

## Casanova Concept

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BIG BLIND MEDIA has proved to be a reliable source for quality DVDs and this is no exception. Their production qualities are top notch. Some older practitioners might take issue with the rather irreverent delivery of Owen Packard, who hosts (and directs) most BBM products. It's all in good

fun and he keeps things light around his set which prevents anyone from taking themselves too seriously.

Steve Haynes appears briefly on this project that bares his name. Instead it is Dave Forrest who teaches the idea and various effects that utilize it. Because it is a "concept," I cannot go into too much detail. But when I saw the main effect, Haynes' "Casanova Closer," I was fooled at first. I did come close to figuring it out (not 100 percent), but I'm Magic-Boy: Laymen are not going to have a clue. Here is the description from their ads: "Your spectator selects two cards and signs them both. One is placed in their own wallet (or pocket). The other is lost in the deck. Within seconds you open your own wallet to reveal the signed selection which was apparently lost in the deck. You offer to repeat the effect. You re-open your wallet (which was empty only moments ago) and slowly withdraw a face-down card. Your spectator's eyes are popping out of their head—'How did that signed selection get back into your wallet?' It didn't. It's the OTHER signed card! The one that should have been in the spectators' wallet. And when they look in their pocket they find the first signed card!" That is exactly what appears to happen.

The underlying principle behind this is not new. But to my knowledge, it's just never been used this way before. The main effect (which does use a Mullica style wallet that is not included) is the best of those offered on the disc. Some of the others have some rather "cozy" procedure, but you are buying the concept and, in my opinion, it can be money well spent with a little brain power put behind it (and if you have the correct style wallet, you're good to go with a fantastic effect that is suitable for walk around).

The other effects include a card through glass table (the ads say "window," but no, it's a tabletop), a "Homing Card," an interesting idea called "Stroller Controller" where a signed card is found inside your pocket; there seemingly before it was signed. A torn and restored business card (yes, the concept works with business cards just as well), and a second version of the repeat card to wallet sans gaffed wallet (though it's not as clean).

With the power of "Casanova Closer" and the possibilities this idea could generate, I can easily recommend this DVD.

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