

# Leon Thomson's Grand Illusion

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Sixteen-year old Leon Thomson, winner of the Magic Circle Junior Award at just 14, will be bringing his brand of magic (and table tennis) to Barnet Table Tennis Centre for his first grand illusion.

The event will include both magic and table tennis, which is being filmed professionally and will include a few special guests. Get ready as the video is to be released on the 9<sup>th</sup> of MAY.

Leon has been performing magic full on for over six years since he witnessed a fellow magician astonish him with his skills at a holiday resort when Leon was just nine years old.

He received a place in the Junior Magic Circle a year later and there he learnt the art of magic from the leading names in television and stage magic. His progress was such that he won the Magic Circle Junior Award just four years later and was presented the award by the Magic Circle President and well-renowned magician, Paul Daniels.



Leon with fellow magician, Dynamo

Leon's passion for magic comes from seeing the reactions from his audience. He said: "I took a trip to Cuba and performed to the poor people in the streets and the reactions from them made my day, but the magic made their week! From that point of seeing their faces transform to the wonder of magic, I knew that I wanted to do magic as my career."

Leon also explains how magic can bring people together, even if they share nothing else in common: "Take a group of complete strangers in a room, with no-one talking to each other, then bring out the magic and suddenly strangers become friends and everyone is engaged into the magic – their minds blown by the miracles they witness right in front of their eyes and all are having the best time in the world. All through the power of magic."



Leon with Eastenders star Perry Fenwick (Billy Mitchell)

Not only recognised for his magical feats, Leon is also a regular on the table tennis circuit as a county player from Hertfordshire.

He plays British League Division 3 for Urban Progress 2 where he is also coached. He attends all the major 4\* competitions and also plays for Hertfordshire and part of the East Region.

Leon said of his table tennis background: "I have been playing for over four and a half years. My favourite part was flying to Hungary with Urban Progress to play in their Grand Prix and going to 4\* competitions. "

He added: "Having performed everywhere from the Magic Circle stage, to the streets of Havana and the halls of ETTA competitions (some of you may have witnessed), this event should help to promote both table tennis and my magic at the same time."



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