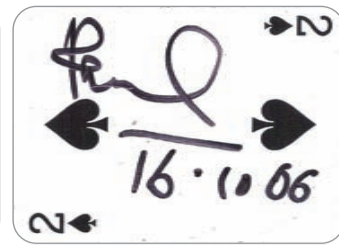
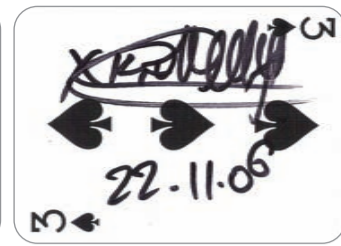


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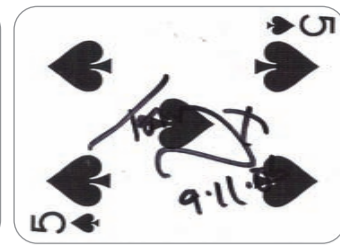
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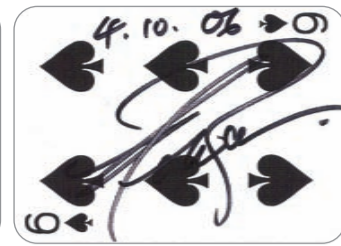
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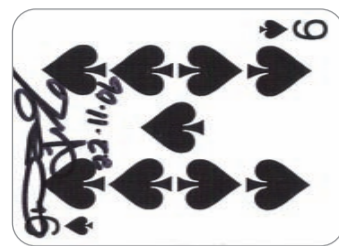
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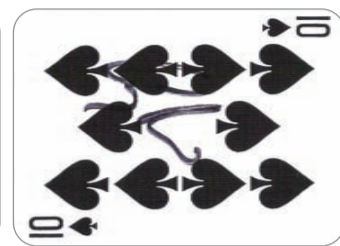
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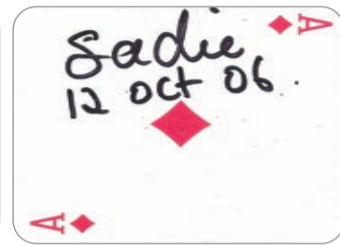
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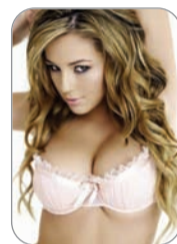
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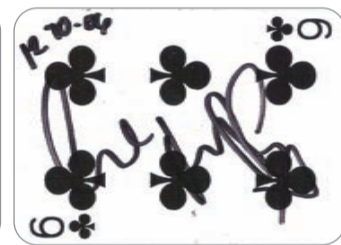
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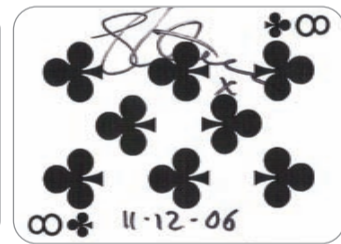
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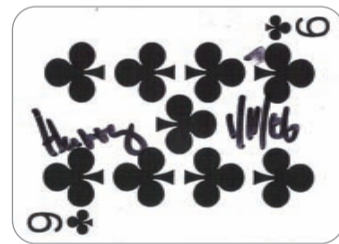
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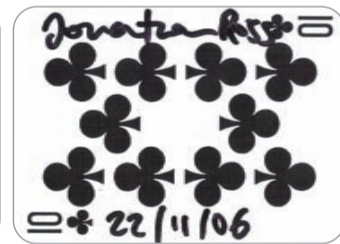
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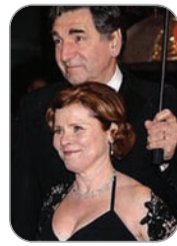
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A Brief history of the collection of cards in this poster by Magic Marco.

Between 1977 and 1996 I was manager of the backstage bar in the 'Hammersmith Odeon' (now known as the 'Hammersmith Apollo').

During this time, I became known for performing magic to my customers, these were people in the music business who had access to the bar, artists that played at the venue and their guests.



The bar became commonly known as 'Marco's Bar'.

The Apollo Company staged mainly theatre productions, instead of live music concerts, so more dressing rooms were required and subsequently, in 1996 the bar was closed and became dressing room No.7A.

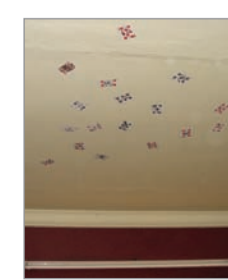
Time passed and in 2006 'Phil MacIntyre Entertainment' presented 'Little Britain' at 'The Hammersmith Apollo'. For reasons of nostalgia, they transformed dressing



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room 7A and re-opened it as 'Marco's Bar' requesting me to manage and entertain the guests and VIPs pre-show.

Knowing the calibre of guests that would be attending, I took the opportunity to involve various celebrities in a trick I had invented entitled 'Your Card'. This trick consisted of having a playing card selected, signed and returned to an ordinary pack of cards. In the process of the trick, the card is located by me and handed back to the celebrity, yet when they turn the card over - the back design is seen to have changed into a perfectly printed photograph of the signatory.



The signed cards in this collection were part of another trick in this one the chosen card is signed and shuffled into the pack, the pack is then thrown at the ceiling and as the cards fall away, the signed card remains stuck to the ceiling (see photographs). When 'Little Britain' finished at the 'Apollo', all the cards stuck to the ceiling were removed and those cards were used to make this full deck collection of celebrity signed playing cards.

The celebrities who signed cards in this collection were either guests, or performers in the 'Little Britain Tour' of 2006 while it was staged at the 'Hammersmith Apollo' and were entertained backstage by 'Magic Marco' pre show.

