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Official Newsletter  
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**for all magicians everywhere!**

### **Message from the President**

Greetings from Trixie!

I am very happy to report the TAOM 2015 Convention Schedule is now complete. It was very difficult packing all the great shows and lectures into our four special days, while still allowing you time to eat, sleep and shop with our dealers!

I would like to thank to Oscar and Melody Munoz. In between a summer of mucho shows for Oscar and the final days of teaching for Melody, they found time to help me finalize the entire schedule and the show lineups. Oscar has also stepped up to serve as the producer for all stage shows. Melody will be our stage manager. Combined with our fabulous tech and facilities chairmen, Ken Dickensheets and Carl Seagren, you can expect a weekend of wonderful and well run shows! View the updated schedule with all the shows, lectures, and events on our website: <http://taom.org/2015/schedule/>

#### **And DEALERS....have we got dealers!!**

With the demise of so many brick-and-mortar magic stores, the convention's dealer room has become more important to those of us who like to see and touch the latest effects. The dealers will have the opportunity to show you their wares during a special "Dealers Show" on Friday, September 4, at 4 p.m. Our dealer chairman, Scott Wells, has lined up some terrific vendors including Daytona Magic, Daryl-Fooler Dooler, Trick Supply, GSparks Magic, H&R Magic Books, Randi Rain & Jay Scott Berry.



## Workshop Reminder!

Also, don't forget our special "convention-extra" coaching workshops, one featuring John Carney and the other featuring Bob Fitch. The Carney workshop, on Monday Sept. 7, costs \$75. [Click here](#) for more information. The Fitch workshop is Friday and costs \$100. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Contest News

The contests are always highlights of any TAOM convention and Austin will uphold that tradition. Contest Chairman Carlos Santillan reports that adult performers signed up outnumber juniors ten to none -- 5 in stage and 5 in close-up. Come on, kids! This is your chance to be a star. There is still plenty of room for contestants of all ages, so don't miss this opportunity to let your star shine. The deadline is fast approaching. Read complete contest rules and sign up at <http://taom.org/2015/contest/>

If you have questions about the contest, get in touch with Carlos at [contest@taom.org](mailto:contest@taom.org)

## Website Improvements

Have you noticed we have improved the TAOM.org/2015 website? Many thanks to Randi Rain and JD Stewart for the improvements and updated links. Please continue to let us know if you find a broken link or something that needs attention.

If you have not registered for TAOM – **do it now!** <http://taom.org/2015/convention-registration/> You will have a great time!

Trixie Bond  
President, 2015 TAOM



### **CONVENTION SPECIAL - JOHN CARNEY WORKSHOP**

If you want to take your magic to the next level, you need this workshop. World-famous magician and coach John Carney will give individual, personal help and advice to improve your routine and technique. The price is \$75 and registration is very limited. Detailed information about the workshop is available at <http://taom.org/2015/john-carney-workshop/>

You must download Carney's Workshop Primer after you register for the workshop.

*This is an opportunity not to be missed! Sign up today.*

## Weird and Wonderful Austin 2015 Program

Do you have a message for the Texas Magic Community??? Well, we have the perfect solution! **ADVERTISE in the 2015 TAOM Souvenir Program!**

Deadline for your artwork is July 31, 2015, EPS or JPG format

Ad sizes:

Full page: 4.5"x7" - \$175.00

(Back page SOLD)

1/2 page: 3.625"x4.5" - \$100.00

1/4 page: 2.125"x 3.625" - \$50.00

1/8 page: 2.125" x 1.695" - \$25.00

Contact Heather Poggi-Mannis with your artwork and payment information at [registration@taom.org](mailto:registration@taom.org)

This professionally-designed program will be a souvenir kept by magicians around the state (and the country) for years to come.



## Hotel Deadline

NOW is the time to make reservations!

Come early...stay you can come to Austin well rested for all the if you don't party all

We have negotiated a per night plus tax that is

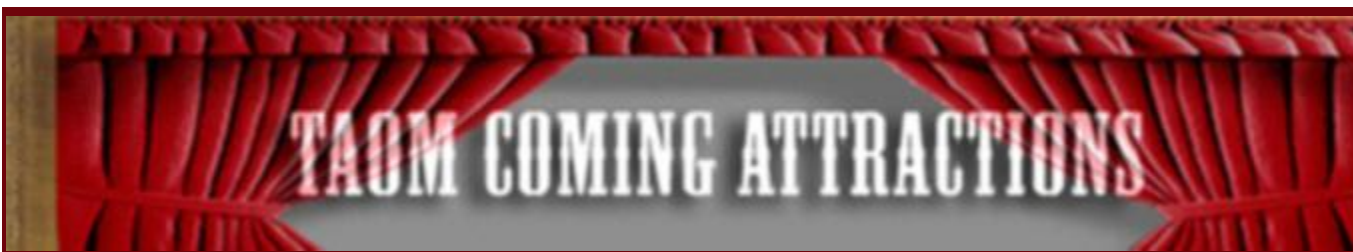
See all amenities of this wonderful hotel and make your reservations directly on the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol/TAOM website at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TAOM2015> but keep in mind that you must take advantage of this special rate **before August 15. So do it now!**



your convention hotel

late...enjoy Austin! If on Thursday, you will be Friday activities ... that is night on 6th street!

special rate of \$99.00 good for September 2-8.



June 26, Fort Worth - **Nathan Kranzo Lecture**, 7:00 p.m. at Energy Auditorium, Trinity River Campus of Tarrant County College.

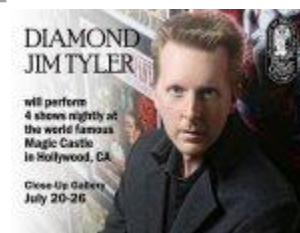
June 26, Austin - **Nathan Kranzo Lecture**, 7:00 p.m. at Heroes Night Out.

June 28, Houston - **Nathan Kranzo Lecture**, 1:30 p.m. at Alliance Francaise, 427 Lovett Boulevard.

June 27, Luling Watermelon Thumb - **Joe Libby**. Fun for all in Luling!

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**Diamond Jim Tyler**, long-time member of the Dallas Magic Clubs, will be featured in the Close-up Parlor at Hollywood's famous MAGIC CASTLE from July 20th through the 26th.



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## Bits and Pieces of Interesting Stuff

### CHADWICK RUNNING FOR CONGRESS

TAOM Past President Bruce Chadwick has thrown his magic hat into the political ring. He is running for U. S. Congressional District 33 (Dallas/Fort Worth) as a conservative Republican. His website outlines his political stance and platform. Go to [www.chadwickforcongress.com/](http://www.chadwickforcongress.com/) for details.



**THE CURT MILLER MAGIC AND COMEDY SHOW --  
LIVE AT MOODY GARDENS HOTEL  
IN GALVESTON  
DAILY, JULY 27 – AUGUST 2, 2015**

Summer's here, which means it's time for the 7th installment of The Curt Miller Magic & Comedy Show at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX. We've got a bunch of new Illusions and fun planned for this year's

show, and Moody Gardens is a great Summer Get-Away. We've entertained over 60,000 people with our big shows at Moody Gardens, and we look forward to bringing the magic once again! Go to <http://MagicComedyShow.com> for details and tickets.

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### SHAWN FARQUHAR ON "WHY THE WORLD NEEDS MAGIC"

The most recent edition of Dal Sanders' and Jason Van Sickle's massive video project is an in-depth interview with Shawn Farquhar, International President of I.B.M. You can view it at <https://youtu.be/Ad93XvxtjI>



S.A.M. has just rolled out a great newsletter called "The Magic Compass". It can be viewed online at <http://www.magic-compass.com/>. It features all sorts of S.A.M. news, convention updates, webisode reports, and much, much more.



## DALLAS MAGIC CLUBS AWARD

**Cinde Sanders** received the Chuck and Joanie Lehr Award at the Dallas Magic Clubs Annual Banquet and Officer Installation. This award is given to the individual who goes above and beyond the call of duty doing things for the DMC and making the club run smoothly. Cinde was gracious in her acceptance of the award but noted that there are many people of the Dallas Magic Clubs that are as deserving as she. She encouraged everyone to step up and do what they can. President Frank Seltzer presented the plaque recognizing her outstanding contributions. Cinde was visibly moved by the outpouring of appreciation evidenced by the standing ovation.



### S.Y.M. Assembly 73: We're Baa-aack!

After a lengthy hiatus, the SYM Assembly #73, chartered under the Dallas Magic Clubs, is up and running with unprecedented fervor. Attendance was so overwhelming at the return inaugural meeting, the group was split into beginners and intermediates. The kids are driven with an unbelievable passion for magic and attendance has remained high during the summer. With all the questions and concern about the future of magic in the world - Are cameras really magic? Is the Internet going to ruin magic? Don't kids learn the fundamentals these days? Well, let it be said that the Assembly 73 SYM-ers are up on the latest, most modern magic out there, delivered in every medium imaginable. Yet they still have a hunger for, and eagerly embrace, the methodology of the classics. In Dallas, Texas, the

future of magic is in good hands.

## TRIGG WATSON AT F.I.S.M.

Dallas magician **Trigg Watson** is one of a select few magicians chosen to represent North America at the F.I.S.M. World Championships of Magic in Rimini, Italy. Trigg's outstanding performance at the North American Championships in St. Louis earlier this year helped him earn this honor. *Best of luck, Trigg!*



**ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO DO MAGIC --** This is a golden opportunity to have a talented photographer record you and your magic. **Professional Photographer Sandy Flint** needs a class of 2016 magician from Houston, Austin, San Antonio, or Dallas areas (or willing to travel). Photo sessions will produce a photo art composite during the summer for a photographic competition. No fees involved and the magician will receive a copy of the final image. Check out Flint Photography website at <http://www.flint-photography.com/>

If you are interested in this exciting project, send Sandy an email to [magician@flint-photography.com](mailto:magician@flint-photography.com)

## **Magic on the Grill at Tokyohana Every Thursday and Saturday Night**

**David Rangel** coordinates a covey of local area magicians who perform close-up magic each week atop hibachi grills at Tokyohana Grill and Sushi Bar. Come enjoy some excellent oriental cuisine or sit at the sushi bar and enjoy some sushi and a drink with some magic on the side.

**Where:** Tokyohana Grill and Sushi Bar,  
3239 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77027

**When:** Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.



## **Second Saturday Magic Show at the Magic Attic Theatre at Main Street Magic & Fun Company in McKinney**

Home of S.Y.M. 73 meetings, magic camps, magic shop, and much more. For details, email [mainstreetmagic@att.net](mailto:mainstreetmagic@att.net)

## **Magic at the Improv**



**In Addison EVERY SUNDAY** at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:00 for lunch and pre-show entertainment. <http://addison.improv.com/>

**In Arlington EVERY SUNDAY** at 2:00 p.m. Go to <http://arlington.improv.com/> for details and performers.

**In Houston - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn** take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy. For dates and times, go to <http://houston.improv.com/>



## **Shane Wilson & Chris Alonzo Performing At Sakura Japanese Steakhouse in Houston**

**Shane Wilson & Chris Alonzo** now appear regularly at Pearland's superb hibachi restaurant, [Sakura](#). Catch live performances every Friday and Saturday beginning at 7:00 p.m. See Chris Alonzo on Fridays and Shane Wilson on Saturdays.



## **See Ben Jackson Live Each Week at Campioni Restaurant in North Houston**

Ben Jackson performs close-up magic on Tuesday and Friday nights when it doesn't conflict with his busy professional schedule of corporate performances. Catch him when you can.

Campioni - 5419 FM 1960 West in Houston  
Phone 281-893-2267 for current information and to make dinner reservations.



**Second Saturday  
Magic Sale at  
[Magic, Etc.](#),**

9:00 a.m.. Forest Park Blvd. at 1-30 in Fort Worth.

**Laugh It Up! Going and Growing.**

Check out the new location and expanded magic section at 4414 Dowlen Road, #102, in Beaumont. The new location offers more magic and an opportunity for magicians to share their skill and performances with patrons. The shop welcomes you to stop by and is always happy to accommodate special orders. Email [info@laughitupgifts.com](mailto:info@laughitupgifts.com) for information and check out the website at [www.laughitupgifts.com](http://www.laughitupgifts.com)



**Cards in South Austin**

**The South Austin Card Group** meets on the last Saturday of each month, usually at the home of Ron Cartlidge. Get in touch with Lou Hornung at [lhornumg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhornumg@sbcglobal.net) for details and to be added to the meeting notice distribution list.



**Rick Hebert - Every Other Weekend at Claudio's in  
League City**

[Rick Hebert](#) is performing restaurant magic every other weekend at Claudio's Restaurant & Piano Bar in League City. Their website is: <http://www.claudiospianobar.com/>

Rick will be strolling table-side magic, as well as doing a short magic show on the main stage every other weekend. Check the website to dates and times.

**Monday Night Magic in Arlington**



All magic aficionados are invited to attend informal gatherings at Humperdink's Restaurant at LaQuinta Inn, #6 North Six Flags Drive every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "chops" in the back room.

**But wait....there's more:**

**Second Tuesday TOO!**

This special interest group focuses on performance. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9:30 at Humperdink's Restaurant at Six Flags in Arlington.

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. The meetings will focus on a single theme each month. There is no formal membership, no notes or minutes, no officers -- each meeting will address the development of performance skills, routines, and other elements important to the public performance of magic.

For more information... forget it! There is simply no one in charge who will respond! Just show up each second Tuesday at Humperdink's Restaurant at Six Flags in Arlington at 7:00 and join in the fun and magic!

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## The Last Word



I was pleased (and a little shocked) to see a picture of Chuck Lehr on Facebook this week. He was a few days past surgery to remove a small cancer from his nose. The "selfie" was not flattering, to say the least! But Chuck is a clown and I had the irresistible urge to PhotoShop a red sponge ball on his nose!

Congratulating him on the successful procedure, I inquired about Joannie's condition and was doubly pleased to learn that she is holding steady. Here's the report Chuck sent:

*"Usually, cancer comes in many forms, with many forms of chemo meds to combat it. In our experience, these meds run their course, and your doctor prescribes the next in line. Joannie has been fighting this particular type of cancer for five years and has worked her way thru many new meds. Some of them take a lot of getting-used-to. After a rocky start of her current medicine, the doc halved the dose and it seems to be something she can live with (no pun intended). Chemo is weekly, three weeks on and one week break. just got reports from the doctor. Some GREAT news today -- the PET scan showed no new spots and the spots that were there have diminished. That means this new med is doing its job. Also, all of her other "numbers" are behaving.. We actually enjoy occasional outings (WallyMart or a nearby casino). But we stay close to home due to many other side effects associated with her health. Clown Chuck keeps his hand in magic by ambushing unsuspecting grandkids visiting some of our senior residents here. Beware!! "*

Best wishes to the Lehrs from Texas!

Judy Hollingsworth  
TAOM Club Coordinator

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**Register NOW for Austin's weird and wonderful TAOM 2015!**

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