

The Magic Circle Young Magician of the Year Competition 2023

RULES and Conditions

1. The competition is open to young people who will be over 14 and under 18 years of age on 1st January 2023. The closing date for entries will be 7th January 2023.
2. Competitors will be required to present a Stage magic act. The length of performance must not exceed 12 minutes and must not be less than 8 minutes. These time constraints will be strictly enforced and running under or over time will lead to disqualification
3. All equipment for the act, including tables, must be provided by the performer. The Magic Circle will be able to provide a limited number of chairs for use on stage.
4. The choice of effects and patter for the act should be suitable for family audiences. No dangerous or apparently dangerous or macabre effects, such as Smash and Stab and Knife Through Arm, are to be performed. If a performer wishes to perform anything of a similar nature approval must be obtained from the Committee.
5. The venue has strict rules on the use of fire, and any effects using fire or any form of naked flame must be referred to the Committee for approval before the Final.
6. Any act using any vertebrate animals (including birds and fish) must have a Performing Animals Licence. A copy of this Licence must be sent to the Committee before the Heats, and the Licence must be brought to the Heats for inspection. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/performing-animals-registration>

All livestock must be demonstrably treated with care. Animals which appear uncared for will not be allowed to perform. They should be fed and watered well and never loaded for the act until the last moments prior to performance. All equipment/apparatus to be used with the animals must be available to be inspected by an appropriate member of the Committee or its delegated representative before their performance. The use of any apparatus deemed harmful to animal welfare (including but not restricted to "Invisible Harnesses" for dove work) is not permitted.

7. The eliminating round(s) will be held at The Magic Circle Headquarters, The Centre for the Magic Arts, London, on Sunday 12th February 2023. The final will consist of the best entrants from the eliminating round(s). In special circumstances, participation in an eliminating round may be waived at the discretion of the Committee.
8. The Final will be held at The Magic Circle Headquarters on Sunday 16th April 2023. The act for the Final should be substantially the same as that for the eliminating round.
9. The Final will be video recorded. Footage may be used at the discretion of The Magic Circle. A copy of the finalist's own performance may be provided upon request but all usage other than personal is subject to The Magic Circle's Video Policy, a copy of which may be obtained from Michael Colley.
10. Due to child protection and safeguarding issues, only persons directly involved in the act will be permitted in the changing room or backstage at the Final. This means that parents and other supporters WILL NOT be permitted in these areas unless agreed by the committee in advance (due to being essential to the performance of the Act) with full DBS clearance provided.

11. A panel of judges, which will include eminent magicians, will be appointed. The judges may declare “no competition” during the eliminating rounds if, in their opinion, the general level of performance is not sufficiently high. Their decision will be final at all stages of the Competition. The judges will assess the performance for its technique, handling, presentation and general magic ability. They will also consider the appearance and personality of the competitor, routining and magical content, originality and innovation and overall entertainment value. Please note that this is a MAGIC competition and acts must include substantial amounts of magic. As an example, although Juggling is a skill it is not magic.
12. All Finalists will receive an engraved Magic Circle plaque.
13. The Winner will receive the Derrick Speight Trophy and the title of

“The Magic Circle Young Magician of the Year 2023”.

He or she will receive free Membership of the Young Magicians’ Club up to the age of 18 and on reaching the age of 18 years will receive Full Membership of The Magic Circle, with Entrance Fee and first four years’ subscription paid. In addition the Winner will receive the Irving Schneider Travelling Scholarship to attend a magic course in the U.S.A.

14. Second, third and other prizes may be awarded at the judges’ discretion.
15. The committee appointed by The Magic Circle for the competition is:

Michael Colley, Sam Clarke, Kevin Doig, Laura London, Alan Maskell, Chris Wardle

Closing date for entries 7th January 2023

Heats 12th February 2023 Final : 16th April 2023

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**THE YOUNG MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2023
A MAGIC CIRCLE YOUTH INITIATIVE**

Entry Form

Name in Full
BLOCK CAPITALS - Please underline the forename by which you are known

Stage Name (if any)

Address

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.....Post Code

Date of Birth/...../.....

Telephone No. Home.....

Mobile

e-mail address

Declaration

I certify that the above information is correct. I agree to abide by the rules and conditions of the competition and to accept the Judges' decision as final.

I agree to being photographed and video recorded. My act may be included in any video of the Competition.

Date..... Signature

I agree to be responsible for this competitor during the Competition

Countersigned.....(Parent or Guardian)

Name in Block Capitals

Please send to:

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