



**MAGIC  
ACROSS  
TEXAS**

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## **The President's Report**

***More great news! KYLE AND MISTIE KNIGHT are coming from Las Vegas with their illusion show!***

In addition to the incomparable Michael Weber, Kyle and Mistie Knight, famous Las Vegas illusionists, will perform at TAOM 2018 in Houston. They have traveled the world sharing their own unique style of magic. They are regular performers at the Magic Castle in Hollywood and at casinos from Las Vegas to Macau.



Kyle and Mistie recently appeared on TV's Penn & Teller: Fool Us and were the grand prize winners on SyFy's Wizard Wars. They present one-of-a-kind illusions and allow their audience to get up close and involved in ways they've never seen before, performing their magic with a bold and a modern style and just a touch of irreverence.

You will not want to miss this amazing team when they perform and lecture for us at this year's Texas Association of Magicians convention.

Wait... you have not registered yet? Why not? We will have something for everyone. For the family show magicians, you don't want to miss Mario the Magician!

### **Who is Mario the Magician?**

Well... David Blaine says that "Mario is the best kid's magician in the world!" Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese is a performer and inventor who creates his own props. He is known for his dedication to the Maker Movement and S.T.E.A.M. initiatives and his clever integration of DIY electronics and robotics into his performance. Despite his use of cutting edge technology, he presents in a very stylized, vaudeville-inspired, punk rock way. Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin for the modern age, with a mad inventor twist.



Mario has appeared on Sesame Street and NBC Universal's Sprout Channel. He has taken home numerous awards at Maker Faires worldwide. He is also the subject of an award-winning indie documentary film, Building Magic. Most recently, Mario was privileged to be a part of the creative team behind David Blaine's first ever North America tour.

With these three acts, we are just getting started! There will be literally something for everyone as we will have a full range of styles of magic for you to BE INSPIRED, BE AMAZED, BE EDUCATED and BE A MAGICIAN! For more information and register, visit [www.taom.org](http://www.taom.org).

Jamie Salinas      2018 TAOM President



### **Kent Axtell Lecture**

WHAT: Kent Axtell  
WHEN: 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22  
WHERE: Heroes Night Out  
1150 S. Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park



Kent is a published and professional working pro in NYC, Vegas, and L.A. He is stopping in Austin for a lecture on his way to Las Vegas.

With a primary focus on stage mentalism and close-up as his bread and butter, Kent is a real worker. His material reflects the reality that there's no room for fluff when your reputation and your livelihood are on the line.



## Cody Fisher at IBM Ring 39

Scott Hollingsworth Ring 39 is proud to announce the March workshop will feature none other than **Cody Fisher**.

Cody has performed and lectured all over the world and we're happy to have him take time from his busy schedule to come to Houston. His workshop will offer you the opportunity to see his magic up close and personal and learn his secrets to successful commercial magic.

Cody has the uncanny ability to create magic that is baffling as well as VERY entertaining as he combines humor with his simple and direct approach to magic.

You are invited to attend this workshop on Monday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Bayou Manor, 4141 South Braeswood in Houston.

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## Jimmy Fingers Lecture

WHAT: Jimmy Fingers Lecture  
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2  
WHERE: IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall,  
3030 North Freeway in Houston.  
DETAILS: Regular monthly meeting of  
Houston Assn. of Magicians and S.A.M.  
Assembly 19

This lecture will be FREE for members of S.A.M. Assembly #19 and H.A.O.M. who have paid or pay their 2018 annual dues on the night of this lecture. The cost is \$20 (\$10 for juniors) for those who elect to pay for this lecture rather than paying annual dues. ALL MAGICIANS ARE WELCOME.





## Chris Rawlins Lecture

WHERE: **Dallas** - 8330 LBJ Freeway,  
Room B838, 8th floor

WHEN: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 8

WHERE: **Houston**, IATSE Union Hall  
3030 North Freeway

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday April 10

Chris is a mentalist from Manchester, England. His material is perfect for both performers who focus on mentalism as well as close-up and stage performers. For example, you will learn how to appear to memorize a shuffled deck of cards very realistically, but the method requires no memory work. Imagine adding that to one of your card routines...

***His lecture is all Mentalism -- for the stage, close-up and even casual situations.***

## BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF



## NIGHT CLUB MAGIC IN DALLAS

Magic In The Living Room will be an amazing evening unlike any other in the Dallas Metroplex. Dal Sanders will host a fresh nightclub / party experience featuring seasoned pros as well as new faces in the world of magic and the performance arts. At the First Tuesday events there will be new guest magicians, close-up magic, variety performers and more, all to the magical music of Brad Kozak on Piano. For tickets, go to <https://livingroom.wellattended.com/events/magic-in-the-living-room>



## Don Billings Recognized

Houston magician and clown **Don Billings** received the Bob Blau Achievement Award during ceremonies at the Annual Installation of Officers Banquet and Show in Houston on February 18. The award is presented from time to time to persons who exemplify excellence in the performing arts in the Houston area. Don's wife Darla accompanied him to the event. Eric Falconer and Shane Wilson offer congratulations in the photo.



**Wine & Magic**

Checked Past Winery  
WINE PUB

Saturday  
April 14  
7 & 9:30

Tickets \$20  
[WineAndMagicDallas.com](http://WineAndMagicDallas.com)  
\*Food & drink sold separately

with magician  
Trigg Watson

A magic show.  
In a wine bar.  
An intimate evening  
of libations  
and illusions.

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# IMPROV

In **Houston** - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy.

In **Addison** EVERY SATURDAY at 2:00 p.m.

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

For dates and times, go to <http://improv.com/>

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## Paul Driscoll Presents An Evening of Supper Club Magic

TRICKERY & SNAPPY PATER

A one night only experience of fine dining and magic

Join us on Saturday, April 14, for the Award-Winning Magic of Paul Driscoll and the nationally recognized Culinary Wizardry of chef Mark Cox, of Mark's American Cuisine fame.

Enjoy a Three Course Dinner and be dazzled table side by Bob Smith, one of Houston's premiere close up magic artists. After dinner, Paul Driscoll will take to the stage with his bag of tricks and laughs.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy magic live, in this truly intimate setting. For more information and tickets, [click here](#).

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### John Magic's Theater and Museum in Austin

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.

MidCities Magic Circle meets on the second Tuesday of the month. In March, the topic will be parlor/platform magic. Come perform, chat, and have an all-around good time. MidCities Magic Circle meets at Humperdink's restaurant in Arlington. Dinner is at 7 p.m., and the fun begins about 8. You'll be home by 10, so stop on by.



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. 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. *Reservations required.*



**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.

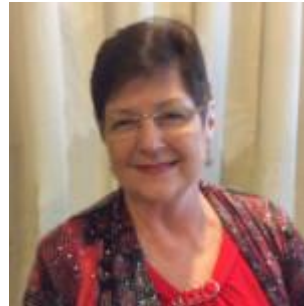
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# ONE LAST THING

Springtime brings renewal of nature and the earth. Let's take that opportunity to renew our dedication to the wonderful art of magic and recruit at least one new member to the club. Magic seems to be on the increase around the world. Any time your local magic club welcomes a new member, be sure to send me email contact information to add them to MAGIC ACROSS TEXAS.



The convention is coming soon and many exciting announcements will appear in this newsletter in the coming months. Don't miss out!

Judy Hollingsworth  
TAOM Club Coordinator