



**MAGIC  
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**FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE...**

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September 1-4 is approaching and those are the dates for this year's TAOM in Frisco! Since this is February and the time for hearts and flowers...the hallmark holiday of Valentines Day... I thought I would mention one other act that will be with us for this year's TAOM in Frisco. It is the romantic stylings of Christian and Katalina with Married 2 Magic.

Wait... What? Romantic Stylings? No, that can't be right. These FISM contestants confounded the judges during the last combined contest in St. Louis because the judges couldn't figure out if they were mentalists or comedians. Guess the judges did not realize, you could be both. Nonetheless, Christian and Katalina went on to compete in Italy for FISM but lost out to the duo from America's Got Talent. Guess those judges were confused as well because Christian and Katalina don't fit the mold.

I have been a fan of Christian and Katalina since I first saw them perform at the S.A.M.convention in Las Vegas back in 2012. They bring a great mix of magic, mentalism and comedy to their act. It is unlike anything I have seen. This past November they rocked the Magic Castle's Palace in their first appearance there. You see, they don't get out much by choice because Christian and Katalina are on a 7 year run at the Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis, a nice regular gig. Previously, they did lots of road work, but found it got old. Today, they do leave home once and a while for corporate events and the Castle and this year, we are fortunate to have them appearing at TAOM.



You may also know of Christian as a columnist for M-U-M where he's been writing for several years—Working in the Real World. Together they also have written a popular book on mentalism called Protoplasm. In the book, Christian talks about the transition from straight magic to mentalism. Turns out a lot of the effects he was doing had a mental aspect so why not embrace it.

If you think mentalism is boring, then you haven't seen Christian and Katalina. You will love the act and you will love them.

So, if you haven't registered for the TAOM, now is the time. What are you waiting for? You can [go here](#) to register for the convention and for the hotel [click here](#).

**Remember to register early for the best seats at the convention! You don't want to miss this one!**  
**Register at [TAOM.org](http://TAOM.org)**

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**BEN JACKSON  
RETURNS TO LA COLMBE d'OR**

After playing to SRO crowds at La Colombe d'Or in Houston a few months back, Ben returns with his award-winning show on February 24 & 25, and March 24 & 25, with two shows nightly.

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 La Colombe d'Or's Art Gallery, sip on your elixir of choice, and witness an evening of elegant deceptions as performed by your host, Ben Jackson. Seating is limited.

Learn more about La Colombe d'Or and purchase tickets at

[www.benjacksonmagic.com/live/](http://www.benjacksonmagic.com/live/)

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**IBM 60 Austin Banquet February 26**

This annual event is not to be missed! The food, the friendship, the fun, and the magic make this a winner. It all happens at Heroes Night Out, 1150 S. Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park just outside Austin, on Sunday, February 26th, 2017. Advance tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years and younger. If there is room, tickets at the door will be \$25.



Doors open at 4:00 p.m. so you can enjoy the strolling magicians and visit with your friends. Dinner at 5:30, catered by Bridgepoint Catering, will feature Chicken Breast with Mushrooms & Artichokes in a White Wine Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Green Salad and Rolls. Dessert will be provided by YOU -- remember the dessert contest?? Well, this popular event will feature sweets by some of the best cooks in Texas.



### **RELAX WITH DAVID GOLDENHERSCH**

When: Monday, February 27, 7.00 PM - 10.00 PM?

Where: 12316 Indian Mound Drive, Austin, TX 78758  
(Bertil's place)

How: Register with Bertil at:  
bertilfredstrom@hotmail.com - and bring 1 crisp \$20  
bill on Monday and give it straight to Andrew

How many: A max of 20 participants, no minimum!

It will be an informal setting, so feel free to bring your  
own beer or wine. Andrew will show some things,  
answer questions, and relax with y'all.

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### **"The Illusionists" Dan Sperry in Fort Worth**

Monday, Feb. 27th. at 4055 International Plaza  
Doors Open at 7:00 and lecture will start at 7:30  
Pay at the door: Cash or Check please!  
Dues Paid members: \$15.00  
Non-members: \$25.00  
Young magicians: \$10.00

With over 20 million hits on YouTube, seen by over 30  
million people worldwide, and hundreds of thousands  
of loyal online followers, Shock Illusionist Dan Sperry  
("the Anti-Conjuror") has become a social media  
phenomenon and one of the most sought after live  
performers working today.

Whilst it is his totally unique style of illusion that initially captured the imagination of his fans,  
it is his hilariously eccentric and often shocking comedy routines that have grown his  
popularity across the globe.

From headlining sold-out arena tours to guest starring on popular TV shows, Dan Sperry  
blends a bizarre mixture of comedy magic and mayhem into an utterly original performance  
that is as unique as it is entertaining.





### **Shawn McMaster to Lecture in Houston February 27**

I.B.M. Ring 39 in Houston is proud to present a lecture by **Shawn McMaster** on Monday February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ronald McDonald House, 1907 Holcombe Boulevard. This lecture is free to Ring 39 members and only \$20 for others.

Shawn McMaster's lecture, "Deceptive Dining" is a highly informative study on the business of restaurant magic. He teaches, not only the best type of effects to perform in a restaurant setting, but an in-depth and detailed blueprint of how to gain, keep, and profit from a regular restaurant magic gig taken from over two decades of real-world experience will be presented in this lecture. If you have ever thought about performing in restaurants of any kind, you cannot afford to miss this.

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### **"THE ILLUSIONISTS" RETURN TO DALLAS**

*Live from Broadway!* "The Illusionists" will perform February 28 - March 5 at Music Hall in Fair Park. Presented once again by the Dallas Summer Musicals, this two-hour spectacular showcases the jaw-dropping talents of seven of the most incredible illusionists on earth. Contact Dal Sanders at [dal@stagemagic.com](mailto:dal@stagemagic.com) for information about group tickets for opening night. You can see more at <http://dallassummermusicals.org/shows/the-illusionists/>.





#### **LIVE MAGIC EXPO IN AUSTIN - March 4**

Featuring Mark Mason and Paul Richards with special guest GREGORY WILSON!! Learn, discover and buy INCREDIBLE magic you won't find anywhere (not even online) directly from the brilliant magicians who invented them.

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton at the Arboretum in northwest Austin (8901 Business Park Drive).

<http://penguinmagic.com/p/7834>



#### **LIVE MAGIC EXPO IN DALLAS - March 5**

Penguin Magic returns to Dallas for the 2017 LIVE MAGIC EXPO on Sunday, March 5th at the Love Field Doubletree Hotel. The lineup includes Mark Mason, Paul Richards, Nick Locapo, Diamond Jim Tyler, and Gregory Wilson. [Click here](#) to register.

#### **KIERON JOHNSON - MAGIC FOR THE INSANE**

Dallas - March 12 at 2:00 p.m. at 8330 LBJ Freeway, 8th floor, Room B838

Houston - March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at IATSE Meeting Hall, 4040 North Freeway

Yes, it's true! Direct from the U.K., Kieron Johnson will "cross the pond" for a U.S. lecture tour leading up to his attendance at the annual F.F.F.F. Original Close-Up Convention in late April.



What lies ahead is impossible to predict. What we know is this: We will learn how to perform magic with flash paper, sweets, cans, ice, coins, body tricks, sleeving, cards, metal bending, heat, flowers, chocolate bars, eggs, sharpies, business cards and magic with stickmen! And, this is no dealer demo style lecture. Kieron will be teaching you how to make all of his effects in full detail! You do not want to miss this.

## **BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF**

### **IBM RING 157 IN CORPUS CHRISTI**



The Blue Cove Restaurant in Corpus Christi provided a special meal in a special room for a special group of magician at a special meeting on February 21. Did I say it was a special night?? Yes! Celebrating the conclusion of a successful TAOM convention, the magicians of IBM Ring 157 and their guests witnessed the installation of new officers by IBM Territorial Representative (and IBM 157 member) Scott Wells. Wells also provided an outstanding magic show to entertain the group after dinner.

Pictured above are Vice-President and TAOM Rep Michael Gleason, Sergeant-at-Arms Al Garcia, IBM Territorial Rep Scott Wells, President Valdino (Orlando Valdez), Frank Antonio, outgoing President Scott Hollingsworth, Marilyn Douglas, Secretary/Treasurer Joe Douglas and nonagenarian Ed Betts.

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Mabank High School Auditorium

Friday, March 3, 2017 - 7 PM

# MAGIC

*Comedy, Magic, and Illusions III*



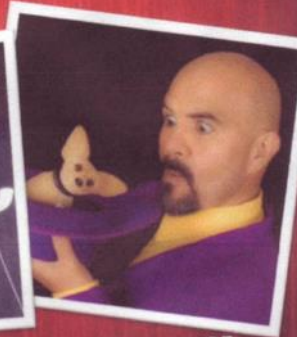
**BRENT FISHER**  
Dallas Magic Clubs  
"Magician of the Year"  
DFW's Children's Entertainer



**IAN VARELLA**  
Comedy Ventriloquist  
America's Got Talent  
HBO Comedy Special



**IAN RICHARDS**  
Comedy IMPROV  
Dallas Magic Clubs  
SMU Magician



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

Close-Up Magicians: 6 PM

*John Kline - Hal Hudgins - Don Harris*

Stage Show Begins at 7 PM

Mabank HS Auditorium

\$10.00

Ticket Sales - (903) 880-1640

\*Concessions available

Friday, March 03, 2017 - 7:00 PM







### **IVAN AMODEI AT DALLAS RITZ-CARLTON**

Ivan Amodei will perform at the Dallas Ritz-Carlton on March 18 and 19, 2017. Based on the intimate salon shows of Enlightenment-era Europe, Amodei's performance "Intimate Illusions" combines classic magic tricks with enthralling storytelling, audience participation, and live music. Called a "world-class magician" by the Beverly Hills Courier, "a master of his art," by LA Splash, and "the most exciting and entertaining illusionist we have ever seen," by Hollywood Today, this renowned illusionist has wowed everyone from locals to celebrities during his years touring the globe.

Groupon has discount

tickets... <https://www.groupon.com/deals/ql-intimate-illusions-ivan-amodei-dallas>

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### **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.



### **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.

### **Thrifty Third Thursday**

**Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume** started a new monthly gathering of magicians from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. You are invited to wheel and deal for the best buys ever only at Fort Worth's own Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume.

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# 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://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://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://improv.com/>



### **Magic on the Grill at Tokyohana** **3239 Southwest Freeway 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. Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

# ONE LAST THING

As you were scrolling through all the Coming Attractions and Interesting Stuff, you may have thought to yourself, "Why is all the news slanted toward the large magic clubs?" Well, it's because those clubs have active websites with current information and/or informative newsletters that let the world know what's happening in their magic worlds.

I'd love to hear from every single magic club in the State every single month -- whether or not they are member-clubs of TAOM. We care about magic in every town in Texas. I'm sure there are exciting shows and interesting events at many clubs. *Please share the news.*

*Just send me an email:  
taomnews@yahoo.com*

*Judy Hollingsworth  
TAOM Club Coordinator*

