

World's Greatest Magic: Cups and Balls Vol. 2 - DVD

What can one say about the Cups and Balls? It's an iconic trick and has become almost as synonymous with the conjurer's art as the proverbial rabbit from hat. It's certainly one of magic's oldest tricks. But why has this trick endured the centuries? For one thing, a Cups and Balls routine can incorporate many different effects - there can be vanishes, appearances, transpositions and productions. For another, it's always been regarded within the magic world as a kind of measuring stick of a performer's ability.

The other notable thing about the Cups and Balls is the amount of individuality that magicians can bring to their interpretation of the effect and you'll find no better example of that than the five performers you'll meet on this DVD. John Mendoza leads off with his eponymous routine, arguably a modern classic, while Johnny Thompson demonstrates several classic Cups and Balls sequences in the guises of famous magicians such as Malini, Krieger and Vernon. Steve Dacri then ably demonstrates the apparatus and routines favored by the Hindu fakirs while Larry Jennings performs and teaches his justly famous routine with just one cup, bookended by the startling production of the cup and its complete vanish at the end. Finally, Marc DeSouza uses his Cups and Balls routine to take spectators on a journey through the rich history of magic.

The Cups and Balls should be studied, if not performed, by every magician and this DVD is an excellent starting point for new students and a wonderful reference tool even for those who have some experience with this foundational effect.

- Mendoza Cups and Balls - John Mendoza
- Cups and Balls - Johnny Thompson
- Indian Cups and Balls - Steve Dacri
- Single Cup and Ball - Larry Jennings
- Cups and Balls - Marc DeSouza

Running Time

Approximately 1hr 51min