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The President's Report

Well, it's almost time! Time for our annual TAOM convention as it is just a few days away. Some of you are procrastinators and have put off signing up for the convention and may think it is too late. Well GREAT NEWS! It is not too late! You can still register online at the pre-convention rate of \$275 for adults. Sign up today at <http://taom.org/2018/index.php/registration>

Have you looked at our line-up? I am still amazed at the amount of talent that we will have here in Houston. We originally had NINE lectures but guess what. We added one more. We will have TEN lectures! We were able to squeeze in one more stellar performer, Chad Long, to perform and lecture! Chad is one of my favorite magicians and an all-around great guy. The schedule is very tight as we have maximized the use of time to bring you the most bang for your buck. Not only do we have a stellar line-up, but this convention will allow you to session with others late into the night as well as see old friends and make new ones.

Danny Garcia will head up our midnight madness show where there will be many surprises. Speaking of surprises, I have another one for you. International champion in close-up magic, Ben Jackson will emcee and perform as well! Ben is quickly taking the corporate market by storm and is a working pro for many top events as well as having his own one man show in Houston, Texas! Ben is a great guy and I know you will love watching him perform as well as just hanging out with him. I predict you will find Ben to be hanging out with the attendees into the wee hours of the night as well.

Wait...there is MORE! Sure, you have seen all the hype emails about the latest products and have seen the epic trailers created for magic products that make you want to buy the product without knowing what it really is just because the trailer is so great. We will have over fifteen dealers to give you hands-on demonstrations of the latest products as well as props and supplies that you need as well as instructional videos and books. Bring your credit cards as you will no doubt find some great items that will help you in your performances and knowledge about magic!

On Sunday night, I will host the president's party where all of the attendees are invited! Our theme is "Super Heroes and Villains" so get out your costumes or at the very least, a superhero or villain t-shirt as you definitely will want to participate in this event. Lastly, I just want to say, there is nothing like attending a magic convention like the TAOM for magicians. It will be an intimate setting with a HUGE amount of talent that you will meet, become friends with, BE INSPIRED, BE AMAZED and BE A BETTER MAGICIAN!

See you in Houston! Please visit our web site at www.taom.org/2018 for more information!

Jamie Salinas 2018 TAOM President

NEW S.A.M. ASSEMBLY INVITES YOU...

S.A.M. has a Virtual Assembly v1.1 available to all members and two from Texas are part of the officer team for the Assembly. Ken Dickensheets (Austin) is the Technical Director and Matthew Crabtree (Kingwood) is the Marketing Director.



Matt also manages the day-to-day postings on the S.A.M Facebook page. Ken and Matt, along with the other officers, received Medals recognizing their work at the recent SAM Convention in Orlando.

Virtual Assembly v1.1 interviews a prominent magician the third Sunday of every month and streams the interview live. Recent guests include Jeff McBride, Shin Lim, Steve Friedberg, Chris Randall, and Shaun Farquhar among others. The Assembly is open to all S.A.M. members and all past lectures are also on the website. Go to the S.A.M website www.magicsam.com and log in. Under Members Area, click on Virtual Assembly v1.1 and you are there.



SWAP MEET PLUS FREE OSCAR MUNOZ LECTURE

Yep, you read right! Oscar Munoz will give a FREE lecture for everyone who attends the Austin Swap Meet on September 29. Oscar is the past International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He is a gifted international performer and all around great guy. This is going to be a GREAT lecture.



All entry fees will help provide magic entertainment for veterans and their families through the year. Oscar is also a U.S. Marine ("Once a Marine Always a Marine." There are no ex-Marines.)

The second year of the Austin Swap Meet promises to be even better than the first. You can sell all the magic you want and buy all the magic you can carry at the same place. Rent table space to sell your stuff or just come to buy other magicians' stuff.

Entry to the event is a mere \$10 per person. Booth space is just \$15 and, for an additional \$15, we'll provide the table or you can bring your own table if you like.

The Swap Meet starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, at the church gymnasium adjacent to Heroes Night Out at 1150 South Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park (far North Austin). To rent booth space or register for the event, go to <https://squarecircleproductions.com/magicswapmeet/>



BEN MUNOZ - SLOW RECOVERY

Oscar Munoz' son Ben recently suffered serious injury and loss as the result of a deadly fire in San Marcos. Ben Munoz and Abril Cardenas had to jump from an upper level window to save their lives when flames blocked the hallway outside their apartment. Abril was bruised and scraped, but suffered no serious injuries. Ben will undergo months of major rehabilitation for a completely wrecked ankle.

Despite losing everything in the deadly San Marcos apartment complex fire and having to put graduation on hold, Ben and Avril consider themselves pretty lucky. And now they are engaged!

Ben has been a member of TAOM since he was a wee tyke and Abril joined when she worked backstage with him at the 2016 Corpus Christi convention.

Oscar and Ben's mom Melody have established a Go-Fund-Me page to help the young couple with living expenses and massive medical expenses. If you can make a contribution of any amount, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/benjamin-munoz-and-abril-cardenas>

THOM COMING ATTRACTIONS

JUSTIN *If* FLOM

**MAKE MAGIC
SHARE JOY**

A Night of Magic with Justin Flom

Hope Fellowship
Sunday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.
9950 Rolater Road in Frisco

Ticket at <http://hopefellowship.net/familynight/>

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER
4TH

THE LIVING ROOM @ **THE LINE PUBLIC HOUSE**
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS:
WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM
TICKETS \$15
(INCLUDES 1ST DRINK)

940 E. BELTLINE
RICHARDSON, TX
7PM



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BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

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!

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. - Various magicians and acts each week.

In **Arlington** EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m. Various magicians and acts each week.

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.

Cards in South Austin
MEETING DATE CHANGED TO
SECOND SATURDAYS

The session will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, at Ron Cartledge's house, 1802 Woodland Avenue in South Austin. For more info, contact Lou Hornung at lhornung@sbcglobal.net



Dan Butler

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ONE LAST THING

HOORAY ! IT'S CONVENTION TIME

Just a few more days until it's time to pack up and head to Houston. I'm really excited about this year's convention because of all the great performers and the prospect of seeing old friends. Visiting and catching up is one of the main attractions for this convention every year. The program is jam-packed with activities or you can just sit by the pool (or bar...) and smooze.



If you haven't registered yet, it's not too late. Just go to www.taom.org and sign up.

See you there!

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator