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Message from the President TAOM 2021

Fellow Texas Magicians,

Fort Worth did a great job with TAOM 2020 and their virtual convention. Everything is still not perfect regarding the Covid virus, but we expect things to be much better in 11 months, so we are planning for a great opportunity to meet old friends in person again!



As this is October, let us talk about some possibly scarier experiences planned for next September. I recently talked to Saul Ravencraft about the midnight shows that we will be featuring at TAOM 2021 and this is what he had to say: "It's very exciting to produce these programs for each night of the convention. For those who dare to stay up late, it will be a worthwhile diversion."

One old friend, that is no longer with us, was Ed Solomon. I first met him in San Antonio when I was performing at the IBM Ring 18 Christmas party ten years ago and he is apparently still influencing us - from the other side. I will let Saul Ravencraft continue the story from here:

"I was aware of the Bizarre movement during the 80s and 90s but was mostly focused on mainstream presentations. It wasn't until I met the late Ed Solomon, from San Antonio, that I began to fully appreciate the scope of possibility that the Bizarre style offered.

It embraced the shadowy themes that were attractive to someone who grew up on Vincent Price and Christopher Lee. Beyond that, however, I discovered a community of people who saw magic performances primarily as theatre, and who worked to create a context that was more about immersive experience than showing off cleverness and dexterity. In 2021, we will feature three unusual performances."



Paul Prater, from Arkansas, will take you into another plane of existence where we can move forward and backward in time and even reach out and physically manifest.

Vince Wilson, from Maryland, will take us deep into the shadows with a stage séance.





Finally, Bizarro, from right here in Texas, with the help of Carisa Hendrix, from Canada, will propel us into a world of pure fantasy.

These won't be little back-room, open-mic sessions. They will be fully produced, one-man shows that may change the way you view what a magic show can be."

Sounds like fun, does it not? Do not delay but sign up for TAOM 2021 before our "Early Bird" prices disappear and turn into regular prices in a few weeks.

For registrations go to: www.taom.org/2021

See you at TAOM 2021, in Austin, where Old Friends and New Experiences await you,
Black Bert
President, TAOM 2021



Some **GOOD NEWS** for a change

Exclusive to 2020 registrants: Get the best seating and the best price for next year's awesome Austin convention. Sign up no later than September 6, and you can get the entire convention for \$225.

Seven great shows, including a banquet! And of course there will be lectures, dealers, contests, and all of the fun that you expect from a TAOM convention. Just fill out the included form and mail a check, or go to www.TAOM.org/2021 and sign up **NO LATER THAN** September 6. After that, the price goes up.

Enjoy old friends and new experiences in Austin, where it all began!



**Accommodations will be at the
Courtyard by Marriott Austin Pflugerville
& Pflugerville Conference Center**

Special room rate is \$129 per night plus occupancy tax. Room rate includes free parking, WiFi, and breakfast. Hotel guests will also receive a drink ticket for Friday night's cocktail party. *(Some restrictions apply.)*



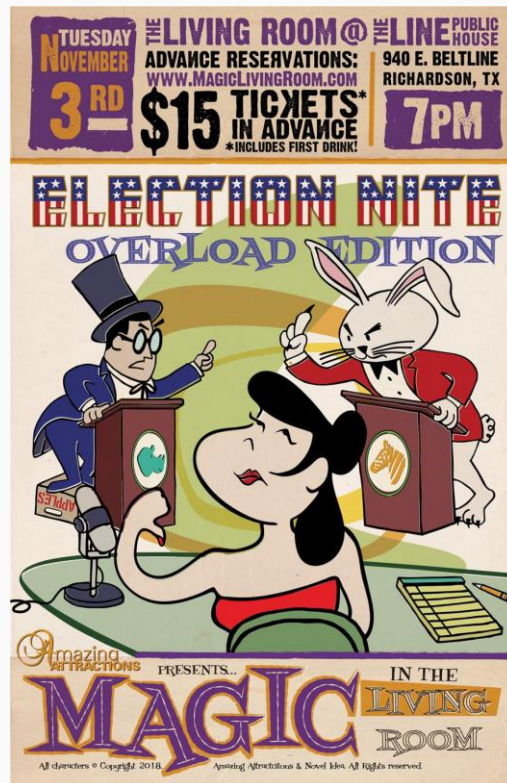
TAOM COMING ATTRACTIONS



ERIC EATON HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

October 24

Comedy Magician Eric Eaton brings his unique family friendly COMEDY and Astonishing MAGIC to the Addison Conference and Theatre Center for a Halloween Special, SATURDAY, October 24 at 4:00pm. Tickets for this show are just \$15. Eric was featured earlier this season on Masters of Illusion on the CW. Eric will also be part of the WAY-OFF BROADWAY COMEDY SHOWCASE at the same venue later that evening at 7:00 and 9:00 pm.



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NEW MAGIC ACADEMY

PRESENTS

Dal and Cinde Sanders

And a SPECIAL

TEAM LECTURE

SUNDAY, November 15, 2020

2:00 pm 4:00 pm

FREE

Dal and Cinde Sanders are a performing team. They have been married for 34 years but have worked together for over 36 years. They first came together when Dal was working as an entertainer for the Jack Hodges Advertising Agency in Shreveport, Louisiana. When Cinde came to work for her father's business, she was responsible for the talent (Dal). Basically, Cinde was Dal's boss. When Cinde and Dal married, she saw how much fun entertainers were having and how much money they were making so decided she decided she wanted in. Dal helped her find her character, taught her some simple balloon animals, and wrote her a show. Cinde hit the ground running. Soon she was as much in demand as Dal, especially with the little girls on their birthday parties. In addition to their individual shows, they often share the stage both live and on television.



This lecture will reflect both of their experience and will be a "Team Lecture: It should offer something for everyone who performs magic either full time, occasionally, casually or just for fun. Of course, there will be an emphasis on magic that can be performed for Family Audiences.

The magic they will demonstrate in the lecture is also the magic they perform in real life. Dal and Cinde will hold nothing back. Seasoned pros will even come away with something they will use in their shows.

Some of the original magic for this lecture will include;

- The Perfect Match...a versatile trick that can be adapted to several themes
- New Wave...a Holiday magic prediction that packs small and plays big
- Three Cap Monte...another routine that adapts well across various themes
- The Magic Shoe...a borrowed bill vanishes and reappears in a Shoe.
- Sharing Your Heart...a multiplying sponge heart routine
- Sneetches...a Dr Seuss themed magic trick
- ...and a BRAND NEW routine, "**Cerebral Cereal**"

Of course, they reserve the right to alter this line up as the lecture progresses.

[CLICK HERE](#) on Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 pm to be part of this lecture on ZOOM.



2020 Banquet & Holiday Party



Entertainment by

NICK DIFFATTE



Nick Diffatte is quickly becoming one of the most talked about and in demand young comedians working today. His unique brand of entertainment seamlessly blends dry humor, quick wit, and incredible skill. His performances are presented with perfect comedic timing far beyond his years and a deadpan delivery that has audiences laughing uncontrollably from beginning to end.

At the age of 23, Nick has already been a featured performer at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, appeared on The Late Late Show on CBS, appeared on the cover of both Genii and Vanish Magazine, has won multiple awards for both his magic and his comedy, has held multiple long-term residencies on the Las Vegas strip, headlines on Disney Cruise Line and has performed a multitude of shows at casinos, comedy clubs, and corporate events internationally.

Food & Entertainment

Dallas Club Members and their guests – \$40
Non-members – \$45

Payment options:

- Cash or Check at April Club Meeting
- PayPal (\$1.50/ticket convenience fee)

Meal includes Chef's Choice Dinner Buffet. Cash Bar Available.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Doors Open 6:30 pm, Dinner served 7:00 pm
Showtime 8:00 pm(ish), approx. 45-60 minutes

Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Dr.
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

Banquet Room in main building, Free Parking

Order Tickets Online at: <http://www.dallasmagic.org/>

All reservations and tickets must be paid for by date **TBD**. Tickets are fully refundable, minus convenience fee if applicable until date TBD. **NO REFUNDS** after date TBD, but tickets may be transferable. Contact Derrel Allen for details: poof@omagic.com

Nick will also be conducting a lecture Wednesday, December 16 at 7 pm.

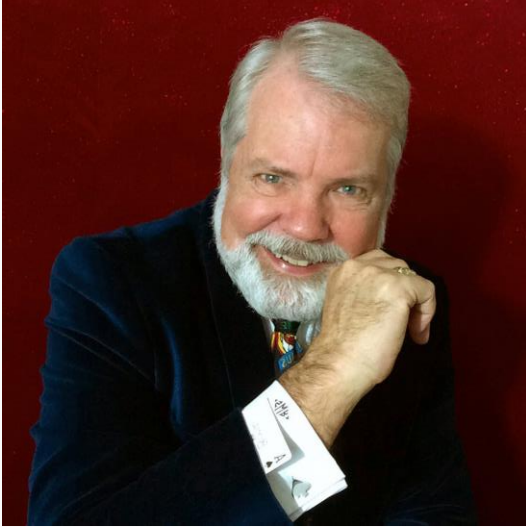
Location: Addison Tree House (club meeting location)



FREE for DMC Members who purchased banquet ticket | \$25 for everyone else



BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF



MAGIC AND MARTINIS WITH SCOTT WELLS

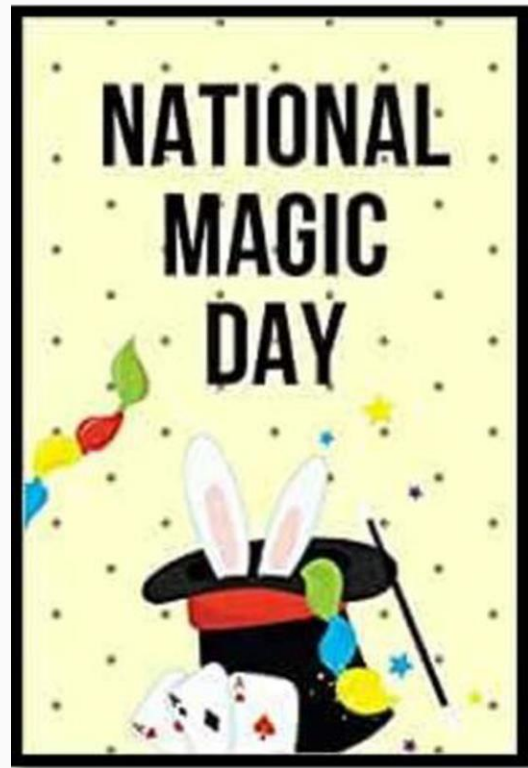
Please join Scott Wells and his guests each week for Magic and Martinis Thursday Virtual Happy Hour from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. streamed LIVE on Facebook and YouTube. For the last four months Scott has hosted this weekly show featuring magicians like Lance Burton, Dan Garrett, Fielding West, Rudy Coby and many others. It is an online magic chat show where Scott hosts three different guests every Thursday night as they enjoy adult beverages and share fun stories about their magic careers and what everyone is doing during this period of quarantine.

You can join in the conversation with your comments and questions by typing your thoughts on Facebook or YouTube. If you subscribe to either or both feeds, then you will be notified about each week's show and who the guests will be. Then beginning at 7:00 p.m. CST, the show begins on <https://facebook.com/themagicwordpodcast> and <https://www.youtube.com/texasmagician>

October also means that it is National Magic Week, October 25-31, 2020, and National Magic Day is October 31. The roots of National Magic Week date back nearly 100 years. In the summer of 1927, less than one year after the death of Harry Houdini, a "Houdini Day" was established.

In 1938, Les Sholty, a Chicago member of the Society of American Magicians, sought official sanction for a National "Houdini Day". A friend of the Houdini's requested and obtained permission from Mrs. Houdini to problem October 31st as National Magic Day in honor of Harry Houdini. A plan was formulated to celebrate this day by having free magic performances for shut-ins and the handicapped who would otherwise not be able to enjoy such shows.

Before long, National Magic Day became a week-long celebration, National Magic Week. Support our art!



THE IMPROV IN ADDISON....

DFW's longest running magic show has returned to the Addison Improv for live performances. The Improv is following strict health regulations outlined on their website. For tickets and information, go to <https://improvtx.com/addison/>

THE IMPROVE IN ARLINGTON

Mike Squires headlines shows at The IMPROV in Arlington on alternate Saturdays. Mike will casually blow your mind. Doors open at 1:00 for lunch and the show starts at 2:00 pm. For tickets and information, go to www.improvarlington.com



MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Mid Cities Magic Circle – meets on the second Tuesday of every month, Usually at The Golden Corral 465 East I-20 in Arlington, Currently, meetings are being held online. Contact Geoffrey "Doc" Grimes at ggrimes1@aol.com for log-in information.

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.



ONE LAST THING



I was very pleasantly surprised to get the Wizard's Scroll for October and learn about a whole lotta magic goin' on in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The theaters and showplaces seemed to have adapted to social distancing guidelines and "on with the show". I don't know if there is just no magic going on in other areas of the State or if the clubs are not sharing the news. Please tell me about the public shows in your area.

Judy Hollingsworth
Editor, Magic Across Texas

p.s. Please check your club's listing to make sure the contact information is correct. Let me know.

MAGIC CLUBS IN TEXAS

**Most magic club meetings are being held online.
Contact each club for specifics and/or log-in information.**

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.

Various Locations

Contact bertilfredstrom@hotmail.com or magicpta@gmail.com

CORPUS CHRISTI - IBM RING 157

First Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House at 3402 Fort Worth Street in Corpus Christi

Contact: douglasjp3@yahoo.com

DALLAS MAGIC CLUB - 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 and FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB, INC.

First Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 4055 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: communication@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>

LUBBOCK MAGIC CLUB

First Monday at 7:00 p.m.

John Ransom's Home, 6405 CR 7410

Contact: drhonea@gmail.com

<http://facebook.com/magicclublubbock>

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

