

# Larry Jennings - A Private Lesson - DVD

Larry Jennings - 8 Private Lessons

Larry Jennings was one of the greatest sleight-of-hand artists who ever lived. Over the course of his 64 years, he developed many classic plays in card and coin magic. Lots of Larry's magic has been described in books, videotapes, and DVDs. But, the books often failed to capture the nuances in his work, and he was usually nervous during the shooting of the formal videos and DVDs.

During the early 1970s, Larry left his home in Los Angeles where he had moved to study with Dai Vernon and relocated to Lake Tahoe, California, to open his own plumbing business. There he met Louis Falanga, who became Larry's student and friend. One day in Louis' living room, Larry allowed himself to be videotaped describing 12 of his favorite routines.

- Jennings' Chop Cup
- Don Allen's Lump of Coal (L.J. Vernon)
- Pequeño's Coins
- The Chinese Connection (explanation only)
- Cigarette Manipulations
- Larry's Linking Ring Routine
- Coins Through the Table (with Flip-Up Move)
- L.J. Four Coins Across
- Coin Through Secretary's Hat
- Open Traveller
- Nowhere and Everywhere Again
- The Visitor

This was the perfect setting for Larry: he was relaxed and in his prime, just making a personal video for a friend. The quality is exactly what you'd expect from a 30-year-old home video made in someone's living room, and you can even hear someone trying to guess the trick in the background. Considering that great reason, we can forgive the technical shortcomings (though the top-original book matter has been put through a state-of-the-art digital clean-up).

At the time, none of the routines on this videotape were in print. In fact, a quarter-century later and Larry Jennings has been cited in a dozen, most of the books on the topic were never published, but some checks and balances were respectfully omitted. Other routines, such as the Linking Ring, Larry's 10 Coin, Coins Through Table using the Flip-Up Move, were never published. All of the routines were superb examples of the finest in clean-up magic and some of these, such as the Chop Cup routine, benefit from the best recorded explanations Jennings gave.

Having had the pleasure of watching a copy of the videotape many times over the years and read, through the generosity of Louis Falanga, you will too. So skip the DVD and your player and step back in time to when Jimmy Carter was President of the United States, men were riding the moon on a regular basis, and Larry Jennings was knocking 'em dead.

- Richard Kaufman

Running Time: Approximately 87min