

## The Wicked World of Liam Montier Volumes 1 and 2

Liam Montier

\$70 (2-disc set)

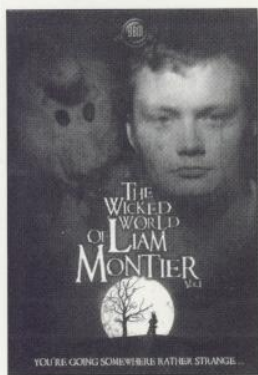
WITH THE TITLE OF THESE TWO DISCS, I first thought that Big Blind Media had drunk the Bizarre Magick Kool-Aid. That's not the case. "Wicked," in this case, is being used to mean "cool." The only thing bizarre about this set of discs (sold separately) is who—or I should say what—young Mr. Montier performs for in studio. I've decided to let you find out for yourself; why spoil the fun?

Owen Packard joins Mr. Montier in studio for the explanations, adding "color" and clarification; asking questions a viewer might. The teaching is thorough with excellent sound and camera work. Credits and required sleights for the effects are added as on-screen text that runs along on the bottom of the picture.

Each disc features 12 items. Both enjoy an almost even mix of card and non-card close-up items. Most is suitable for walk-around magic where only a little table space is needed.

Among the standout items on Volume 1 is "Stickman Sebastian," a simple and commercial piece of card magic

wherein a Post-It note with a stickman drawn on it magically appears on a card held by a spectator. "Visual Voodoo" uses your business card and can be played either spooky or goofy. Either way, the spectator walks away with a mystery and your contact information. "Cheater" is an apparent blackjack cheating scam that is easy but can provide some punch. "Coin-Corde" is an interesting sequence wherein a Chinese coin penetrates on and off a loop of string. One of my favorite pieces is an (apparent) impromptu quickie



in which a banknote appears within the folds of an ATM receipt. It has a surprise blow off I don't want to tip here.

Items from Volume 2 that caught my eye include "Measles," in which an "infected card" spreads its infection to several other cards before being healed. "Little Miss Show" is an Ambitious Card sequence worth a look, and "Sock-it" is a coin in sock effect that I can envision having some interesting presentational possibilities. "Corker" is a "throw away" effect one might use in another effect: The cork is removed from a small bottle and it instantly grows to many times its original size. "Happy Monty" is a different presentational angle for the old "Color Monte" while "Card Through Bag" is a slightly different way to accomplish Daryl's (unaccredited) "Hefty Penetration" (*Brainstorm in the Bahamas*, 1983).

With two-dozen items from which to choose, I think you're likely to find at least a few things you'll be happy to add to your working repertoire from this set of discs.

• *The Wicked World of Liam Montier Vols. 1 and 2* • Liam Montier • Vol. 1 approx. 83 mins., Vol. 2 approx. 82 mins., DVD only • Multi-region • Available from your favorite magic dealer. • Dealers should contact Murphy's Magic Supplies, Inc. • \$35 each

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