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Hurry! SAVE \$50.00!!!!***

***Time is running out to
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TAOM Convention
before prices go
up. Register [HERE](#)
before April 1st.***



Texas Association of Magicians

Official Newsletter

FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE!



Message from the President

Every day brings us one day closer to the 2016 TAOM Convention. We're making lists and crunching numbers like crazy in our unending efforts to bring you "The Best Little Magic Convention in Texas". Check out the performers' page on the website at www.taom.org/2016. We are talking to talent every day to bring you the very best.

Don't forget about the Board of Directors mid-year meeting in Corpus Christi on May 7. You will get the official notice in a week or so, but you might want to go ahead and make your hotel reservation -- they are only holding a few rooms for us at the convention rate. Call 361-883-5731 and give promo code TMC or register online by clicking [HERE](#).

Judy Hollingsworth
President, TAOM 2016



DAVID STONE

David Stone is a native of France with impeccable magic credentials. We are very excited to bring him to Corpus Christi for a stage show and his renowned new lecture. David will wow you and make you smile. He will amaze you and make you cry. His skill will astound you and his wit will make you laugh out loud. At 23, he won the grand prize at the French magic championship competition. At 24, he was awarded the Gold Dove for close-up at the European championships and won the Close-up Grand Prix of South American in Cuba. David's 1995 video, "Basic Coin Magic Vol. 1" sold over 28,000 copies in 40 countries. His numerous other books and DVD's are best-sellers around the world. He was voted Most Valuable Performer at FFFF in 2003 and Guest of Honor in 2012. In 2006, David won 3rd prize at the FISM World Championships of Magic in Stockholm.



As you can see, his talent is unmistakable. You will not want to miss one second of his performances and lecture at TAOM in Corpus Christi.



**March 27 - RUSSELL TURNER PRESENTS
"Mystery and Merriment of Magic
Show"**

Russell Turner will be in McKinney on March 27 at the Village at Stonebridge, 3300 South Stonebridge Drive. This free show is open to all and is sure to make you smile.

**APRIL 1 & 2 - CAVALCADE OF MAGIC
in Eureka Springs, Arkansas**

You can also see Russell at the Cavalcade of Magic convention in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he will present his lecture, "Fresh Ideas for Stale Props".

**March 29 - Houston: Alex Pandrea
Lecture**

Alex Pandrea will bring his highly-acclaimed three-part lecture to Houston on Tuesday, March 29. Alex is a rising star in the magic community and CEO of House of Cards and The Blue Crown, two popular internet companies that offer more than 50 best-selling magic products and 75 custom decks. He has created and marketed some of the most beautiful playing cards imaginable and was featured at Magic Live! He recently completed a world tour where he lectured in 50 different cities in Europe. In this three-part lecture, Alex will go over several of his tips on classic card moves, as well as many original sleights and effects. Part I includes practical, self-working, easy-to-do magic that anyone will be able to do in just minutes! Part II has Alex's famous "5x5". This rapid-fire teaching section provides valuable tips about 5 different sleights in five minutes. This is pure, distilled magic at its finest. In Part III, the final section, Alex tips his hand and provides detailed instruction on sleight-of-hand card magic.





JOHN MAGIC'S THEATER AND MUSEUM

Austin's exciting new magic venue is adding close-up magic on Friday nights at 8. **John Magic's Theater and Museum** will feature **Cody Fisher, Arsene Dupin and John Wright on April 1**. The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. You'll need to make reservations by calling 512-289-4461.

The entire April Friday night close-up schedule is as follows:

April 1, 2016 - The close up magic of Cody Fisher, Arsene Dupin, and John Wright

April 8, 2016 - The close up magic of Cody Fisher and John Wright

April 15, 2016 - The close up magic of Cody Fisher and Brad Henderson

April 22, 2016 - The close up magic of Arsene Dupin and John Wright

April 29, 2016 - The close magic of Brad Henderson and John Wright

(For more information about this great place, please read the article "John Magic's Theater and Museum" farther down this newsletter.)



35th Annual AUSTIN MAGIC AUCTION - Saturday, April 2

Same great venue as last year -- Twin Lakes Fellowship next door to Heroes Night Out at 1150 South Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park (far north Austin). Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for browsing through the hundreds of items that will be offered at auction on the "silent bid" tables and from the stage. The terrific threesome of regular auctioneers, David Hira, Scott Wells, and Grand Walsh, will take the stage at 9:00 a.m. to entertain you and entice you to bid on some really outstanding items listed this year.

You'll save time and \$5.00 by registering online. Admission is \$15.00 at the door, but only \$10 if you register early. Where else can you get a whole day's magical entertainment so cheap? Besides that, you'll have the opportunity to visit with magic friends from all over Texas. Go to www.austinmagicauction.com for details.

OSCAR MUNOZ IN FORT WORTH

April 7 - Oscar Munoz will present a suburb lecture at the monthly meeting of the Fort Worth Magic Club. Oscar won the Gold Cups in 1999 at the International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention. He is incoming president of the IBM and will take office at the annual IBM convention in San Antonio in July.

Don't miss this great lecture! For more information, contact Fort Worth Magic Club President Will Baffle at rwbaffle@gmail.com.



Direct From His Hit TV Series: MICHAEL CARBONARO Comes to Houston

Michael Carbonaro will perform in Houston at the Cullen Performance Hall on Friday April 8, 2016.

Michael Carbonaro has performed over five hundred comically perplexing and improbable feats of magic on his hit TV series, The Carbonaro Effect on truTV. Now, Michael Carbonaro is taking his show on the road and, for a limited time, you can feel the effect of Michael Carbonaro... Live!

Norman Beck to Lecture in Houston April 12

**7:30 p.m. at the IATSE Local 51 Meeting
Hall at 3030 North Freeway**

Jamie Ian Smith said of Norman Beck, "Thank goodness Norman Beck is on the side of the good guys. A lot of magicians like to think they have the skills to be a professional con man or psychic. Precious few actually do, but Norman is one of them. Behind that slow-talking, dull-witted Okie mask lies a clever-like-a-fox mind and one of the best friends a man could have. Whatever branch of his wide-ranging interests and expertise he cares to share -- close-up and card magic, cheating, how to win friends and influence people, and more - - I recommend you pay close attention. And try to stay on his good side."





Lectures in New Orleans

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 PM - Marcelo "Mr. Tango" Insua
 Thursday, May 19, 6:30 PM - Martin Mercy

Both lectures will be at the home of Gary Hughes.

Contact Westley Annis at westley@da-parish.com for details.

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

John Magic's Theater and Museum

An exciting magic venue has exploded on the Austin scene. John Wright has been involved in magic longer than he can remember but put that career on hold while he explored Hollywood and gained fame and fortune on the silver screen and behind the scenes. Now he's settled in Austin to renew his love of the magical arts by sharing his extensive collection of magic memorabilia and creating a theater to share magic with the world.



John's dream has become a reality with the introduction of Magic's Theater and Museum to the Austin community. Seen as a vessel to share the history and mystery of magic, this museum and theater are sure to transform magic into an art form rather than simply entertainment by showcasing pieces highlighting the successful acts and lives of contemporary and legendary magicians.

The theater offers public shows, private parties, and entertainment for any occasion. John's extensive collection of modern and antique illusions make every show a spectacular theater experience. Stage shows are scheduled every Saturday evening at 7:00 and close-up shows featuring various magicians are on the bill every Friday at 8:00 p.m.

A few of the items displayed in the museum include a replica of Harry Houdini's famous Chinese water torture cell; famous American sculptor John Rogers' original 1877 "The Traveling Magician Group" and "1877 School Days Group"; a 1924 Carter the Great Vanishing the Elephant poster; world famous magician Doug Henning's personal wardrobe, props, and photographs; original Cardini photographs and award plaque; original T. Nelson Downs' photographs and coins; photographs and posters of contemporary magicians David Copperfield, Dean Dill, Fred Kapps, Professor Dai Vernon, and Lance Burton.

The theater and museum are located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Please call 512-289-4461 for reservations.

Benefit Show for Mabank Intermediate School

MAGIC

Comedy, Magic, and Illusions II



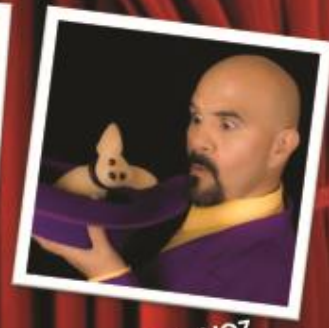
BRENT FISHER
Dallas Magic Clubs
"Magician of the Year"
DFW's Children's Entertainer



AVA ROSE
TAOM Future Stars Show
Young Magician First Place
Champion



SHEL HIGGINS
America's Got Talent
The Grandpa Show
Too Dangerous for Live TV



OSCAR MUNOZ
Gold Cups Winner
3 Time TAOM Champion
Nat'l I.B.M. President

Friday, April 8, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Close-Up Magicians: 6 PM

Doc Grimes Hal Hudgens

Stage Show Begins at 7 PM

Mabank HS Auditorium

Advanced Sales - \$5.00

Door Sales - \$10.00

Ticket Sales – (903) 880-1640

*Concessions available

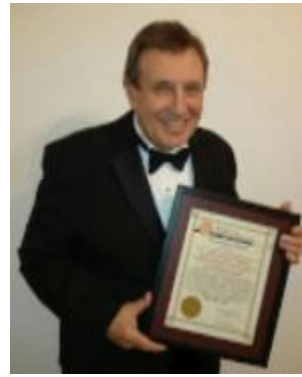
GOLD LEVEL – Skillern Business Solutions

**SILVER LEVEL – Tri*County Ford, GCA Services, Ivan Smith Furniture,
Common Wealth Lawyers**

SCOTT HOLLINGSWORTH HONORED BY The Society of American Magicians

On behalf of Society of American Magicians President David Bowers, Jeff Lanes presented a Presidential Citation to Scott Hollingsworth at the Houston magic clubs' installation banquet.

The recognition is for Scott's extraordinary support promoting the goals and the values of S.A.M., his constant efforts to elevate and advance the art of magic, his unselfish acts, hours of service, and willingness to help others."



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.



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 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/>

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/>



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.

Lawmakers want to make Congress a little more magical

Rep. Pete Sessions (R., Texas) introduced a House resolution on Monday to "recognize magic as a rare and valuable art form and national treasure." The resolution, which credits magic for being a unifying force across cultural, religious, ethnic and age differences, recognizes Harry Houdini for his success and David Copperfield for inspiring "great positive change in the lives of Americans."

For Mr. Copperfield, the resolution — and having magic acknowledged by Congress in an official way — "means everything." "To get respect for magic is a continuing quest," he said. And he hopes that even a gridlocked Congress can believe in magic long enough to vote on the resolution. "We all need to escape, we all need to dream, we all need to be inspired. Sharing infinite possibilities with young people — I think we can all agree on that," Mr. Copperfield said.

The resolution roots back to Mr. Sessions's district, where constituent, Eric Hogue, the mayor of Wylie, Texas, has been working to get recognized magic as an art since 2014, when he first proclaimed National Magic Week, a measure the state of Texas also joined in on. Mr. Hogue learned magic as a child to conquer a fear of public speaking and now uses it as mayor to teach kids about government.

Six lawmakers, all Republicans, are co-sponsors of the resolution, including Rep. Steve Stivers of Ohio, Rep. Patrick Meehan of Pennsylvania, Rep. Daniel Donovan of New York, Rep. Charles Dent of Pennsylvania, Rep. Michael Simpson of Idaho and Rep. Ken Buck of Colorado. In response, Rep. Mark Takano (D, Calif.) tweeted "breaking: @House GOP believes in magic but not climate change."

There is no date set for the resolution to be brought up on the House floor for a vote.



We lost several more icons of magic recently.

Tom Mullica died on February 18, 2016. His comedic, magic, and impressionist talents took him around the world. He worked many television specials and shows, including Late Night with David Letterman, World's Greatest Magic, Viva Variety, and Penn & Teller's Sin City. Tom won the Siegfried & Roy Golden Lion Award at the Magic Desert Seminar in Las Vegas in 1984. He toured the US and Canada with "RED – A Performance Tribute to Red Skelton".



Irene Larsen, co-founder of the Academy of Magical Arts and the private clubhouse the Magic Castle, died unexpectedly on February 26, 2016, at her Los Angeles home. She assisted her late husband William "Bill" Larsen Jr. in his various magic acts for years and the two launched the Magic Castle together in 1963. Larsen's dedication to the role of ambassador of magic helped elevate the Academy of Magical Arts to an internationally renowned and respected organization within the arts community.



Magician Paul Daniels died on March 17, 2016, at home in the care of his wife Debbie. Paul was a talented magician with a strong line of witty chatter whose determination to succeed made him the most famous British magician of the past half-century. From an extremely modest background, he rose by professional brilliance and sheer force of personality to become one of television's leading figures in the 1980s. A small man of indefatigable cheeriness, he was a straightforward but astonishingly skilful performer who also displayed a highly developed flair for comedy.



These fine friends will be missed.



Losing friends such as these gives one pause to remember the joys of living and the pleasure we gain from sharing to love and laughter of magic with friends and strangers. Spread the joy!

Judy Hollingsworth
Editor, Magic Across Texas

