Apperson at (618) 451-9749. Do it now — July 12-15 is only three calendar pages away! ♦

2006 Convention Program

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Convention Chair Michael Douglass has just announced that the 2006 Convention in Louisville will be dedicated to Past National President David Goodsell, who stepped down as editor of *M-U-M* after nearly 30 years of service. Some of you may want to recognize David by placing a congratulatory ad in the program.

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