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# HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

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Friday, December 5, 8:15p



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# Joshua Jay lecture photos from October 29, 2025



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## John Kaplan

Fundraising Magician



John Kaplan has enjoyed a national career spanning over 25 years, encountering nearly every performing environment – he's done it all and become one of Canada's favourite family entertainers.

I have a lot of John Kaplan's "How to ..." material on booking, selling, and framing a touring show.

This story is amazing!

It comes from Larry Thornton, a long-time magic friend from Calgary, Canada

It is a very small world!

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Dennis,

A magic friend of mine from Calgary (now living on the west coast of Canada) relates the following news story that is quite amazing. John Kaplan told me some weeks ago that while on vacation with his wife in Europe, he misplaced his cell phone. — Permanently lost it to be exact.

So today (October 26th) this is what John sent me:

### Breaking News:

Louvre Robbers Captured in Daring Paris Raid — Jewels Still Missing, Magician's Cell Phone Raises Questions Paris, France — October 26, 2025 In a dramatic midnight operation, French authorities announced the capture of the suspects believed to be behind last week's audacious robbery at the Louvre Museum. While the priceless jewels stolen from the museum's "Crown of Empires" exhibition remain missing, investigators uncovered a surprising clue during the arrests — a cell phone belonging to world-renowned Canadian magician John Kaplan.

According to police sources, the arrests took place just outside Lyon, after an international manhunt involving Interpol, the RCMP, and a specialized art-crime task force. Three individuals were taken into custody without incident, though officials declined to release their names pending formal charges.

“The operation was swift, precise, and — dare I say — a bit magical,” joked Inspector Luc Moreau of the Paris Police Prefecture during a press briefing early this morning.

Authorities were reportedly stunned to discover a smartphone registered to Kaplan among the recovered items. While there is no evidence of wrongdoing on the magician’s part, the discovery has sparked curiosity — and no shortage of conspiracy theories — across social media.

Kaplan, celebrated for his large-scale illusions and charity shows, issued a brief statement through his publicist late Friday:

“I am as mystified as anyone. My phone was lost weeks ago during a performance tour in Europe. If it somehow appeared in the hands of jewel thieves, that’s one trick I definitely didn’t plan.”

Investigators continue to trace the missing jewels, estimated to be worth over €60 million.

Theories range from private collectors to underground art syndicates — and even a few illusion-inspired escape plots worthy of a Vegas stage.

For those of you (magicians) that I forwarded John Kaplan’s news item to, please pass it on to any other magicians you know, especially those (in the Alberta area or otherwise) who might know John. THANKS!

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Ron Urban  
May 19, 1935 - November 6, 2025





Born on May 19, 1935 - Ron Urban traveled the World many times over with his fast paced magic act and International Ice Shows.

Performances in New York City at the Latin Quarter, Casino de Deauville in Paris France, Sporting Club Casino in Monte Carlo, La Caina delle Rose in Rome, Italy and hundreds more including long running engagements at Gaslight Village in Lake George, New York from 1976 -1989, and Holiday on Ice Shows from 1992-1996.

Mr. Urban rubbed shoulders with celebrities and royalty Including Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis, Danny Thomas, Ed Sullivan and Liberace. Not to mention a performance at the White House for President Jimmy Carter.

I first became acquainted with Ron after purchasing the Kellar-Blackstone improved Levitation from him. His wit, drive and knowledge will be greatly missed by friends and family.

In 2018 a book on Ron Urban's life "The Urban Legend" was written by the late, prolific author William Rauscher and published by the 1878 Press Co.



Lonny Thomas places bunny in rabbit wingco.



A friendly visit with Ed Sullivan in Las Vegas.



President George W. Bush opens an Urban ice rink in Marshall, Texas.



Ron with Paul Anka in Madrid, 1962.



Lon and Bob Hope at a 1977 fair in Canada.



Ron, Jerry Lewis and Gene Tittle, well known Las Vegas columnist and public relations director.

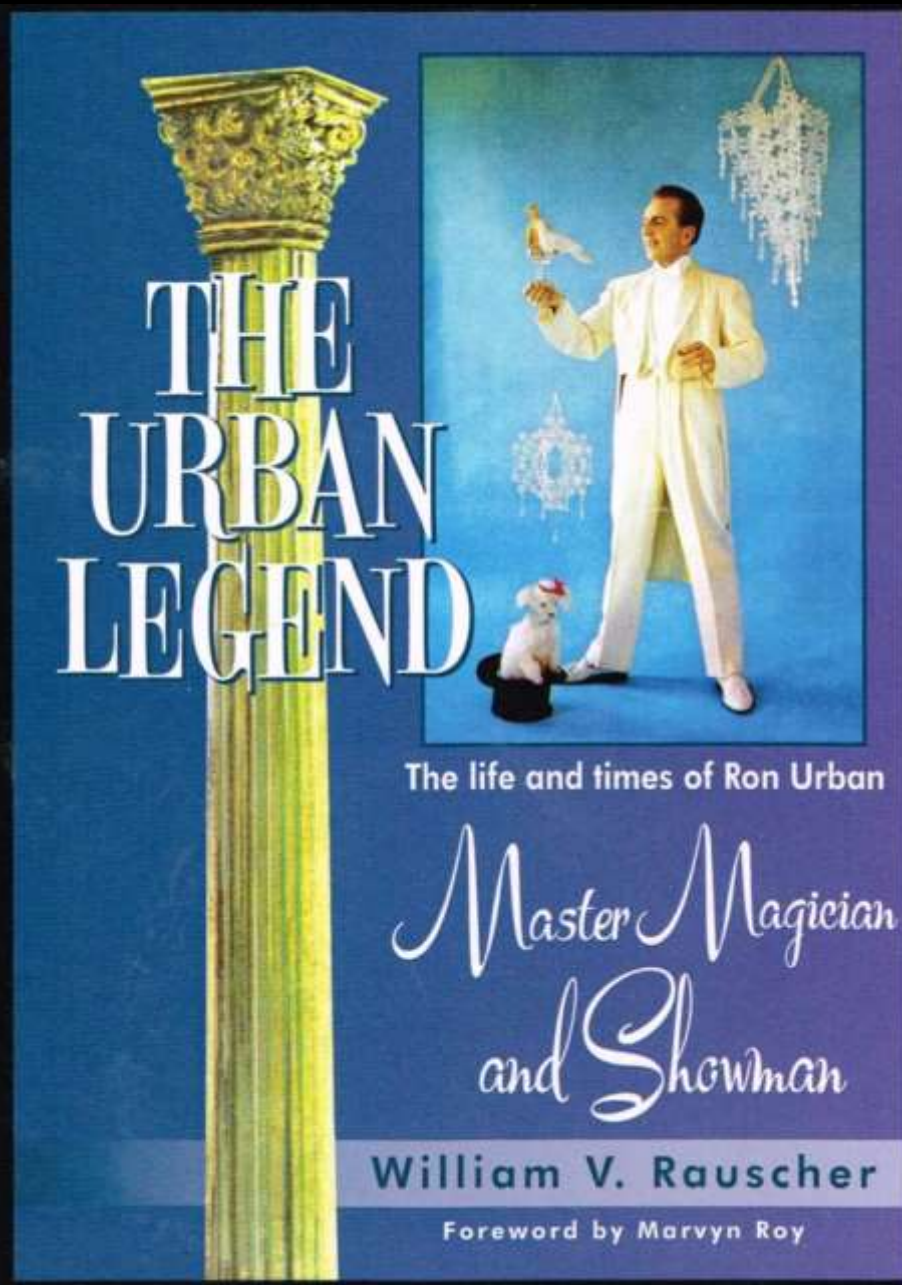


L to R: Ron with son Renaud, wife Monica, dog Gigi and President Jimmy Carter at the White House, December 1980.





Ron and Monica Urban with Charles R. Wood (center), owner of Gaslight Village, The Tiki Resort, The Great Escape ( Now Six Flags), all located in Lake George, New York.



*The Urban Legend* by William V. Rauscher

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### The Thatcher Effect [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thatcher\\_effect](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thatcher_effect)

This illusion highlights a "flaw" in how our brains work. We can't process an upside-down face because we're programmed to recognize faces that are oriented correctly. We recognize faces in parts... eyes, mouth, and nose.

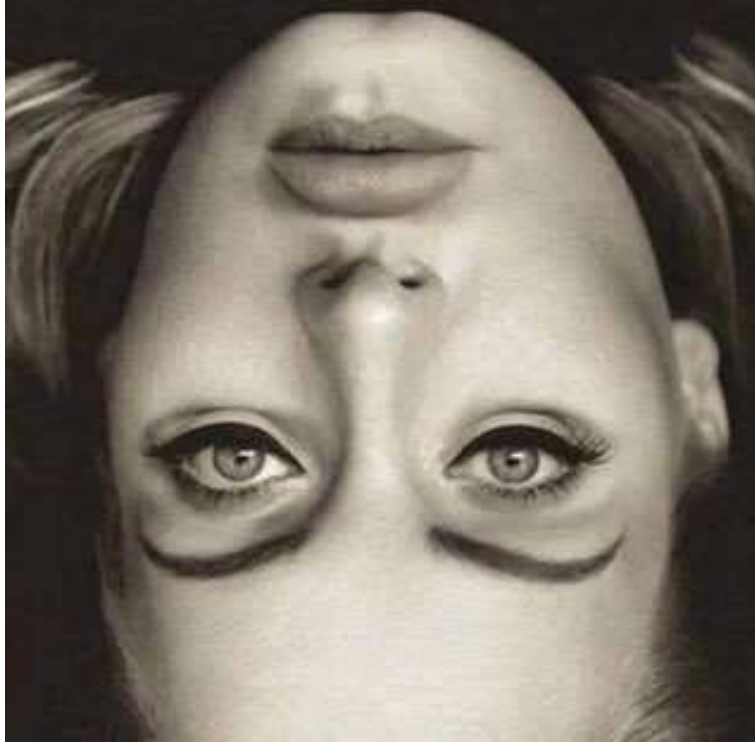
So, when we're presented with an upside-down, so-called Thatcherized, image, our brains don't process it correctly.

We know the image is upside-down, but because we rarely see upside-down faces, we haven't developed the ability to interpret the expression on them.

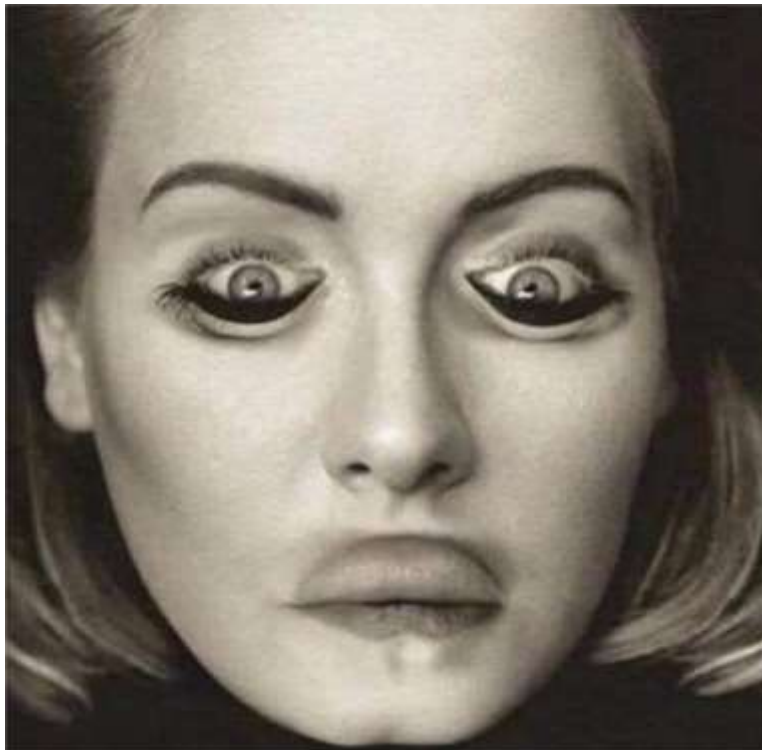
The facial features look fine, so our brains assume the rest of the face is fine too.

That's why we don't see anything unusual until we turn the face back to its normal position.





*Flip the photo!*







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# 7 RULES OF A SHOW BUSINESS LIFE

## 1. Make peace with your past.

Your next show will be the best one.

## 2. What other performers think of you,

is none of your business. They will never hire you.

## 3. The only person in charge

of your career is you.

## 4. Don't compare your career to others.

Success is an individual decision.

## 5. Time heals everything,

Give it time.

## 6. Stop thinking so much.

Just get on stage

## 7. Smile.

It annoys the haters and creates your audience.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6vHJ6on4tg>



Lost Magic - Fu Manchu - David Bamberg - Bullet Catch

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A great lecture by Duane Laflin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jygNLX0-dI>



### Duane's lecture for KIDabra 2021

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