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State Theatre New Jersey Presents

Champions of Magic The Worldwide Wonders

Saturday, March 4, 2023, 8pm

New Brunswick, NJ (February 17, 2023)—The fully renovated State Theatre New Jersey presents **Champions of Magic** on **Saturday, March 4 at 8pm**. The Champions of Magic cast present incredible interactive magic, a daring escape from Houdini’s water torture cell, a mind-blowing prediction that must be seen to be believed, levitation high above the stage, and a finale beyond explanation. *Tickets range from \$29-\$99.*

Champions of Magic, otherwise known as “The Avengers of Magic” have sold out shows across the globe and have been featured on every major U.S. TV network. Members of the group include **Hollie England, Alex McAleer, Fernando Velasco, Richard Young, and Sam Strange.**

Young and Strange met when they were just 8 years old, both big fans of magic. Spending their teenage years trying—and failing—to make Las Vegas-style illusions with cardboard and tape, they were forced to create original illusions and magic tricks, ultimately creating one of the most unique illusion acts in the world. In 2010, the duo put on their first live show at The Thames Players Theatre in Oxfordshire, later going on to perform at the Edinburg Festival Fringe for four years.

Young and Strange also create online video content of original works. One of their videos went viral for video-bombing the background of *Sky News* broadcast outside the Houses of Parliament, which garnered the attention of multiple publications such as *Rolling Stone, Time Magazine, MTV*, and more.

The Champions of Magic opened in the UK in October of 2013 at Reading Hexagon Theatre and has since completed six UK tours. With their mission only just having begun, the group continues to tour by popular demand, bringing magic to audiences everywhere.

For tickets, more information, or group discounts, call State Theatre Guest Services at 732-246-SHOW (7469) or visit online at STNJ.org. State Theatre Guest Services, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open by phone and email only, Tuesday through Friday from 11am to 5pm. For in-person purchases, Guest Services is open Tuesday through Friday from 12pm to 4:30pm. *Additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

About State Theatre New Jersey

After major renovations, State Theatre New Jersey has reopened and celebrated its 100th Anniversary in December 2021 in a fully renovated theater including newly renovated lobbies, all new restrooms, upgraded HVAC systems, a new elevator for access to all levels, and brand-new theater seats. Originally built as a silent film and vaudeville palace, State Theatre's historic significance was honored by PBS by featuring it in its documentary series, *Treasures of New Jersey*, in the fall of 2018. "Treasures of New Jersey: State Theatre New Jersey" can be streamed at [STNJ.org/explore/treasures-of-new-jersey-documentary](https://www.stnj.org/explore/treasures-of-new-jersey-documentary). Today, State Theatre is the largest performing arts center in Central New Jersey and has welcomed more than six million people through its doors since reopening as a non-profit performing arts center in 1988. State Theatre New Jersey is a cornerstone of the cultural vitality of Middlesex County and averages a total economic impact on New Brunswick and the surrounding area of more than \$18 million a year. The mainstage programs have featured high-caliber artists such as Diana Ross, Tony Bennett, Kevin Hart, Ringo Starr, Melissa Etheridge, John Leguizamo, Harry Connick, Jr., Diana Krall, and Crosby, Stills & Nash. Program offerings include Broadway, orchestra, family, dance, comedy, rock/pop, jazz, Performances for Schools, and Sensory-Friendly Performances.

State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.

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