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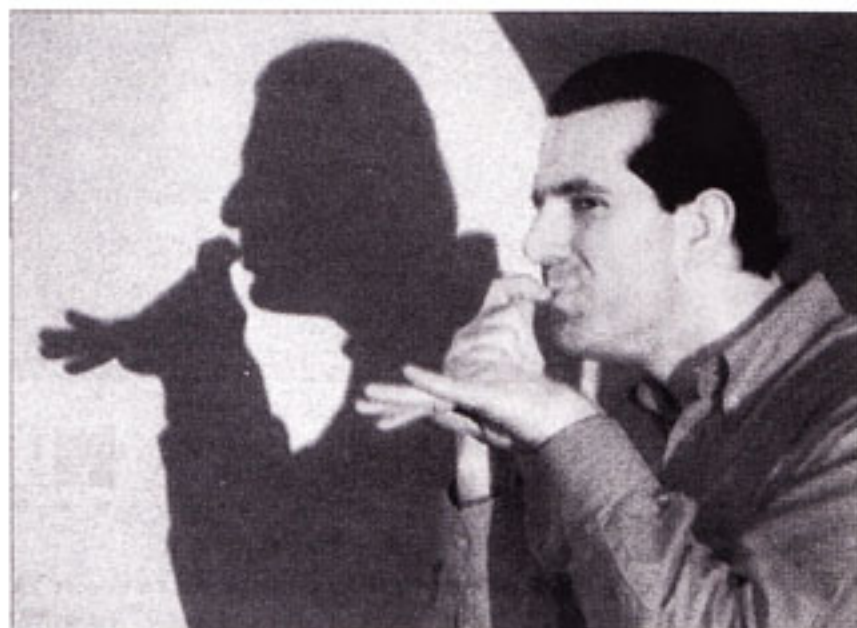


**Behind the shadow president:** This is how Mr Carlo Truzzi (right) and Ms Simona Lasagna did the silhouette of President Clinton.



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# Cool hands make hot shadows



**Bird in the hand:** Mr Truzzi getting a kiss from his shadow pigeon.

BY KHOR SU MIN

A SCREEN, a light source, two pairs of hands, and a toy saxophone.

That's all it takes to create the perfect silhouette of US President Bill Clinton playing his saxophone.

Italian Hand Shadow artists Carlo Truzzi and Simona Lasagna took one month to master this.

Mr Truzzi, 34, spent a week memorising his hand positions for Mr Clinton's profile, guided by magazine and newspaper cutouts.

His partner, Ms Lasagna, 33, watched videos of musicians to get the hand movements on the saxophone right.

The two spent another three weeks synchronising their hand movements.

But, at yesterday's sneak preview for The New Paper, they took just two minutes to produce a spitting image of Mr Clinton.

Now performing at Junction 8, they can also do imitations of opera singer Luciano Pavarotti, and rock stars Tina Turner and Michael Jackson.

They can create 45 profiles of celebrities and about 50 types of animals.

Mr Truzzi got interested 13 years ago when he stumbled upon a Hand Shadow book while cleaning his house.

He was then a magician. "It was an old book, maybe only 20 pages thick, with a few simple shadows. I think my mum gave it to me."

After making simple shadows of animals dogs and birds, he wanted to "create" people. His first attempt: Elvis Presley.

After getting the face, he roped in Ms Lasagna to form the arms.

She is the one playing Mr Clinton's saxophone, holding up Turner's mike, and flicking Pavarotti's trademark handkerchief.

Whose profile was toughest to create? Jackson's, replied Mr Truzzi.

"Because he keeps changing his look!"

**Do a deer:** With just their hands and a light, Ms Lasagna and Mr Truzzi can create elegant reindeer shadows.

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#### SHOW INFO

**What:** Carlo Truzzi and Simona Shadow Show  
**Where:** Level 2, Junction 8 Atrium  
**When:** Today until Monday, 7.30 pm