



**MAGIC
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FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE...



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow -- It's only 3 months until the fabulous 2017 TAOM Convention in Frisco. It is coming up fast. ***Get your hotel reservations ASAP***; once our block is gone, prices will be higher. The Embassy Suites rate for our convention is an incredibly low \$119 a night ***including a full breakfast and evening reception***. Parking is ***free*** in the outdoor lot and only \$5 in the garage.

The link for hotel reservations is <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DALFSES-TXA-20170830/index.jhtml> You can also call 972 -712-7200 and use code TXA for the Texas Association of Magicians room block.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS TODAY!

And by the way, things will kick off Friday so you may want to come in Thursday night. Next door to the hotel is the Dr. Pepper Ballpark -- home to the minor league Frisco Roughriders. Thursday night there is a game against the Corpus Christi Hooks and it is "Thirsty Thursday" meaning domestic beers are a buck, craft beers only \$2.

"MASTERS OF ILLUSIONS" STARS IN FRISCO

Two of the renowned performers from "Masters of Illusion" will be featured at TAOM 2017.

Naathan Phan is that rare combination of a Scottish and Asian magician. He was born in Scotland, but grew up in Orange County California. While Naathan has done moves and television galore, I first saw him in the touring Masters of Illusion show where he killed. Naathan is regularly featured at the Castle and will be at the Genii convention. He is not only a magician but also a comedian, singer, writer and even an Eagle Scout. Naathan won on Wizard Wars and will be a part of our Wizard Wars Live event.



Chris Randall was born and raised in Las Vegas and performed on the streets there for many years. Recently, he moved to Los Angeles, where he stars in CW's "Masters of Illusion" and performs regularly at the Magic Castle. He has won many contests, including IBM's trophy for best stage act two years ago. This year, he has a new act that will be competing for FISM at the combined convention.

AND ANOTHER STAR...DOUG ANDERSON

Doug Anderson hails from extremely far north Dallas...well actually Oklahoma, but his first really magic experience was at Jeffrie's Magicland in downtown Dallas. For nearly 40 years, Doug has entertained audiences from the Magic Castle to five-star cruise ships all over the world. Doug began his career in the Boogie Woogie Magic Shop at Six Flags over Texas. During that time, Doug got to watch the Paul Osborne-produced magic show at the park. Paul eventually hired Doug and took a chance on him. Paul gave a start to many magicians and we will be honoring him at this year's convention.



So, you see... there's going to be plenty of top-notch talent to whet your appetite for exciting magic. Click here to [REGISTER TODAY.](#)

Frank Seltzer
President, TAOM 2017

TAOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MID-YEAR MEETING

by TAOM Secretary Mary Cay Gold

A small group of officers, club representatives, and past presidents met at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Frisco for the mid-year meeting of the Board on May 13, 2017, and a good time was had by all. The hotel impressed everyone! The line-up of performers detailed by President Frank Seltzer has everyone buzzing about the great shows.

During the meeting, the Board received a bid for the 2020 TAOM convention from Ft. Worth SAM 138, written by Bruce Chadwick.

Two proposed bylaws amendments to the contest rules were approved, changing the deadline for applications to 60 days before the convention and adding the proviso that the contest chair has the final say about fire, glitter or confetti in contest acts.

The powers that be are giving the contests extra benefit this year by delaying the stage contest until the Saturday night show. That will give contestants extra time for proper tech rehearsal and staging as well as letting them perform for a full audience.

A tour of the facilities confirmed the easy access to the dealer room, stage, lecture rooms. Every "room" is a suite and all reservations include *free breakfast* and *free happy hour*. Too cool!

MAGIC FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP

On April 9, 2017, our friend Alex Rangel was involved in a motorcycle accident. Alex is a terrific magician, and one of the hardest working guys I know.



Though Alex was wearing a helmet, it lacked the face guard. Due to the impact, Alex broke his jaw and his palate, and he suffered brain swelling and a brain bleed.

But the worst part is... Alex fractured his orbital socket. A small piece of bone broke off and severed his right optic nerve. He is suddenly blind in his right eye and there is no surgery to fix it.

Alex has always considered himself a pretty "tough guy." But now, he is suffering minor panic attacks, anxiety, feelings of vulnerability and some plain old fear. "How can I take proper care of my family when I'm trying desperately to recover and heal?"

Alex will be out of work for months and he lacks health insurance. He and Desiree have a beautiful little girl that just had her 2nd Birthday last weekend. That little girl needs her Daddy to get better and get back to work.

Alex says that he doesn't want anyone to feel bad or sad for him. He is praising God that he walked out of the hospital on his own two feet to his rock Desiree, and to his daughter and to his family and to his friends.

But the truth is...

Tons of people have told Alex and Desiree,
"If there's anything you need just let us know."

What this little family has been unable to say back is,
"We need help to pay our bills."

No one can do everything. But everyone can do something.

This family needs each one of us to do something. We all need a little help sometimes. This is their time of need. This is our time to help. Groceries, rent, electric and water... medical bills.

Would you give generously? Would you help take a HUGE burden off of this family? \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. Please help. We have established a GoFundMe account for Alex, Desiree, and their darling daughter at

<https://www.gofundme.com/alexs-family-needs-our-help>

Let's all do what we'd hope others would do for us or our kids should tragedy strike them.

Thank you. It hardly seems enough, but thank you for helping our friend Alex, Desiree and their beautiful little daughter. May you be blessed beyond measure for being an encouragement to this family.

With gratitude...

David Hira

Friend and advocate for this precious family



**Book Launch Celebration:
The Magic of CHANGE**

Sunday, May 21 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Hosts: Tom Britton, Kent Cummins & "Doc"
Stan Seaton

Location: Doc Seaton's beautiful Home at
10511 La Costa Drive (Onion Creek) in
Austin. Call 512-630-2632 for more
information.

DAN FLESHMAN LECTURE IN AUSTIN

Date: May 23 - Dan Fleshman Lecture

Time and location to be decided. Contact Jody Robbins at <https://www.facebook.com/magicjody> for details.

Cost: \$100 after May 1

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
with (free) jam to follow



Dan says this about his lecture: "The focus of my lecture will be 1/3 business/performance ideas and 2/3 design instruction and a Q/A. I'll be teaching some BOLD ideas. You don't want to miss this opportunity!"

You don't need to be a "knuckle busting" twister to take something away from my lecture. I'll be teaching great designs for line work, restaurants, parties, and show pieces. Everything from the Pinch Twist to Geo and Heart Distortion and everything in between.

To sign up, please send a PayPal to lylemagic@aol.com and put the note "AUSTIN LECTURE" so I know what the money is for.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 23rd!"



LANCE PIERCE LECTURE IN FORT WORTH

When: Wednesday, May 24

What time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: 4055 International Plaza in Fort Worth

Lance is a professional magician from Oklahoma City. He will share practical sleight-of-hand and much, much more.

TYLER WILSON LECTURE IN HOUSTON

Date: May 28, 2017
When: 3:00 p.m.
Where: Alliance Francaise de Houston,
427 Lovett Boulevard



They say Tyler Wilson's magic has more laughs than you can twerk a stick at. He's known for award-winning sleight-of-hand, original routines, and expert ridiculousness.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC IN HOUSTON FEATURING TYLER WILSON

Date: Monday, May 29
When: 1:00 p.m.
Where: Alliance Française de Houston
at 227 Lovett Boulevard in the Montrose area of Houston
What: Food, Fun, and Magic with **Tyler Wilson**

RING 60 ANNUAL PICNIC IN AUSTIN

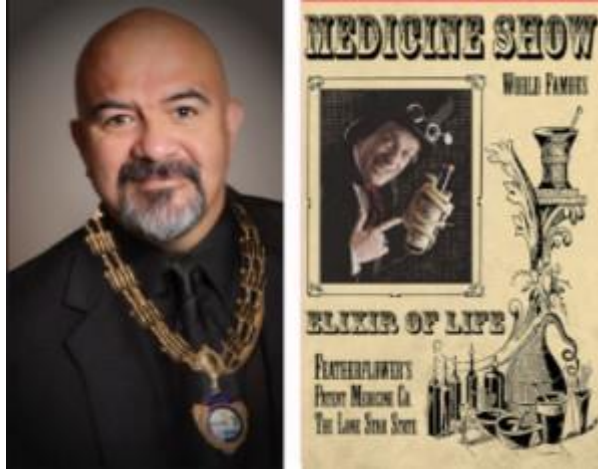
When: Sunday, June 11
from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: The Griffith Compound,
3101 Westlake Drive in Austin
How Much: \$12.50 Adults,
\$7.50 Children (6-12)

Tickets available [Online](#)

Please RSVP



**TWO FEATURED PERFORMERS:
OSCAR MUNOZ AND DAVID THOMASON**



Once again the annual Ring 60 picnic will be held at the beautiful Griffith Compound on Lake Austin. Everyone loves this event. It's laid back, low key with food, music, and magic and tons of fun!

Get ready for some laughs and solid entertainment by two, count 'em, TWO stars. International Brotherhood of Magicians President and all 'round good guy Oscar Munoz and the hilarious medicine show pitch by David Thomason.

This year food will be provided by Tamale Place's food truck. The menu will feature: Chicken tamales, Pork tamales, Chicken fajita tacos, Mexican rice, Refried beans and chips and salsa.

We finish off the meal with our popular "Dessert Contest!" Please bring a homemade dessert to compete for a prize.

Then we all sit back and enjoy the legendary "One Trick Contest". A fabulous prize will be awarded!

What to bring?

- ** Bathing suit if you wish to swim in Lake Austin
- ** Homemade Dessert for the Dessert Contest
- ** One Magic Trick for the Contest
- ** Your family

For more information please contact Trixie Bond: 713-249-3500 or Trixie@trixiebond.com



RICK HONEA STAGE SHOW IN LUBBOCK

When: June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Lubbock Civic Center Theater

What: Full evening stage show fundraiser for "ProjectSetMeFree" and the Oxford Housing Chapter 13

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to

<https://RicksMagic.com>

For group tickets, call Dr H at 806-438-4856

KENNEDY LECTURE ***Mentalism with Personality*** ***(and a British accent)***

When: Tuesday June 20, 2017

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall,
3030 North Freeway in Houston



Kennedy entertains more than 45,000 people around the world every year and has done so consistently for the past 14 years. In fact, he's never had a "real job". His clients include Mars, Yahoo, Mercedes Benz and some of the world's most luxurious cruise ships.

His style is modern, funny and irreverent which makes him a uniquely engaging lecturer – and one of the most in-demand acts in the UK right now.

For details, go to www.houstonmagic.com

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF



DALLAS MAGIC CLUB OFFICERS

International Brotherhood of Magicians President Oscar Munoz was the guest performer and installed new officer for the Dallas Magic Club at the banquet on May 7 at Bookhaven County Club. Pictured here are President: Joey Byers, Vice President: Daryl Howard. IBM President: Oscar Munoz, Secretary: Eric Hogue, Treasurer: Mike "Doc" Blum, and Sergeant-at-Arms: Dal Sanders.

KENT CUMMINS ON LINKING RING COVER

Texas' own Kent Cummins was honored by being featured in the May 2017 issued of International Brotherhood of Magicians' Linking Ring magazine.

The lengthy article gives an interesting, in-depth portrayal of this magician/author/entrepreneur and all-around good guy.





**MAGIC RINGMASTER
DAVID WILLIAMSON
at CIRCUS 1093**

Circus 1903 is playing three dates in Texas. Check out the website at <http://www.circus1903.com/>

Dallas - May 23 - Jun. 4

Austin - June 6 - 8

Houston - June 9 - 11

The producers of the world's biggest magic show, The Illusionists, have teamed up with the award winning puppeteers from War Horse to present a thrilling turn-of-the-century circus spectacular. Texas magician David Williamson serves as Ringmaster/Magic MC for the spectacular.

Sensational puppetry puts **elephants** back in the ring as never seen before along with a huge cast of the most unique, amazing and dangerous circus acts from all four corners of the world, from strong men to contortionists, acrobats to musicians, high wire and much more!

Discover the golden age of circus this summer as **CIRCUS 1903** sets to captivate audiences of all ages.



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

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

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

May 28: Ian Richards and Mike Squires

June 11: Dal Sanders and Mike Squires

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/>

Michael Williams leads an all-star cast.

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.

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>



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.

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.

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.

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

I'm really getting excited about the convention. This will be the first time magicians from around the state have collaborated to put together a convention rather than one club taking on the project. You need to do your part too -- COME TO THE CONVENTION!



We don't want to let the art of magic (and our great organization) gradually fade away. Conventions, especially the Texas convention, are the best time to learn new magic, make new friends, and expand your horizons. Besides the "new" stuff, these gatherings are the absolute best annual reunion for our extended magic family.

Don't delay - [register](#) today!

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator