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For

ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE!



Message from the President

Springtime is a time of growth and renewal. Think about applying that to your magic. Maybe it's time to add something new to your standard show. Everyone knows your old tried and true routines are the ones you do best, but have you let that familiarity bring complacency? Do you rush the patter because you know it so well? Do you always insert the 1-2-3 pause for impact? This year, why not consider expanding your "favorites" to include some new material. You'll be glad you did... and so will your audience!

Looks like the Mid-Year meeting is turning into a party! Come join the fun. The hotel will honor the special rate for Friday and Saturday nights if you want to join us. I'm embarrassed to say I gave the wrong reservation code in last month's newsletter. To get the \$119 special mid-year meeting rate for May 6 and/or 7, you need to call Emerald Beach Hotel at 361-883-5731 and use the Block Code MAG. The Mid-Year Board Meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. on May 7th. All TAOM members are welcome and Board members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Judy Hollingsworth
President, TAOM 2016

p.s. Bring a swim suit. The Gulf of Mexico is at your doorstep and the hotel has an indoor pool!



EMERALD BEACH HOTEL WILL BE FULL ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND. **Make your convention reservations NOW!** A vacation destination like Corpus Christi never has enough hotel rooms on holiday weekends, so you should DO IT NOW to take advantage of the low convention rate of \$119.00. When our block of rooms is gone, the rate will be a LOT more. Call 361-883-5731 and use Block Code TMC to get our special convention rate. [Click here](#) to register for the convention on the hotel website at the special convention rate.



STUART MacDONALD

MICHIGAN'S BEST MAGICIAN IS COMING TO TEXAS!

TAOM 2016 is pleased and proud to bring you **Stuart MacDonald**. Like many others, Stu fell in love with magic as a kid and, by the time he was in high school, he was traveling all over the country entering magic contests. His accolades and trophies include extended contracts at Magic Island, the Society of American Magicians National Convention, the Chavez Cup for Manipulation, and TAOM's Willard the Wizard first place trophy, AND TAOM's "Best of Convention" award, among many others. Needless to say, he is one of the top talents in the country.



Stu will bring his 2014 award-winning act to Corpus Christi for the Friday night show and on Saturday, you can learn all about it during his very entertaining lecture. Stu is the "real deal" -- magic, mystery, laughter, and amazement. Pure entertainment!



Jamy Ian Swiss Lecture
Saturday, April 23

In the first floor auditorium (south side) at 8330 LBJ Freeway in Dallas.

Jamy is a full-time pro who has appeared at nightclubs, comedy clubs, colleges and universities, casino hotels, cruise ships, banquets, trade shows and corporate events; resident Magic Bartender at the notorious "Inn of Magic" near Washington, D.C.

If you don't know Jamy, he has been around the magic arena for a looong time. Dai Vernon once said he was a remarkable performer...Scotty York said Jamy's sleight of mouth was equal to his sleight of hand.

His experience includes producer of Monday Night Magic in New York City, PBS documentary "The Art of Magic," co-author of the companion book of the same title, twice featured on the cover of GENII magazine, and GENII book reviewer since 1994, published work in The New York Magic Symposium Collection IV, the Mendoza Portfolio, the Magical Arts Journal, Magic Manuscript, Apocalypse, Labyrinth, etc., and edited and contributed the introduction to the critically acclaimed book, Theatrical Close-Up, by Peter Samelson.

May 15 - MAC KING IN DALLAS

After welcoming his 2 millionth visitor to his long-running Vegas show last year, Mac recently signed another 5 year extension with Harrah's. He has been killing it two times a day for the past 16 years and now he is bringing his down home comedy magic (and probably fig newtons) to the Dallas Magic Club's Annual banquet.



Join us on Sunday May 15th when Mac will entertain and delight you. The location is Brookhaven Country Club at 3333 Golfing Green Drive in Farmers Branch. The time is 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at <http://www.dallasmagic.org/>-- only a few tickets remain, so act now.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL....

In a rare lecture appearance, **MAC KING** will share some of his most famous routines including two different rope routines, a card to pocket routine, a trick with a shoe, a drink production, and a whole bunch of great sight gags. He will also talk about character development, audience participation, scripting, and combining comedy with magic. There will (of course) be many amusing stories of Mac's years on the road and his record-setting Vegas residency.

The lecture is Sunday afternoon before the installation banquet and show. The lecture starts at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:40) at Brookhaven County Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive in Farmers Branch.

May 17 - CARL ANDREWS LECTURE - Houston



Hawaiian magician and author Carl Andrews brings his award-winning lecture to Houston on May 17. The lecture will start at 7:30 at the IATSE Meeting Hall at 3030 North Freeway. Carl has extensive magic experience with close-up, strolling, restaurant, and much more. The lecture is filled with some powerful information, app demos, routines and ideas.

June 7 - ALAIN NU LECTURE - Houston

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

Alain Nu is someone you really should see and get to know. He does not often step into the magic world, as he has made a career out of performing in the real world as a stage performer (for corporate events, theaters, casinos, and cruise ships) author, speaker, and starred in his own four-part mini-series on TLC. He had just published his second book, State Of Mind, The Man Who Knows Reveals The Secrets Of Mind Over Matter.

Alain Nu is the real-deal consummate professional showbiz artist.



BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

John Magic's Theater and Museum

Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night and doors open at 7:30 p.m. on Friday's for outstanding close-up magic featuring Cody Fisher, Arsene Dupin, Brad Henderson, and John Wright. 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. Go to www.magicstheater.com for details.



YOUNG MAGICIANS NEEDED

There is new television show looking for young talent. Kristina Hauser is a casting director working on a new show for young magicians (13-20 years old). Lance Burton will be an on-air mentor on the competition show. People will compete for the chance to perform at a top Las Vegas venue. You can call today at 818-934-4312 or email casting@tikicasting.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.

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/>

Stop the presses! April 24 is the date of the annual "Birthday Boys Duo" of Dal Sanders and Mike Squires to entertain at the Arlington Improv.



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.

ONE LAST THING

Contributors wanted!!! Please send information about your public shows, magic gatherings, or anything else related to magic in Texas that you'd like to share with the 1300+ magicians who get Magic Across Texas about this time every month. I'd really like to hear from you. Also welcome are editorial comments and magic routines and theories. Remember, this newsletter is about magic in Texas for all magicians everywhere!

Another reminder to magic club officers: check your club's listings. The website for Texas Association of Magicians is www.taom.org. In the "Magic in Texas" drop-down, check your club's meeting and contact information and then check the individual city drop-down for your performance listing.

The website for the International Brotherhood of Magicians is www.magician.org. Follow the links under "About" to find your club's listing. Go to the "Contact" page to send corrections.

The Society of American Magicians' website is www.magicsam.com. Under "About Us", go to "Find a Local Chapter". To send corrections, go to the "Contact Us" page and fill in the info.

I just checked the Texas clubs' listings on all three websites and some of them are woefully outdated. Please do your part to make Texas' magic listings perfect!

Judy Hollingsworth
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