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John Calvert: October 16, 2010

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Shelby County was treated to a visit by magician, film star & adventure John Calvert. Mr. Calvert had a full evening of entertainment for his fans.

The event started off with the showing of his feature length film "The Curse of the Elephant's Grave." This movie chronicled the characters adventures in Africa. Shot entirely on location, the movie contained beautiful scenes and exotic animals. Mr. Calvert's character was filmed in two sections. As the young adventurer filmed decades ago, then as a retired suburbanite filmed in the recent past. The flashback to his time in Africa was entertaining and exciting.

Mr. Calvert asked the audience to send a review of the movie to his email epicproductions@juno.com

It was quite interesting hearing our 99 year old performer talking so easily about the modern technologies such as email and web sites. He certainly hasn't let time pass him by.

Following the film, Mr. Calvert sat onstage and visited with the audience. Over a dozen questions were asked ranging from "Who was your favorite comedian?" to "What was your favorite airplane to fly?"

Mr. Calvert has over 10,000 hours of flight time in dozens of types of aircraft. As a Ferry Command pilot in WWII, he had the opportunity to fly many of our fighters, bombers and transports of the era. He toured with his own DC-3 airliner.

He finished out the program with several magic tricks. He amazed the audience.

Mr. Calvert was born on August 5, 1911 in New Trenton, Indiana. His return to the Hoosier State gave the audience at the Strand an evening to remember! He invited everyone to his 100th birthday show at London's Palladium.

In September 2010 returning from shows in Spain, Mr. Calvert was able to log some left seat time in the Airbus on which he flew!

This program would not have been possible without the support of Tom Winterrowd, a friend and fellow magician.

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