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Meet Ian Adair

To the magicians of a generation ago, Ian Adair needs no introduction. But for some of the newer generation, the impressive achievements of this incredible magic creator, who has contributed to this art for nearly 70 years, Ian's many laurels need to be recorded.

We at Funtime have been very lucky, and honoured to have marketed over 100 of Ian's clever notions. And Ian's output has been many times more than the creations we have been able to do justice to.

*So just who is this **prolific magic genius** ?*

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IAN ADAIR M.I.M.C.

Ian Adair is a **member of the Inner Magic Circle with gold star.**

His first book on magic was published when he was 14 years of age. Six decades later, he has had **331 books published by various publishing companies.** Ghosted Paul Daniels' magic books, published by Pan books, London.

Author of memorable tomes like the five massive volumes of **The Encyclopaedia of Dove Magic** (several reprints,) **Encyclopedia of Children's Magic**, and **100 Magic Tricks** (book for public ... full colour, hardbound, later becoming soft cover) which has been **printed in over 10 different languages.**

His latest book **MIND BLOWING MAGIC** is published by Magicseen, launched on 17th February 2023.

Originator of over 1,000 (one thousand) marketed effects, manufactured and sold by leading magic dealers world-wide. Many of his creations have been copied by dealers, without even a word of credit.

Creator of exclusive effects for David Nixon, Paul Daniels, Harry Corbett (Sooty)

Lecturer: hundreds of lectures which featured his latest magical effects... lectures at I.B.M. Chattanooga, Blackpool convention, British Ring convention, Magic Circle, Secrets convention, Kidology, S.A.M.S. convention, Bristol Day of Magic, Supreme Super days conventions...and many more

Monthly columnist to The Magigram magazine. Columnist for 25 years Secrets – (magazine for young magicians of the Magic Circle), **25 One-Man Parades over the years in I.B.M.s Linking Ring magazine:** Columnist: Key Ring for 28 years - regular contributor to Abra, the Wizard, Magical Digest, the Magic Wand, Mystery Magazine, Tops, Genni, M.U.M., Kidabra, Magic Circular, New Pentagram, Alakazam..and many others.

Editor of The Magical Express, Magi © Adair-o-Gram.

Award winner: Magic Circle (for literature) 2015 John Nevil Maskelyne Prize.

Cecil Lyle Award (Magic Circle). Ganson Award, 15 I.B.M. Linking Ring Awards, S.A.M.S. (Scottish association of Magical Societies) for best act – (dove act) Greenock convention 1959. Jim Craig Quaich award – services to Scottish Magic.

First participant of the Eddie Dawes Award for magic literature

Hon life member of: British Ring 25, I.B.M. Kilmarnock Magic Circle, India Magic Circle, Home Counties Magical Society, Devon Magic Circle, Israeli Magic Circle (Hon President)

150 television appearances on different UK channels, including his own series 'Magic' screened weekly

36 years associated and working at the Supreme Magic Company – as a partner to Edwin Hooper, then later as General Manager.

Ian Adair is now 82 years of age and is still very active in 'magic'.

We at Funtime are grateful for his kind support, and the magic fraternity the gainer for his continued " activity".

If they had a Nobel Prize for Magic, Ian would surely be a serious contender !

Postscript : Ian passed away on 14th January 2025.

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RIP, dear friend, as you join the brightest stars in the History of Magic.



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