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**FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE...**

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well, we're heading into spring already. And when April 4th hits, the price for the TAOM goes up one more time. Our annual convention is going to be in Frisco this year and it is the first one put on by the TAOM itself, not by a local club, so we will be needing your help over Labor Day weekend (September 1-4) to make this one great.

I had thought about playing like Magic LIVE and not saying who the acts were gonna be, but then Stan decided to have a Magic LIVE this year in addition to the IBM-SAM combined convention and then Genii's convention, so I figured I had to talk about who was gonna be at our convention.

You can go to <http://www.taom.org/assoc/2017-convention-registration/> to sign up. And we've worked very hard to keep the price down. Until April 4th it costs \$190 for adults and \$135 for students.

When you combine that with our hotel for \$119 a night for a 2-room suite that can sleep up to 4 easily and comes with a microwave and refrigerator, a full breakfast every morning and a cocktail reception every night, we are one of the most affordable conventions in the country.

**One of the things that we are trying to do is come up with new faces and acts for the TAOM. We don't want to hear the complaint that it is the same old stuff. *It won't be!***

I am using some elements of Magic LIVE in that there will be plenty of lectures and fun stuff. Already I told you about **Bizzaro** and **Christian and Katalina** as our acts, neither act had ever been booked for a TAOM before. This time I am going to reveal another performer. This guy is one of the most creative minds in magic. The thing is, he so busy doing corporate work (which obviously pays a lot more than conventions) that he rarely performs at a magic convention. I mean very rarely. **But we have him.**

**Gregory Wilson** will be featured for the first time at the TAOM. Gregory will be seen both on stage, in close-up and he will be lecturing. A triple threat. Actually, quadruple because Gregory also will be in our dealer room. He has been traveling the country a bit with Penguin dealing and lecturing at their Magic EXPOs. He has some terrific effects including his Rubik's cube.



We're also working on something special for one of the evenings, but I'll write about that later. The hint is **Gregory and Bizzaro working together**...and it may have been a TV show.

That's it for now. Take advantage of the lower rate by registering today.

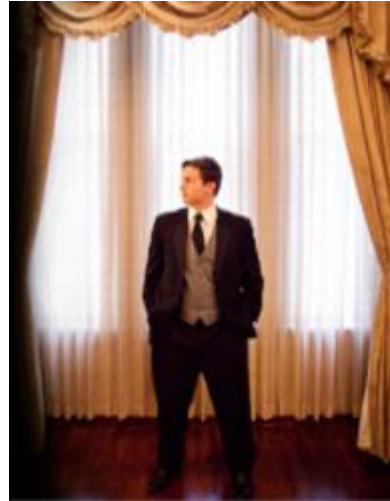
Frank Seltzer  
President, TAOM 2017



**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 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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**"DEALT" featured at Dallas Film Festival**

The acclaimed documentary about the incredible life of Richard Turner will be shown on March 31 and April 1 at the Dallas International Film Festival. In DEALT, Turner wows at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, travels the world showing his magic, and practices diligently throughout his daily life.



Go to <https://secure.dallasfilm.org/festivalfeature/id/24796391443609524> for more information.

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**DOUBLE TREAT:  
PUBLIC SHOW AND PRIVATE LECTURE**

**Marcus Eddie** presents his highly-acclaimed one-man show at the Boardwalk Elixir, 609 Bradford Avenue #103 in Kemah on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Save your ticket -- it will get you a free DVD at Marcus' lecture (see details below).

Seating is limiting, so get your tickets NOW for this exciting event at <https://marcuseddie.wellattended.com>

*M.A.G.I.C. with Marcus Eddie  
An Evening You Won't Believe!*

**Now about that lecture...**

Marcus will return to Houston on Tuesday, April 4 to deliver his high-energy lecture where he will share his inventive thinking process and his unusual creations.

He said, "I'm so excited to bring this lecture to you since you've been so supportive of my magic ever since my first T.A.O.M. In '95. Those were the good ole days and a lot has changed. TV appearances, magic consulting for David Blaine and my new one-man show, to name a few! Bring your ticket from my show, and I'll give you a free DVD at my lecture! I can't wait to share my crazy creations and stories with you and hang out afterwards to jam. My show will be an evening you won't believe and the lecture will show some methods to my madness...in a nice way! Hope to see you there!"

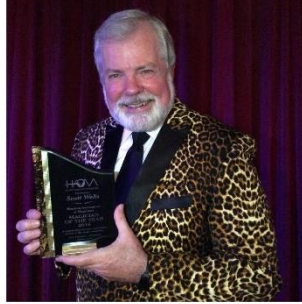
The lecture will be at the regular meeting place for SAM 39 and the Houston Association of Magicians - IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall, 3030 North Freeway.

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**BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF**



David Hinkin



Scott Wells

## MAGIC HONORS

Houston magicians honored two of their own at the recent annual installation banquet and show. **David Hinkin** won the Bob Blau award from IBM Ring 39 given "In recognition for his achievements in the art and brotherhood of magic" and **Scott Wells** was named Houston's Magician of the Year for "Outstanding Service to the Houston Association of Magicians".

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# IMPROV

In Arlington EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m.

April 2 - Kyle Marlett and Trigg Watson take the stag

April 9 - Darren Collins will perform

April 23 - Mike Squires and Dal Sanders will perform for their Fourth Annual Birthday Bash with some NEW illusions.

Doors open at 1:00 pm, Show begins at 2:00 pm.

Details at <http://improv.com/>

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/>



The Society of Young Magicians chapter chartered under the Dallas Magic Club meets at the Main Street Magic and Fun Company in historic downtown McKinney (211 North Tennessee Street) on the second Sunday of each month. For details, contact Jennifer at 214-274-7802.

Houston Young Magicians meet at Frankel's Costume Shop at 2:00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. The group is sponsored by Houston IBM 39 and SAM 19. Contact Scott Hollingsworth at 832-338-7956 for information.

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### **John Magic's Theater and Museum**

Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night with family-friendly magic entertainment. Friday evenings feature close-up magic by John Magic and Chris English. Private close-up shows are available Monday through Thursday by appointment.



The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. Buy your ticket at the door or make reservations at <http://www.magicstheater.com>

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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.

### **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 "chops" 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.

Cardician Terrill Fischer is the featured performer/teacher for the meeting on March 25.



### **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



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*Judy Hollingsworth  
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