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FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE!



Message from the President

Wow! While the prospect of organizing the 2016 TAOM convention is quite daunting, I am really looking forward to bringing you "The Best Little Magic Convention in Texas". The experience of being secretary of the organization back in the '90's for several years gives me the confidence to coordinate the many facets of a great convention and bringing it all together for Labor Day Weekend 2016. If you have some special skills you'd like to offer, I would really appreciate your getting in touch with me.

Judy Hollingsworth
President, TAOM 2016

French Phenom David Stone

David Stone will wing his way from France to Corpus Christi for "The Best Little Magic Convention in Texas". We are proud to present this multi-talented comedian, write, producer, magician for your entertainment and edification.

His credentials are impressive, including the French championship at age 19, the Gold Dove in close-up at the European championship and the Close-up Grand Prix of South America at age 24. In 2003, he was named Most Valuable Performer at FFFF and placed 3rd at FISM in 2006. There are other accolades and awards too numerous to mention. David's books and instructional DVD's usually sell out within weeks of their release.

You will laugh and you will love his magic whether you are a performer or not.



Gazzo Lecture

Lake Charles, Louisiana, November 16 at

**Houston, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the
I.A.T.S.E. Hall, 3030 North Freeway**

**Austin, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Heroes
Night Out, 1050 South Bell Boulevard in Cedar
Park**

**San Antonio, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at
Beethoven Maennerchor Halle, 422 Pereida
Street in San Antonio.**

**Dallas/Fort Worth, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.,
at Crosspointe, 2425 West Parker Road in
Carrollton.**

For those who may not know much about Gazzo, he has been entertaining audiences with his own special style of magic and comedy for over 30 years all over the world. From the cobbled streets to cruise ships, festivals, and corporate functions, Gazzo has adapted his magic to fit all different types of events and international audiences. As one of the only protégés of the Legendary Walter Scott and as a magician who has developed one of the most performed cups and balls routines; Gazzo has a wealth of experience and magic suited to entertain everyone. Perhaps you saw him on "Penn & Teller Fool Us" but if not, the [Click Here](#) to see the video on YouTube. This video is the full hour, but Gazzo is on first. Although most famous for his take on the cups and balls routine, Gazzo's lecture is filled with much, much more. He will go through the ins and outs of his version of the classic Tossed Out Deck and how to maximize this effect in performance. His lecture will also feature techniques to make your magic stronger whether it be on the streets or stage. From which effects to pick to keep an audience to comedy timing and crowd management. He will also touch on Walter Scott card techniques and some of the most underrated magic that should be performed more. Website: For more information, visit his website at: <http://gazzoshow.com/>





Ben Jackson Live at Raveneaux County Club

Houston (Spring), November 20 and 22 - Magic, Music, & Mayhem

If you have any preconceived notions of a magic show, toss them out. Forget the top hats, big boxes, and furry woodland creatures. Ben's one man show is a non-stop roller coaster of excitement that mixes comedy, award-winning sleight-of-hand, feats of the mind, and dazzling piano playing. As seen on NBC's TODAY Show with David Copperfield, as the hands of Joseph Gordon-Levitt in the film Sin City: A Dame to Kill For, and as America's 'magician in disguise' on Candid Camera, Ben is bringing his intimate show, "Magic, Music, & Mayhem" to Raveneaux Country Club for a limited engagement. This 90-minute theatrical experience allows guests to witness magic up-close and personal. Flashy props and leather pants have been replaced with quick wit and digital dexterity. Ben's fresh and creative approach has garnered international recognition amongst his peers and repeat performances from business moguls, socialites, and discerning clientele around the country. Relax in a cozy suite, sip on your elixir of choice, and witness an evening of elegant deceptions as performed by your host, Ben Jackson. Seating is limited to 50 guests.

Shows at 7 and 9 p.m. on Friday, November 20 and at 2, 4, and 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 22.



Discover Magic Classes

Garland, November 23 & 24 - Westley Annis' Discover Magic Classes for kids 8 to 12. Class times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at Monica Park Christian Church, 2600 Broadway Boulevard in Garland. More information at www.TexasMagicAcademy.com

Garland, November 24 - FREE MAGIC SHOW presented by Westley Annis and Discovery Magic students at 7:00 p.m. at Monica Park Christian Church, 2600 Broadway Boulevard in Garland.

"Like a one-day convention -- for only \$10.00!"

January 9, Austin Live Magic Expo.

We love supporting LIVE magic, so we're traveling the country to bring the most brilliant magic creators to you! This is an opportunity to see and buy magic that's not available anywhere else. ONE room. ONE day. PRE-REGISTER before January 4th and the price to get in is only TEN DOLLARS. Hosted by Magic Magazine, SAM, IBM and Penguin Magic. Make new friends, see old ones at the Doubletree Hotel at the Arboretum, 8901 Business Park Drive in Austin.

FEATURED DEALERS: * Penguin Magic * Mark Mason * Paul Richards * Chris Smith * Losander * H&R Books

Go to <http://www.penguinmagic.com/p/6275> to register.



February 7, Sidewalk Sale for Magicians in McKinney sponsored by Main Street Magic, your bricks & mortar magic home in North Texas. Email mainstreetmagic@att.net for more information.



Diamond Jim Tyler
2016 Lecture Tour

Sunday, February 21 - 2pm • Crosspointe

Bits and Pieces of Interesting Stuff

A MAGICAL ^{NEW!} CHRISTMAS 2015
Dinner & Show
Starring Master Illusionist Curt Miller & Friends

Your spectacular evening includes:
Holiday Buffet Dinner
Amazing Illusions & Family-Friendly Comedy
Live Christmas Music Singers & Dancers
plus Admission to The Festival of Lights!

December 17-27
at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX

Tickets & Video: www.MoodyChristmasShow.com

Curt Miller at Moody Gardens - Don't miss the 4th edition of Curt Miller's Magic Christmas Show with his new wonder-filled extravaganza of amazing sights and sensational sounds. You'll be thrilled by the spectacular feats of magic and illusion after you enjoy a sumptuous dinner prepared by renowned Executive Chef Robbin Murphy. Besides the grand show and gourmet dinner, your ticket includes admission to the Festival of Lights, the Gulf Coast's largest holiday lighting event, complimentary parking, and all taxes and gratuities. For details, visit www.MoodyChristmasShow.com or call 409-683-4186.



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.

Rick Hebert at Claudio's

You can enjoy the tantalizing magic of **Rick Hebert** most Saturdays at Claudio's Restaurant and Piano Bar in League City. Rick presents strolling, table-side magic most Saturdays, but his schedule varies. Send an email to rick@hebertmagic.com to make sure he'll be there on your next visit.

Claudio's website is
<http://www.claudiospianobar.com/>



HUMPERDINKS

Restaurant & Brewpub

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 in Arlington every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "choips" in the back room.

But wait...there's more! Second Tuesday TOO! This special interest group, the Mid-Cities Magic Circle, focuses on performance. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9:30 at Humperdink's.

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 Humperdink's and join the fun and magic!



Shane Wilson and Chris Alonzo at Sakura in Houston

Pearland's superb hibachi restaurant, Sakura, is proud to present the magic talents of **Chris Alonzo** every Friday and **Shane Wilson** every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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 lhornung@sbcglobal.net for details and to be added to the meeting notice distribution list.



IMPROV

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

In Arlington EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m. Various magicians from North Texas will entertain you royally and make you laugh. Details at <http://arlington.improv.com/>

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/>

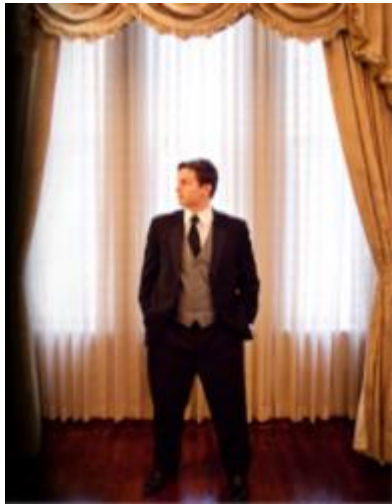


Magic on the Grill at Tokyohana in Houston

David Rangel coordinates a covey of local area magicians who perform close-up magic every Thursday and Saturday night at Tokyohana Grill and Sushi Bar, 3239 Southwest Freeway, in Houston. Enjoy excellent Oriental cuisine or sit at the sushi bar with top talent magic on the side.

Hal Hudgins Awarded S.A.M. Presidential Certificate

Long-time Fort Worth magician Hal "Doc Halliday" Hudgins was recently awarded the Society of American Magicians Presidential Certificate from outgoing S.A.M. President Kenrick "Ice" McDonald. Hal is a vital part of the Fort Worth magic community. He is a master illustrator, artist, magician, gunslinger, and all-round dynamic personality who has contributed greatly to the success of magic in the area. Hal and his wife Pamela Jenkins are members who deserve our support and accolades.



Ben Jackson - Houston TV Star

Award-winning magician Ben Jackson recently appeared on GREAT DAY HOUSTON. He dazzled the audience as well as hostess Deborah Duncan during several magical interludes during this popular morning television show. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBnOnodn1E> to watch his segments of the show combined in one YouTube video. Bravo, Ben!



The articles, pictures, and notices in MAGIC ACROSS TEXAS as gleaned from club newsletters around the state but I always need more. Please send me news about your regular gigs or upcoming special shows. Information presented here is not limited to organized clubs or members of TAOM. All magicians are welcome to participate. Just let me hear from you -- [email](#) or phone 361-972-3430.

Check out the [TAOM 2016 website](#) for more information about "The Best Little Magic in Texas". It's going to be a GREAT convention!

Judy Hollingsworth, Editor, Magic Across Texas

