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Meet Damien Cuchet



All In The Family

How many second generation escape artists do we have out there? Well here comes one now!

Meet Damien:

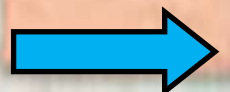
Son of Wolflock, born in Cape Town South Africa, 18 Years of age and wanting to follow in his father's footsteps. He hopes to one day become the foremost escape artist in South Africa and hopefully become one of the great Escape artists of the world

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Trevor "Wolflock" Cuchet, (center) Carrie-Ann Cuchet, (left) and Damien Cuchet. (Right)





Covered in zip-ties? No problem for this family!



It is Brother vs. Sister... Who will escape first?

1) How old were you when you learned that you wanted to follow in your father's footsteps?

I was 16 Years of age and watched my father do it. This got me very interested in what it was all about.

2) How old were you when he did your first escape, what was it?

I was 17 Years old and it was a set of handcuffs which my father had in his set. I believe it was a Chinese Standard issue set.

3) What escape are you hoping to learn to make your own signature effect?

I want to do more with Zip Ties. I find them fascinating and would eventually like to do an Escape show with only escaping from many and different types of Zip Ties.

4) Did you choose to do this, or were you pushed into it by fatherly role model?

It was a bit of both. I Enjoyed watching my father do escapes and learned from his styles.

But found I was quite good at it and got more and more addicted to escaping from whatever

I can.

5) How would you describe your "on stage" personality?

More of an Emo or Gothic meets biker is what I want to aim for in my shows in the future. At

the moment I am still learning and practicing before getting into doing shows.

6) What do you find appealing about doing escapes?

We live in a Dangerous country and I find it to be useful if ever it was needed in a real-life situation.

7) Will you ever stop doing escapes?
HECK NO!

8) Do you have any advice for newbies wanting to learn how to become Escape artists?

Ask around and research more about escapes before attempting it. Also make sure you get advice and knowledge from Experts in the field before attempting to do an escape, for knowledge purposes and for safety purposes.



"Wild about Harry"
John Cox' Houdini web site
www.wildabouthoudini.com





Houdini comes to Southern California!

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Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center Opens Fall Exhibitions "Houdini Unchained" and Anaheim Art Association's Juried Exhibition with Reception on October 8th ANAHEIM, Calif. (August 29, 2022) – Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center's Main Gallery showcases never-before-displayed Harry Houdini artifacts from the private collection of southern California collector, Dr. Randall Bell, for Houdini

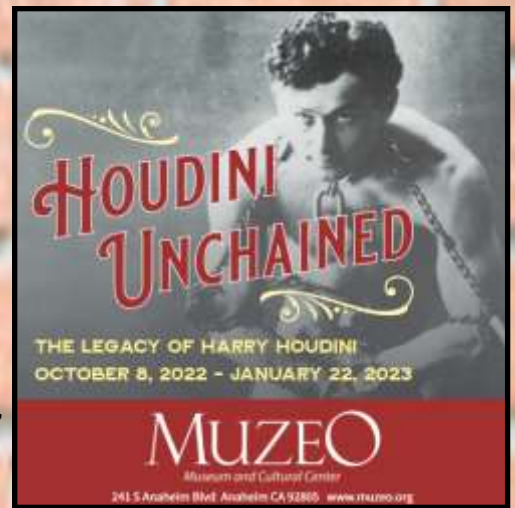
Unchained: The Legacy of Harry Houdini opening on October 8, 2022.

A major figure in American culture, Houdini, has been the subject of countless movies, performances and books- although never a touring exhibition. Dr. Randall Bell has been collecting Houdini memorabilia and holds one of the largest collections of Houdini artifacts in the world.

This never-before-exhibited collection will examine Houdini's exemplary business savvy, life as an entertainer, private life and obsessive quest for fame beyond death.

American illusionist Harry Houdini rose to world fame for his sensational escape acts. He first attracted notice in vaudeville in the US and then as "Harry 'Handcuff' Houdini" on a tour of Europe, where he challenged police forces to keep him locked up.

Soon he extended his repertoire to include chains, ropes slung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water, and having to escape from and hold his breath inside a sealed milk can with water in it. This world-premiere exhibit will include first edition books, personal letters and contracts, handcuffs, locks and the famed milk can from the 1908 escape illusion.



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A Hot Time for Christopher Campbell!

Our dear friend Christopher Campbell has hit the big time. He will be appearing in the 2023 Guinness Book of World Records. I know some of us are in the book, and I don't know how many of us dream of being in that book, but he has made it! Congratulations Chris! You rock!

Most Flames Blown in 30 Seconds:

Christopher Campbell (CAN) "Breathed fire" 55 times from a single mouthful of fuel in London, Ontario, Canada, on 26 January 2021. Appropriately enough, the attempt took place during a hot-wings eating contest titled, "An Evening of Heat."



Hats off to you Chris, may your success inspire others of us to give the Guinness book our best shot.



This site is well worth the time to study if you want to learn about lock picking
www.lockpickguide.com

Begging Box!

Your input is our output!

This is the part of The Chainletter where the editor begs for you to give him some material to publish. No idea what to write?



Well, How about...

- ♦ Your first escape.
- ♦ How did you learn to escape?
- ♦ Your creative process.
- ♦ Your last escape.
- ♦ Who is your hero? Why?
- ♦ What makes a good escape.
- ♦ Your escape bio.
- ♦ An escape you saw on TV.
- ♦ An escape you saw live.
- ♦ Anything escape related.



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- * BEAT EVERYONE at the Handcuff Escape Contest;



- * BE THE FASTEST at the Straitjacket Escape Contest;
- * MORE FUN to be announced!!!

For further information and secure your spot write at :

members@the-geo.com



Straitjacket Photos?

For the next issue of the Chainletter, I would like to publish a group of photos of our members in straitjackets. If you have an "action shot," that is great, but I can certainly accept and publish standing or just plain hanging shots. For those that were not there, or do not remember, at the Canon's convention in 2006, we had about 80 people all in straitjackets for a piece that was shown on the news. It was one of those precious moments when your editor had his face on TV. E-mail photos to me at cliffg37@verizon.net and then see how many of us you can name in this photo.



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Living Illusions Immortalized!

Personally I would Call the band **Lylvc** (pronounced lilac) melodic metal, but they call themselves, *a genre-breaking band, fusing hard rock, hip-hop, electronica, and alternative into a fluid, focused, and fiery hybrid of styles as unpredictable as it is undeniable.*

For their music video that goes with the song "Undertow," the band approached our own Kevin and Kristen to help them. With their lead singer in the famous cylindrical water cell, the band performs their song as the tank fills and the lead



singer gets closer to drowning. While she makes no effort to escape, it is still cool to see



the well known tank. The genre of music may or may not be for you, but I am sure you will enjoy at least the Restraint and escape motif. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPOy67oK6dc>



Who is Aron Houdini?

Born in Chicago, and grew up in Lake Cumberland Kentucky. Aron visited the Northwoods for the first time in 2012 and fell in love immediately. Aron moved to Land O' Lakes in 2017 with his 8-yr-old son Amadeus who attends Land O' Lakes Elementary.

Aron is the distant nephew of Harry Houdini and is an accomplished magician/escape artist. Performing since he was a child Aron has twelve Escape Artist World Championships, three Entertainer of the Year awards, has appeared on multiple major television networks and still performs today.

After high school Aron served the United States Army in military police school at Fort McClellan Alabama. Aron graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.A. in Political Science and went onto receive his masters in 2006. Aron continues to perform professional stage acts and has also worked as a legal assistant and law clerk for the Legal Aid Society.

Aron's hobby's include anything adrenaline involved, or adventure related. Aron also teaches magic through a program called Project Magic using magic tricks as a form of rehabilitation to those in need. Aron has sat on numerous boards and committees and is eager to be involved with the Land O' Lakes community.

A strange and unusual interview with Aron Houdini... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULOdz9cq_FE



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