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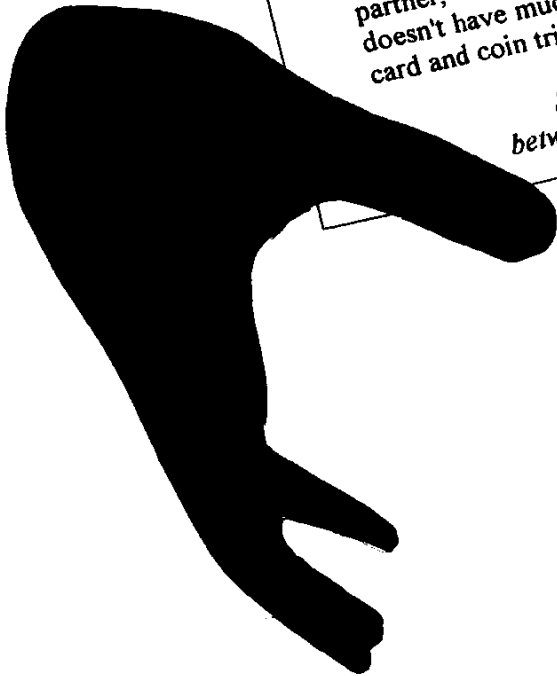
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BEST MAGIC VENUE



There's been a void in New York's magic scene since the closing of Carmine Street's *Monday Night Magic*, a weekly showcase of magicians from all over the world does its best to fill. Located in the Sullivan Street Playhouse (home to New York's longest-running show, *The Fantasticks*), MNM presents magic in what producer Michael Chaut refers to as a "parlor" setting. Actually this place is so small that seeing a magician here is like watching Junior do his act in the living room—and some of the humor is pretty juvenile. Fortunately the bad jokes are punctuated with some amazing magic, which has attracted celebrities ranging from Penn & Teller to Robin Leach. One tip: During intermission, go upstairs to the theater's photo gallery, where Chaut's partner, Jany Ian Swiss, often performs close-up magic. Although he doesn't have much in way of patter—he's pretty gruff, for a magician—his card and coin tricks are dazzling and seamless.

*Sullivan Street Playhouse, 181 Sullivan Street
between Bleecker and Houston Streets (212-674-3838)*



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