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Joshua Jay – Live in the UK

Joshua Jay teams up with **Big Blind Media** to produce a super-slick lecture DVD.

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Owen Packard at Big Blind Media and Joshua Jay have collaborated on a lecture DVD shot during Jay's UK lecture tour, completed earlier this year. The result, set for a late-October/early-November release, is a slickly produced video that teaches many of Jay's signature routines. The bulk of the DVD is made up of card magic, including a wonderful handling of Jay Sankey's Back in Time. Other effects, including one with a tape measure that is, if nothing else, methodologically interesting, round out the collection in an effort to provide the proverbial "something for everyone" — even if some of those tricks are dealer items requiring special props. Jay is clearly a well-spoken and professional lecturer, as this release demonstrates.

One of the more interesting features of the video is that each performance and explanation is cut together from a handful of lectures, keeping the program moving. While most lecture DVDs are shot with a single, stationary camera, Big Blind Media is to be applauded for a fresh method of production with this release.

Aside from teach-a-trick segments, the video includes several interviews with Jay (mostly humorous), and silent montages of Jay practicing and performing. All in all, it's an expertly produced DVD, full of good magic and a fine substitute for a front-row seat at a Joshua Jay lecture.

Joshua Jay – Methods in Magic – Live in the UK DVD. \$35 postpaid. Available from Big Blind Media, 3 Tennyson Road, Thatcham, Berks, RG18 3FR, www.bigblindmedia.com.