

Hampton Ridge Magic Presents:  
Simon Lovell's  
**PEN THROUGH TONGUE**

**EFFECT:**

With no regard for his personal safety, our hero pushes a pen right through his tongue!

**THE TONGUE:**

This tongue is made of a space-age plastic that will last a lifetime if looked after properly. It has been designed from a mold of Simon Lovell's own tongue (gross!) and was imported from France. (Imagine the fun the U.S. customs has had!) Your fake tongue is a tongue you can be proud of!

**METHOD:**

Before you can perform this effect, you must make a slit in your fake tongue as it appears in Figure 1. Then pop the tongue into your left jacket pocket and a pen into your right jacket pocket. Now you are ready to turn a few stomachs!

The ideal time to cause the most mayhem is at the end of the night when everybody has had a few drinks. . . There's nothing like seeing something through a haze to make it a real thriller! When you feel that the time is right, reach into your pockets and bring out the pen in your right hand. Your left hand, at the same time, loosely finger palms out the tongue into the soon to be famous Lovell/Marlo/Vernon tongue grip as in Figure 2.

Stick out your real tongue and then bring both hands up to your mouth as in Figure 3. Behind this cover, pop the fake tongue into your mouth and push the pen through the slit in it. Slowly lower your hands to leave you looking as in Figure 4. If you've played the part right, you will look completely gross and cause roars of laughter from those who realize it's a con, and screams from those who don't! You'll be amazed by how many people believe you've really put a pen through your tongue!

Don't let them dwell on it. Just let the effect register then bring your hands back up to your mouth again. The right hand pulls out the pen and the left hand re-palms the tongue. As the hands start to come away from the mouth, stick out your real tongue, timing it so that it really looks as though the pen is coming from your tongue (Figure 5). Ditch the fake tongue by going to your left hand pocket and bringing out a hanky (leaving the fake tongue behind) to dab your real tongue.

**ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION:**

For this presentation, you will need a length of string with a clothes pin attached. Claim to have the World's Strongest Tongue and bring out the string. In your other hand, palm the tongue (Lovell/Marlo/Vernon grip).

Explain that someone in the front row will hold the end of the string and that the clothespin will be clipped to your tongue. When you nod, they are to pull on the string and will be unable to hurt you thanks to the super strength in your mouth!

Give them the end of the string and bring both hands to your mouth. PRETEND to attach the peg to your real tongue, but actually attach it to the fake tongue and leave it sticking out of your mouth.

Nod, and as they pull, release your grip on the tongue. It looks, for a moment, just as though they have ripped your tongue out of your mouth!!! Of course, this is horribly gross, but for comedy clubs and their customers it is a real scream inducing winner!

It must be stressed that right after the pull, to laugh and show them that it is a fake tongue to the line, "You think I'd REALLY do that?! You're sicker than I am!"



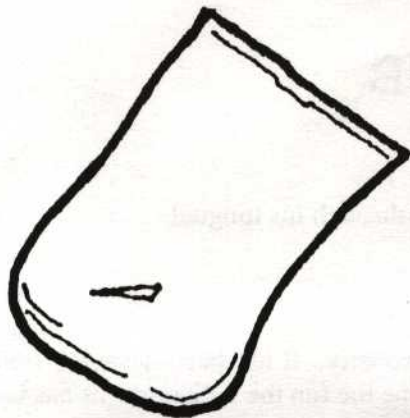


Figure 1  
Tongue with slit cut in it.

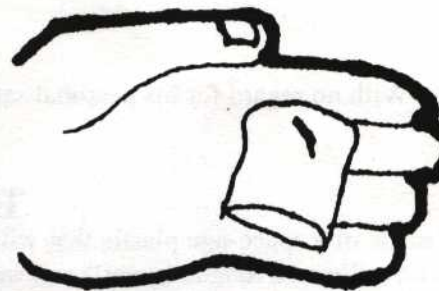


Figure 2  
The Lovell/Marlo/Vernon  
tongue grip!

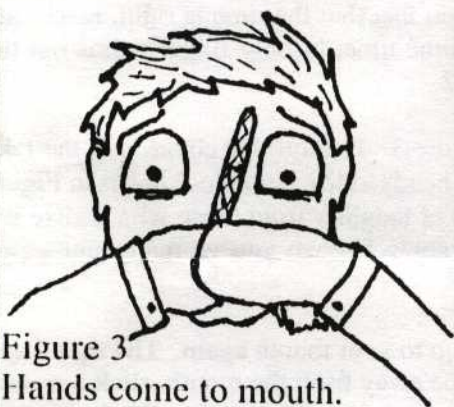


Figure 3  
Hands come to mouth.  
Right hand with pen,  
left hand with tongue.



Figure 4  
OUCH!!!

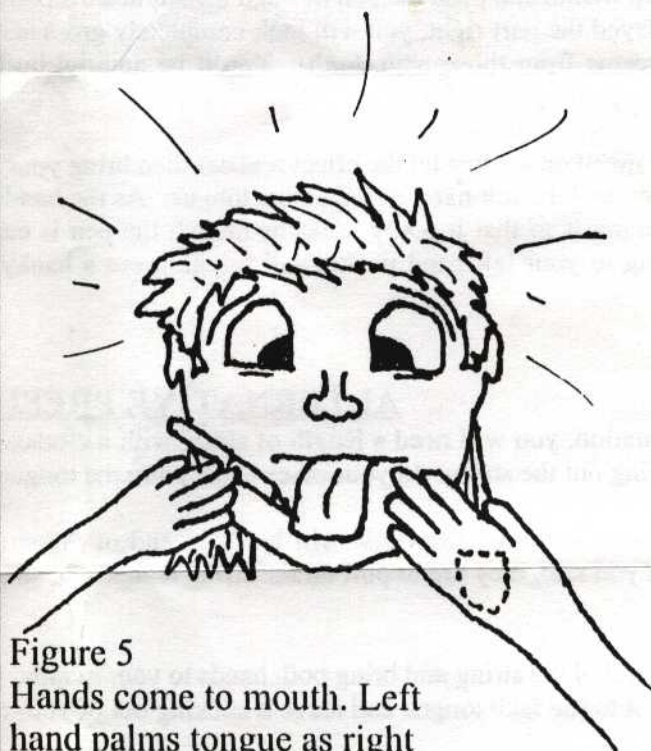


Figure 5  
Hands come to mouth. Left  
hand palms tongue as right  
hand apparently removes the pen.