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The President's Report

What is happening? A lot! We have been fine-tuning the schedule to bring you the most bang for your buck. We are working on something really special for you! Currently, we have NINE lectures, a Panel Discussion on Consulting for Television and Movies, Three Evening Shows, a Professional Close-up Show, Midnight Madness Show, Stage Contests, Close-up Contests, Collectors Meeting and a Spouses' Event!



The schedule is literally jam packed! So why have we not published the schedule yet? Well, we are working on yet another amazing lecture to squeeze in despite it already being an amazing line-up! If we can make it happen, this will truly put this convention over the top! Once we are able to publish the schedule, we will. Where can you find out all of this information? Simply go to www.taom.org and follow the links to the convention.

So, what are you waiting for? Register now for "THE CONVENTION TO ATTEND" this year! Don't forget to make your hotel reservations as well as we have secured an unbelievable rate!



One of my favorite television shows that features magic is Penn and Teller's Fool Us.

We have secured the one of the first acts to fool Penn and Teller, none other than JOHN ARCHER.

Here is some information about John:

John won the 'Magic Circle Stage Magician of the Year' in 2008 and has spent the last 17 years entertaining audiences all over the world with regular tours to entertain British troops serving overseas. He is thought by many to be the best comedy magician in the UK today.

In 1998, John was awarded the 'Ken Dodd Presidents Trophy' for 'Best New Magical Comedy Entertainer'.

In February 2000 John took part in The British magical Championships and was awarded 'British Magical Champion of Comedy.'

In November 2002 at 'The Magic Circle Awards Banquet' John was promoted to 'Member of the Inner Magic Circle – with gold star' and was awarded 'The Carlton Comedy Award' for Outstanding use of Comedy and Magic.

In 2003 John was awarded the "Senator Crandall Award for Comedy" at Abbot's convention in the USA.

John recently appeared on the TV show "Penn and Teller – Fool Us.", where he successfully fooled magical greats Penn & Teller and won an all-expenses paid trip to Las Vegas to perform with them at the Rio Hotel.

His TV credits are just too many to list here!

For a full list of all our performers, visit www.taom.org and follow the links for the convention!

Jamie Salinas
2018 TAOM President

**CONVENTION COLLECTORS' MEETING
Magic Collectibles Show and Tell**

I'm thrilled to be organizing this year's Magic Collector's Event for TAOM 2018 in Houston. We will have a "Show and Tell" forum where you will have an opportunity to bring an item out of your collection, share it with us and tell us a bit about it.

There are a limited number of spots available. The plan is for each person to have a maximum of 5 minutes to "Show and Tell"...and, yes, I plan to bring a rare item from my "museum" to share as well.

If you'd like to participate, please email me at mark@jensencollector.com as soon as possible. Please tell me what you plan to bring to share and if you have more than one item in mind to allow for some variety at the event. Also please include your phone number (cell if possible) and the best time to call.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Houston!

Mark Jensen
Mark@JensenCollector.com



JASON LADAYNE LECTURE

Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall, 3030 North Freeway in Houston.

Jason Ladanye has performed at The Magic Castle and has consulted for the hit Broadway show, Cheers Live. He has appeared on ABC's 20/20 and Inside Edition exposing card cheating scams. In 2013, Jason released his first book, [Confident Deceptions](#). In 2017, Jason will be releasing his second book, [Game Changer](#).

Mickaël Chatelain Lecture

**DALLAS - Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m.
at 8330 LBJ Freeway, Room B838**

**HOUSTON - Tuesday, July 17 at 7:30
p.m. at the I.A.T.S.U. Union Hall, 3030
North Freeway**



You may not know Mickael's name, but you definitely know his effects. They are strong, impossible, and very visual. With this lecture, a new universe of creation opens to you — the universe of Mickaël Chatelain. Enjoy today what has come from many years of up-close table experience in restaurants!

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

A colorful promotional poster for a magic show. At the top, it says "MONDAY JULY 2ND" in a purple box. To the right, it says "THE LIVING ROOM @ THE LINE PUBLIC HOUSE" and "RESERVATIONS: 214.720.2262" and "WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM". Below that, it says "TICKETS \$15 (INCLUDES 1ST DRINK)" and "7PM". The main illustration shows a rabbit in a purple suit holding a wand, a woman in a red dress, and a man in a blue suit and hat. The text in the center says "Close-up Magic! Stage Magic! Illusions! Variety Acts! Live Music!". At the bottom, it says "Amazing ARTIFICATIONS PRESENTS... MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM". There is also a small copyright notice at the very bottom: "All Rights Reserved © Copyright 2016".

The Curt Miller Magic & Comedy Show

10th Year!
Over 90,000 Entertained!

MOODY GARDENS HOTEL
Galveston, TX
2 Shows Daily: 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

ONE WEEK ONLY!
July 2 through 8, 2018

MAGICCOMEDYSHOW.COM

The Curt Miller Magic & Comedy Show celebrates its 10th year at the beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, with many new surprises for 2018! Magician & Illusionist Curt Miller blends dazzling magic, music, dance, and great CLEAN comedy in a professional show that will leave your whole family Amazed & Completely Entertained!

Curt's show has dazzled over 90,000 people at Moody Gardens, adding new illusions each year. You'll see people levitating and sawed in half right before your eyes, so don't miss your chance to see a family-friendly "Vegas-style" magic show right here in Texas!

For tickets, go to www.MagicComedyShow.com

Wine & Magic

Saturday
July 14th and August 11
7 & 9:30 pm

with magician
Trigg Watson

Tickets \$20
WineAndMagicDallas.com
*Food & drink sold separately

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

As seen on:
CW Fox Pop

Mid-Cities Magic Circle...

Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Humperdink's in Arlington at 7 for dinner. Magic gets underway about 8 p.m. The topic is "Your Favorite Trick". Bring any trick and perform. Check out Mid-Cities Magic Circle on Facebook for more details!



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!



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/>

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.



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. Get in touch with Lou Hornung at 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.

In Memoriam

JUDGE FRANK PRICE



Houston magician and jurist Frank C. Price passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018, with his devoted wife Melissa and his family at his side. Frank was born in Houston and lived a full life with many varied interests and pursuits. His years as an attorney earned accolades as both prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. As a judge, he presided over some the most notable and publicized cases in Houston jurisprudence history.

Frank's avocation as a magician also garnered many honors. At various time in his career, he served as president of the Texas Association of Magicians, Houston IBM Ring 39, Houston SAM Assembly 19, and the Houston Association of Magicians. In 1917, we was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the three Houston clubs.

A celebration of Life was held May 24. Donations in his name are welcome for the American Cancer Society. The complete obituary is available at www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/frank-price-obituary?pid=189063035

ARTHUR EMERSON

Long time Fort Worth magician Arthur Emerson was born on October 17, 1928 and died on June 2, 2018.

His career included 21 year in the U. S. Army before he retired as a Colonel. After that, he devoted his time as magic dealer, author, historian, and collector.

Emerson was a member of The Magic Circle and Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star. He served as President of the Texas Association Magicians and belonged to IBM and SAM magic clubs in both Dallas and Fort Worth.

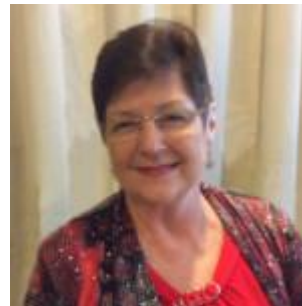


ONE LAST THING

MAGIC ISLAND ??

Houston TV and newspapers reports say Magic Island will open again, maybe by Christmas. Truth or rumor?? Who knows?? We'll just have to wait and see.

One story going around is that it will be turned into a poker parlor when the Texas Legislature passes an expected change in gambling laws.



Another story has the venue offering non-gambling games on ground level and re-opening the magic close-up rooms. Another says the stage will be renovated for performances but no meals will be offered. No word floating around about the bar....

This will be great for Houston magic if it comes to pass, but it's no rumor that the 2018 Texas Association of Magicians Convention will be in Houston. **This magic is for real!** It's coming August 31 through September 3. REGISTER NOW! Get better seats by registering today and reserve your room at the Hilton Americas to make sure you get the really great rate being offered.

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator

