



**MAGIC  
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## **Texas Association of Magicians**

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***FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE!***

## **You shudda been there!**

That's what we're telling anyone who missed the TAOM convention in Corpus Christi over Labor Day Weekend. There were way too many great shows and fantastic performers to give a comprehensive report of the entire convention. **Bottom line?? IT WAS FUN!**

One of the highlights was the Saturday night "Magic Island Gala". The heart and soul of Magic Island for 27 years, Scott Hollingsworth, presided over the festivities with his running gag intro -- the same for every act. While there was no way to bring everyone who performed at The Island, Scott gathered a fine sampling of the talent that graced the stage at Houston's sadly-departed magic mecca.

*Pictured below are Banachek, Cody Fisher, C. J. Johnson & Kim Hofstetter, Ice McDonald, Chip Romero, Oscar Munoz, and Lori & Stuart MacDonald behind Jessica and Michael Blanco with Maestro Scott Hollingsworth in the center.*



*2017 TAOM President Frank Seltzer, TAOM SecretaryTreasurer Mary Cay Gold, SAM International President Jeff Sikora, 2016 TAOM President Judy Hollingsworth, Junior Stage Winner Ava Byers, Senior Close-up Winner John Dahlinger, Senior Stage Winner Michael Dimsdle, and IBM international President Oscar Munoz.*

## **BRAVA AND BRAVO!**

### **Congratulations to contest winners**

**Ava Byers, John Dahlinger, and Michael Dimsdle**

Fourteen contestants vied for top spots in three categories in the TAOM competition in 2016 in Corpus Christi. Every one of the seven senior close-up competitors presented an act filled with talent and skill, as did the three junior stage and four senior stage entries. The judges were very pleased with the consistently high scores.

For the first time in TAOM history, adult contest winners received cash awards in addition to the prestigious Willard the Wizard Trophy. Junior contest winners have, for several years, received cash awards from donations made for that purpose by the Royal and Carol Brin Trust and the late Don Stiefel. This year, senior contest winners received \$685 each from donations made by

the Houston Association of Magicians, Houston IBM Ring 39, Houston SAM Assembly 19, the Fort Worth Magicians Club and generous magicians who contributed to a GoFundMe account set up for that purpose by David Hira.

Congratulations to every one of the contestants for their dedication to the art of magic and their willingness to share their talents.



## **ANOTHER TAOM FIRST - MAGIC LUNCHEONS**



Official 2016 TAOM Photographer Daryl Howard (he took all the pictures in this newsletter except this one!) waited for the next entertainer with his dining companions International IBM President Oscar Munoz, TAOM Past President Trixie Bond, Lloyd Bridges, and an unidentified conventioneer. The adorable magic-themed top hat centerpieces were created and donated by TAOM's own Anne Lueck from Temple.

In a first-time effort to bring convention-goers together during down time, TAOM 2016 organized noon time buffets with table-side magic entertainment. Magicians performed on Saturday and Sunday during the hour-and-a-half luncheons while diners enjoyed the excellent buffet array provided by Emerald Beach Hotel. You may have been lucky enough to see the one-on-one magic of Cody Fisher, Rick Hebert, David Hira, Scott Hollingsworth, Ben Jackson, C. J. Johnson, Stuart MacDonald, Richard Olson, Danny Orleans, David Rangel, Chip Romero, Jamie Salinas, Dal Sanders, David Stone, Trigg Watson, or Scott Wells. What a lot of talent!



### **GARRETT THOMAS LECTURE**

**Dallas**, September 25 at 2 p.m.  
8330 LBJ Freeway,  
6th Floor, Conference Room A

**Houston**, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.  
IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall,  
3030 North Freeway.

**Austin**, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.  
Heroes Night Out 1150 S. Bell Blvd.  
in Cedar Park



Thomas' "Thinking on Your Feet" magic lecture brings magic in its purest

form. Years of real-world performing give him a unique insight into sharing your magic at the highest level. His effects are simple, clean, well thought-out pieces of magical art.



**THE PALACIOS AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**  
PRESENTS AN EVENING OF

# MUSIC MAGIC

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**  
**MAGIC SHOW 6:00 & CONCERT 7:30**  
OUTRIGGER EVENT CENTER, 515 COMMERCE ST, PALACIOS

 **DAVIN JAMES**

*And his Bullnettle Band! Texas favorite, Davin James offers a unique experience of storytelling and original songs.*

**STARRING**

 **SCOTT HOLLINGSWORTH**  
*EVERYONE'S FAVORITE MAGICIAN*

*Magician Scott Hollingsworth thrills and baffles kids of all ages! More close up table magic before and after the show.*

**EXCITING LIVE AUCTION!**  
Just a few select Historical Items PLUS a ride on La Petite Belle!

**DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS!**  
Real Deal Grill Food Truck from 5:30. Wine, Beer and Set Ups Available from Outrigger.

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**BOTH SHOWS: \$25 OR JUST MAGIC: \$10** **KIDS UNDER 13 FREE**  
WITH PAYING ADULT / \$20 MAX PER FAMILY

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**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT P.A.H.A. INCLUDING DONATIONS FROM OUTRIGGER AND REAL DEAL SALES**  
SPONSORSHIPS, RESERVED TABLES & SEATS AVAILABLE!  
Contact Us at 361-972-1148 or [paha@citybytheseamuseum.org](mailto:paha@citybytheseamuseum.org)





## KOZMO LECTURE

**Dallas**, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.  
8330 LBJ Freeway,  
6th Floor Conference Room A

**Houston**, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.  
IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall,  
3030 North Freeway

**Austin**, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
Heroes Night Out 1150 S. Bell in Cedar Park

Kozmo will begin his lecture with a performance of his professional street act. This is a treat in and of itself. Kozmo will proceed to explain each effect in his street act. Kozmo pushes the envelope by teaching you why he has chosen each effect and why he has placed each effect where it is in his act.

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## MIKE PISCIOTTA LECTURE

**Dallas**, November 13 at 2:00 p.m.  
8330 LBJ Freeway,  
6th Floor Conference Room A

**Houston**, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.  
IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall,  
3030 North Freeway

**Austin**, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Heroes Night Out, 1150 South Bell in Cedar Park







The Second Annual Magic Festival in Wylie, Texas

# The Magic of Wylie

October 23 - 27, 2016

## The Night of Wonder

October 27, 2016, 7:30pm  
FBC Wylie Event Center



Mayor Eric Hogue  
Master of Ceremonies



The Beckers



Trigg Watson



Mike Squires



Ian Richards



Frank Seltzer  
Producer

## A week full of magical events!

October 25, 2016, Wylie Chamber of Commerce Luncheon featuring Dr. Reade Quinton.

October 25, 2016, Tuesday evening: Sponsor Exclusive Event featuring Jared Kopf.

October 24-26, 2016, 5:00pm to close: Magicians performing at Wylie downtown Restaurants.

October 27, 2016, Thursday Evening: The Night of Wonder Show.



During the month of October, step back in time and use memorabilia from the great magicians of yesteryear, by collector Mark Jensen, hosted at the Wylie Art Gallery, 201 North Ballard Avenue, Wylie, Texas.



Dr. Reade Quinton



Jared Kopf

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 various magicians. Cody Fisher, Arsene Dupin, Brad Henderson, John Wright and others perform from time to time. 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](http://www.magicstheater.com) for details.



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## 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.



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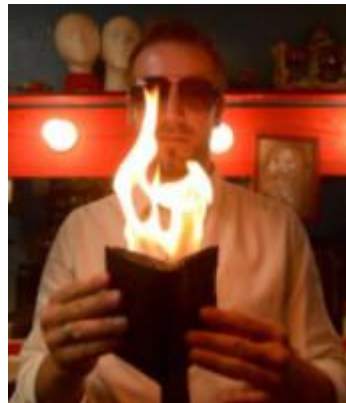
## THE MAGICIAN'S AGENCY IN SAN ANTONIO

**Magician Scott Pepper** is bringing his show, "The Magician's Agency," back to Magik Theatre in San Antonio.

### 'The Magicians Agency'

When: Saturdays and Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m.

Where: Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo Street in San Antonio  
Tickets: \$14.95 for children and \$19.95 for adults at [magiktheatre.org](http://magiktheatre.org)





# 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.

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### 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](mailto: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.

# ONE LAST THING



What a convention! By all accounts, TAOM 2016 in Corpus Christi was an overwhelming success. We have received nothing but positive comments and congratulations. Scott and I worked hard for two years planning and organizing, but it couldn't have happened without many, many others. We are indebted to the performers, the behind-the-scenes workers, the hotel staff, and the oh-so-many volunteers who pitched in to help. Thank you all.

Now it's time to turn the reins over to Frank Seltzer. He is TAOM president for next year's convention sponsored by, not an individual member-club, but the State TAOM organization. That means he may be calling on YOU to help. Every member of TAOM is a potential chairman or worker for Fantastic Fun in Frisco on September 1-4, 2017. Let's all pitch in to make this one great.

I will continue to gather the news for Magic Across Texas each month and would love to hear from you -- send your public show announcement, your club's upcoming event, an editorial, a trick, a picture you'd like to share, or whatever...

Just send it!

Judy Hollingsworth  
TAOM Club Coordinator  
Magic Across Texas Editor  
TAOM Past President