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President's Message

Howdy, Howdy, Howdy members, friends, and family of the Texas Association of Magicians. I hope this column finds you all doing well. I just got back from a trip to Vegas where the temperature was in the high 80's all week. Upon my return, I stepped out into the Dallas weather only to be reminded of what 59 degrees feels like! Seriously?



Fall is definitely here - which around these parts means cooler weather, plenty of high school, college, and professional football games (yeah, baby!) and...Magic Month. October is Magic Month, primarily because it contains magic week - the last seven days of October. The Society of American Magicians website has a great write-up on Magic week - check it out here: https://www.magicsam.com/page/Magic_Week.

So, I'm claiming 2020 vision into the TAOM convention that will take place Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4-7) of 2020. I am not psychic, nor am I a mentalist...I just happen to be working closely with the 2020 TAOM Convention Planning Committee! My goal in this column is to disclose something every month about the convention that you, the convention attendee, will find interesting or beneficial to you when you attend the convention next year in Fort Worth. This month, I want to discuss the convention's theme, which is 2020 TAOM: **The Workshop Convention.**

Why the workshop convention? Funny you should ask! :-)) We will put props into your hands and let you do it yourself for the first time ever in TAOM history. There is no Dana, only Zuul! There are no lectures...only workshops! Our superstar lineup of talented pros will lead the workshops. There will be 12 hand-on, hour-long workshops for those who register for the Workshop option.

Basic registration, which is targeted toward the spouses and family of the magician, does not include the workshops. But believe me, if you are a magician, you will want the full-meal-deal...the Workshop Registration.

Why? The convention officially starts at noon Friday and runs until noon Monday (Labor Day). That is a total of 72 hours. If you sleep 24 hours in those 3 days, you are down to 48 waking hours - into which you want to cram as much magic as possible. Am I right? So, 12 of those 48 waking hours are devoted to workshops. That is 1/4 of the magic time at the convention - totally designated for workshops. It's never been heard of before! Twelve hour-long workshops where our pros will mentor you on their specialties and areas of expertise. Their job is to guarantee that you walk away from Fort Worth next year with new skills to add to your act.

Psst...do not tell anyone, but we are actually adding a 13th, bonus workshop for our Workshop registrants. It will be the Speed Bonus Workshop and promises to be a lot of fun as our magicians will take turns over the course of an hour to teach one effect super fast.

We plan to have something for everybody in these workshops. Are you a stage magician? Is close-up your thing? I promise that whatever your preference, you will find something in our workshops that applies to you. For example, let us assume that you are a stage magician. We might further assume that you are interested in rope magic and possibly use an assistant in your act. Hmmm...we might have just the thing for you.



If you are a magician, you have no doubt familiar with the name Ariann Black (one of our 2020 stars!) Well, in addition to performing in one of the evening gala shows and the Sunday afternoon Classics of Magic Show, Ariann will present a workshop that teaches the Keller Rope Tie, believed by many to be the basis for, and evolved into, the Gypsy Rope Tie. Hands-on instruction from Ariann on how to execute and perform the Keller tie! Did that pique your interest? I hope so. Where else are you going to get this type of hands-on training from a solid pro like Ariann?

The 75th annual TAOM convention will be in Fort Worth, hosted by SAM Assembly 138, Alliance of Illusionists. This column will keep you up on perpetual developments as they happen on a month-by-month basis. Our website will keep you up to date on the convention happenings and process your registrations as well. So, please visit www.taom.org and explore the website for the latest on talent, the convention schedule, hotel info, dealer info, contest info, and FAQs (frequently asked questions). Some of this info changes daily, so it will be updated as we know more and finalize plans. Also, check out TAOM 2020 on Facebook for latest developments.

Do not forget to book your hotel for the convention. On taom.org, click the 2020 TAOM menu option, and then click the 2020 TAOM Hotel menu option...or...simply click here. This will take you to the Radisson Hotel site with the special \$109 TAOM rate already dialed-in for you. Remember to allow "cookies" if prompted because the hotel does not take public registrations this far in advance at this time. Also, cookies ensure that the correct rate appears. All you have to do is specify your exact dates and finalize the reservation.

Remember that the convention is limited to 250 registrations - so do not wait to register right away, and book your hotel room as soon as possible.

OK, until next month, thank you for reading,

Joey Byers TAOM President

2020
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS
The Workshop Convention

\$100 Basic Registration
Includes Three Full Evening Shows - Pro Close-Up Show
Contest Shows - Dealer's Room - Classics of Magic Show

\$225 Workshop Registration
Includes all the Basic Registration Events Above
PLUS Twelve Hands-On Hour-Long Workshop Sessions
PLUS Bonus Speed Workshop! Less than \$10 per session!

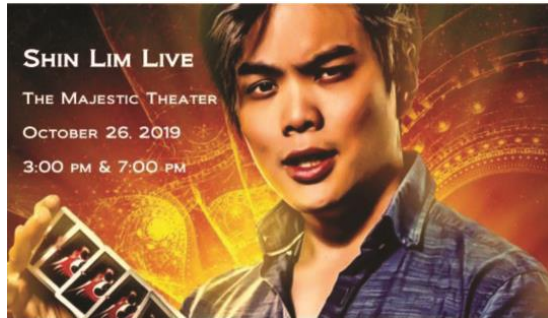
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2240 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas 76108 - 877-612-6448
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Registrations are Limited to 250 Attendees!
September 4 - 7, 2020 - www.TAOM.org
Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists Inc



SAN ANTONIO IBM RING 18 DINNER AND SHOW

You are invited to attend the annual Dinner and Show sponsored by IBM Ring 18, M. S. Mahendra Ring, at 6:30 p.m. on October 24 at Mamacita's on IH-10. Contact Paul Mims at paul.mims@hotmail.com for details.



SHIN LIM, LIVE!

Magic fans can look forward to some exhilarating and jaw-dropping tricks on stage by getting their Shin Lim tickets. The America's Got Talent Season 13 winner will bring his show to the Majestic Theater on Saturday, October 26th at 3pm and 7pm and October 27th at 7:00 pm. For an evening of fun for the whole family. [CLICK HERE to purchase tickets.](#)

PIFF THE MAGIC DRAGON

50% COMEDIAN.

50% MAGICIAN.

100% DRAGON.

Piff the Magic Dragon will bring his act to the Wylie Theater on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 2PM & 7PM. The Wylie is at 2400 Flora Street in Dallas.

After earning national acclaim as the standout star of NBC's America's Got Talent and Penn & Teller: Fool Us, Piff The Magic Dragon continues to win over audiences across the globe with his mythical mixture of wizardry, wit and sarcasm that ignites a one-of-a-kind comedy magic show you must see to believe!





CHRISTIAN ENGBLOM LECTURE

October 27 - Dallas/Fort Worth. 2:45 p.m. at The Line Bar & Grill, 940 East Belt Line Road in Richardson

October 29 - Houston. 7:30 p.m. in the I.A.T.S.E. Union Hall at 3030 North Freeway

October 30 - San Antonio. Contact paul.mims@hotmail.com for details

From the Nordic country of Finland, Christian Engblom, has lectured for decades, and is the inventor of the legendary The Anti-Faro move which separates cards, one-by-one.

And in 2012, he released his underground deck switching gimmick, The Cooler. He has most notably been influenced by the "Spanish School" of magic. He is undoubtedly the "biggest" member in the Fat Brothers group, with Dani DaOrtiz and Miguel Angel Gea. He himself, describes himself as a Finn having an Andalusian soul. Besides performing full time, he has also acted as a magical consultant for David Blaine's latest TV specials.

In his lectures, Christian reveals personal philosophies, original techniques and effects, in Card magic, and other Close-Up, non-card material. He also loves to discuss details, and that's where Divinity can be found. Christian's lecture covers not only the How's, but also, the even more important Why's. He will also explain his newest release, which is what he used to baffle the boys on "Penn & Teller on Fool Us".



Two Amazing Magic Shows! November 3

"The Fantastic Kent Cummins" is celebrating his 70th year as a magician (He started when he was six!) by putting on two amazing magic shows at the historic Scottish Rite Theater in downtown Austin on Sunday, November 3. The "Magic Camp Matinee" at 2:00 pm is especially for kids and the grown-ups who love them. The evening show at 7:00 pm is family friendly, but designed especially for grown-ups who love magic. The two shows are completely different, and will feature some of Kent's favorite tricks and illusions from throughout his career.

Kent, Order of Willard, won the Teen Trophy at the 1960 TAOM Convention, and was TAOM President in 1983.

Shows will benefit the Fantastic Magic Camp scholarship program and the Texas Association of Magicians. With only 250 seats in the theatre, both shows are expected to sell out quickly, so magic lovers are urged to buy tickets early.

Tickets and more information are available at www.KentCummins.com/70years.

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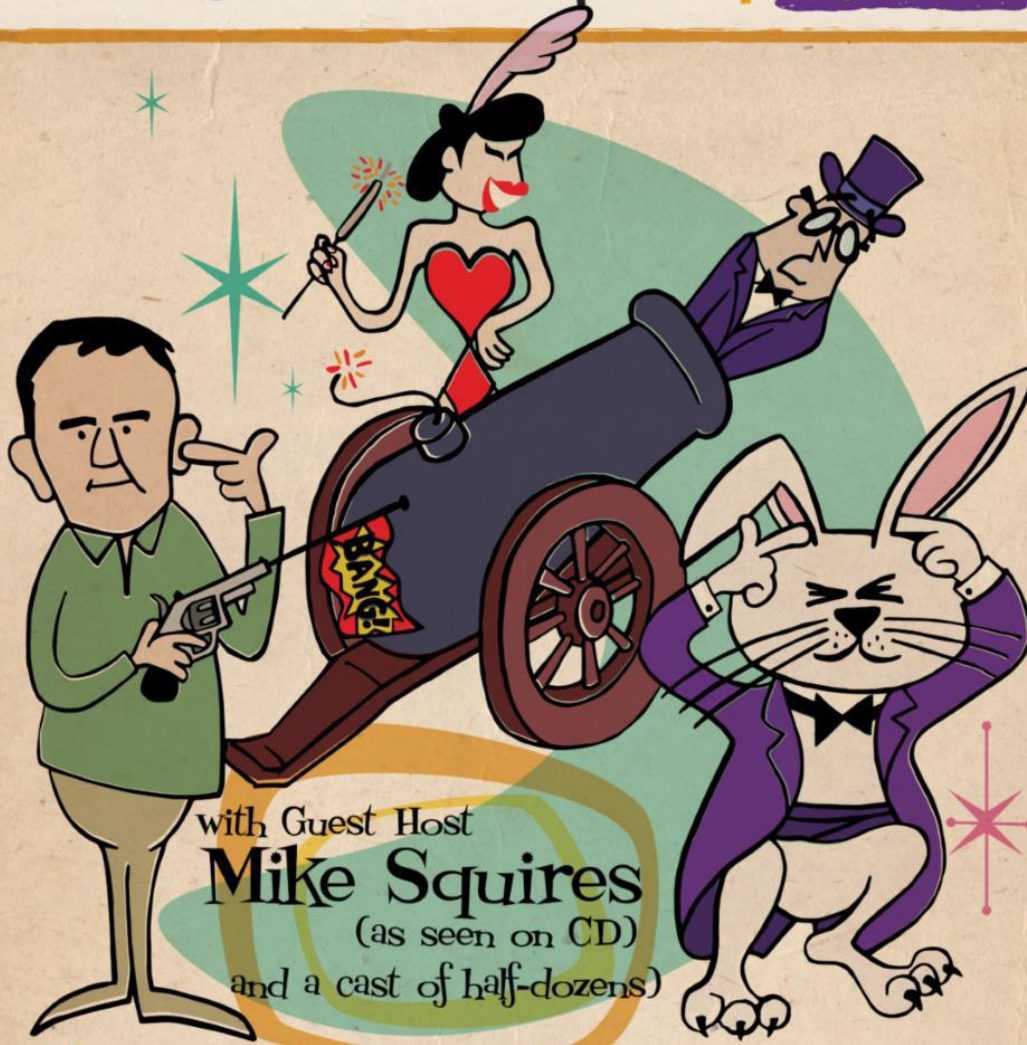
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BILL WISCH LECTURE

November 10 - Fort Worth at The Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Avenue at 2:00 p.m.

November 12 - Houston at The IATSE Union Hall, 3030 North Freeway at 7:30 p.m.

Bill Wisch is a full-time professional sleight-of-hand artist, performer, and innovator. He is the only student ever authorized in writing by Slydini to lecture his magic on his behalf.

Bill is the inventor of over 30 original sleights, winner of multiple awards in magic and is proud of the fact that at least 98% of the magic he does is of his own creation.

KAINOA LECTURE

November 10 - Dallas/Fort Worth at 2:45 p.m. at The Line Bar and Grill, 940 East Belt Line Road in Richardson.

Kainoa grew up working in the trenches at hotels in Hawaii. He moved to LA and the Magic Castle before heading farther east to teach at the University of Delaware's theatre department. He is a scholar of magic's history and innovator in one of its most challenging genres. His thinking is considered revolutionary by many of his contemporaries.

His lecture will feature several close-up and stand-up routine that are entertaining and virtually automatic.



BEN JACKSON PRESENTS Magic, Music, and Mayhem

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November 22, 23, & 24
November 29 & 30, December 1
December 20-23
December 26-28

Ben has earned numerous awards during his career, the most recent being a trifecta of First Place, People's Choice, and Medal of Merit at the United States National Close-up Magic Competition at the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas. The Medal of Merit has been awarded only 7 times since 1902.

For tickets, go to <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/live/>

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**NOVEMBER
23,
2019**

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The Petite Palace Returns

Back by popular demand! Big fun in a tiny tent is coming back to the banks of White Rock Lake from October 17 through November 3. The show features circus skills, comedy, and magic. It is produced by The Laughter League and Bath House Cultural Center. [Click here](#) for tickets.

The Petite Palace

Down the road....

December 7 & 8 - Trigg Watson's Wine and Magic at Checkered Past Winery

January 18-21 in Las Vegas - S.A.M. Convention Special Event - Pen and Teller "Fool Us" Auditions

February 11 - David Stone Lecture in Houston

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

Royal Brin Celebrates 100 Years

October 9th was Royal Brin's 100th Birthday. He is a charter member of our Willard The Wizard Ring #174, Past President of TAOM, DMC Honorary Life Member, Legal Adviser Emeritus, and Past International President of the IBM.

Many of you might not know Royal and understand his impact on our club and on the Magic World.

Royal Brin Jr. is one of the Dallas Magic Club's founding members. His name is on the club's IBM charter. He was born on October 9th in 1919. Royal began in magic while in grammar school. He says magic is in his blood.

Royal had original effects published in Bobo's Coin Magic, The Linking Ring, M-U-M, Genii and many others. On the other side of the coin, so to speak, Royal has written and contributed to many legal journals and books. He is admitted to practice in the State and Federal courts including the Supreme Court of the United States.



NEW MAGIC GROUP IN SOUTH AUSTIN

South Austin Magical (to be named), is a weekly informal magic hangout/meet up; think pizza, beer, magic talk, sessioning, possible book club, etc.

Where: The Topsy Pizza at 730 W Stassney Lane #165 in South Austin

When: For the time being, Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m. (or however long we feel like)



Hope to see you there!

Mid-Cities Magic Circle...

Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Arlington Golden Corral Restaurant located at 465 East I-20 at 7 for dinner. Magic gets underway about 8 p.m. The topic is "Your Favorite Trick". Bring any trick and perform. Check out Mid-Cities Magic Circle on Facebook for more details!



The purpose of the Mid-Cities Magic Circle is to provide a venue for Dallas/Fort Worth performing magicians to study their art and improve as public performers. Each meeting focuses on a single theme -- development of performance skills, routines, and other elements important to the public performance of magic.

There is no formal membership, no officers, no notes or minutes. For more information -- forget it! There is simply no one in charge to respond. Just show up on the second Tuesday of the month at Arlington Golden Corral and join the fun and magic!

IMPROV

THE IMPROV IN ADDISON...

Mike Williams heads up an all star line-up in Addison every other weekend. It's Comedy and Magic that you won't want to miss.

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Mike Squires headlines shows at The IMPROV in Arlington on alternate Saturdays. Mike will casually blow your mind. Doors open at 1:00.

Go to www.improvarlington.com for tickets.

John Magic's Theater and Museum in Austin

Magic's Theater is owned and operated by magician John Magic and his family, including his wife who runs the front-of-house operations. Each week, the theater hosts a close-up magic show on Friday and a stage show on Saturday performed by Magic himself, who says his goal is to give "the classics of magic to a fresh and brand-new audience."



Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night with family-friendly magic entertainment. Friday evenings feature close-up magic by John Magic and Chris English. Private close-up shows are available Monday through Thursday by appointment.

The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. Buy your ticket at the door or make reservations at <http://www.magicstheater.com>



Second Saturday Magic Sale

Magic, Etc., Fort Worth's premier magic shop hosts a Second Saturday Sale every month where magicians can score good savings on props and supplies. Magicians get "special" treatment and special prices. Magic, Etc. is located on Forest Park Boulevard at I-30 in Fort Worth.

Thrifty Third Thursday

Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume started a new monthly gathering of magicians from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. You are invited to wheel and deal for the best buys ever only at Fort Worth's own Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume.

New Location

Monday Night Magic in Arlington

All magic aficionados are invited to attend informal gatherings at THE ROCK at 2300 East Lamar Boulevard in Arlington every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "chops".

Cards in South Austin *SECOND SATURDAYS*

Cardicians in Austin get together once a month to swap moves and stories, routines and fun. To confirm times, locations, and dates and for more info, contact Lou Hornung at lhornung@sbcglobal.net



ONE LAST THING

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have already responded to my request to confirm your subscription to Magic Across Texas.

If you haven't responded and you want to keep receiving Magic Across Texas, you need to let me know. I sent out a personal email on October 21 and asked you to "reply" so I can add your email to the new distribution list. If you have already done that, THANK YOU! If not, please send an email to toamnews@yahoo.com to let me know you want to remain on the distribution list.



After twelve years of using EliteEmail for newsletter distribution, I'm searching for a new provider. Elite is going out of business. I've considered Constant Contact, but they are very expensive. Mail Chimp has been recommended by several people. Do you have another suggestion?

There is so much magic going on around Texas, we need to keep the news flowing.

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator

MAGIC CLUBS IN TEXAS

AUSTIN - IBM Ring 60
First Monday at 7:00 p.m. except January and September
I.H.O.P at 11654 Research Boulevard in Austin
Contact: president@ibmring60.org

AUSTIN - SAM ASSEMBLY 206
Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Journey Imperfect Faith Community at 7500 Woodrow Avenue in Austin
Contact: magicpta@gmail.com or cantutg@sbcglobal.net

CORPUS CHRISTI - IBM RING 157
Meeting date in transition
Ronald McDonald House at 3402 Fort Worth Street in Corpus Christi
Contact: douglasjp3@yahoo.com

DALLAS MAGIC CLUBS - IBM RING 174 & SAM ASSEMBLY 13

Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Addison Treehouse at 14681 Midway Road in Addison

Contact: dalsanders@stagemagic.com

<http://www.dallasmagic.org/>

FORT WORTH - IBM RING 15

First Thursday at 7:00 p.m. International Plaza

Call 817-606-7770 for details

Contact: fortworthmagiciansclub@hotmail.com

FORT WORTH - SAM ASSEMBLY 138

Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Illusion Warehouse at 3917 McCart Avenue in Fort Worth

Contact: communications@allianceofillusionists.com

HOUSTON - IBM RING 39

Fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. except May and December

Bayou Manor at 4141 South Braeswood in Houston

Contact: judy4birds@yahoo.com

<http://www.houstonmagic.com>

HOUSTON - SAM ASSEMBLY 19

First Monday at 7:00 p.m. except September

I.A.T.S.E. Union Hall at 3030 North Freeway in Houston

Contact: milesroot@aol.com

<http://www.houstonmagic.com>

MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Golden Coral, 465 East I-20 in Arlington

Facebook: "Mid-cities magic circle"

SAN ANTONIO - IBM RING 18

Fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Beethoven Hall at 422 Perida Street in San Antonio

Contact: paul,mims@hotmail.com

SAN ANTONIO - SAM ASSEMBLY 52

First Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Longhorn Café, 12311 Nacogdoches Road

Contact: dougorman@att.net