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### **Message from the President**

I can't believe how fast this last month has gone by and a lot of things have happened for the TAOM 2019 convention. Halloween has come and gone and now we are entering into the Holiday Season. All of us on the TAOM 2019 convention planning committee want to help you celebrate the upcoming holidays.

#### **SPECIAL OFFER:**

**Registration will be discounted to \$205  
from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas Eve.**

**Register NOW at [www.taom.org](http://www.taom.org)**

**Click here for a surprise video from the president**

### **DISCOVER UNFORGETTABLE MAGIC AT TAOM 2019 SAN ANTONIO!**

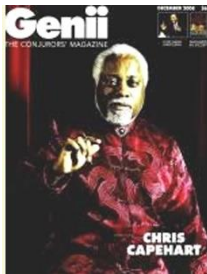
Need another reason to attend the convention? In addition to the outstanding performers I mentioned last month, we have added these stars to the program:

**Chris Capehart**

**Joe Givan & Carol Massie**

**James Dimmare**

**Mahdi Gilbert**





### **INTERNATIONAL HONORS FOR RICHARD TURNER**

San Antonio is proud to dedicate the 2019 to our own Richard Turner. His world-wide fame was reinforced recently with recognition in Japan and Germany. Links to his performances are can be accessed at [Richard Turner in Japan](#) and [Richard Turner in Germany](#).



### **Scott Pepper New Venue in San Antonio**

Scott Pepper is just off his latest cruise gig and has shows scheduled on November 23, 24, & 25 at 217 Alamo Plaza in San Antonio. The entrance is on Crockett.

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**BEN JACKSON AT COLOMBE d'OR**

Experience Magic, Music, & Mayhem at Houston's most intimate, theatrical experience nestled inside one of the world's smallest luxury hotels, La Colombe d'Or.

You'll never forget the luxurious setting and the fascinating magic of BEN JACKSON at Colombe d'Or. Upcoming shows are scheduled for November 24 and December 21, 22, 23, 26, & 27.





Go to <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/> for tickets and to learn more about Ben.



### PHILNICK THE GREAT AT RENFEST

Huzzah! Houston magician and ventriloquist **Phil Nichols** will perform four shows daily at the Texas Renaissance Festival as PhilNick the Great, The King's Ventriloquist, on the Hacienda San Jorge stage at this year's Renfest. Drew Hayen will be strolling as Jakem, the King's Magician, and The Great Rondini will present his escape show. The festival runs from September 29 through November 25 this year. Gates are open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. For more info, go to <https://www.texrenfest.com/>

### ARSENE DUPIN AT RENFEST

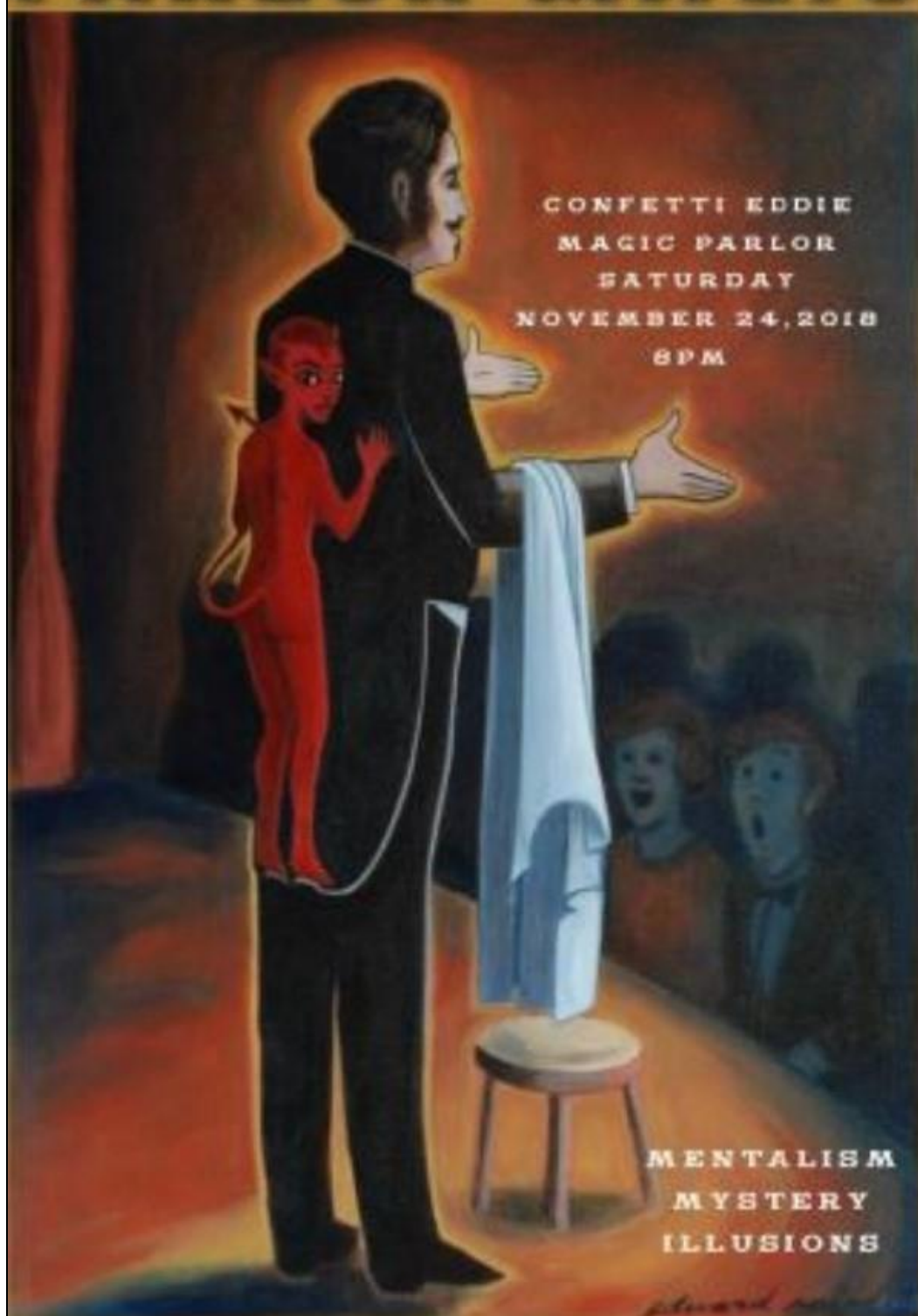
Appearing daily on the Odeon stage is French magician and clown **Arsen Dupin**. His accolades are many and his style inimitable.

You can catch his shows at 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 3:30 daily at the faire, which runs through November 25.

For a complete rundown of the myriad acts at this year's festival, go to <https://www.texrenfest.com/entertainment-schedule-2018/>



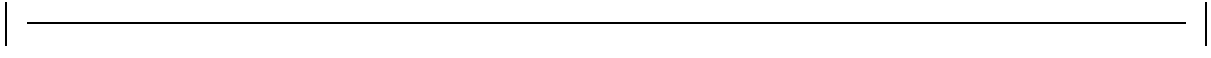
# PARLOR MAGIC



CONFETTI EDDIE  
MAGIC PARLOR  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 24, 2018  
8PM

MENTALISM  
MYSTERY  
ILLUSIONS

TICKETS \$20-30 @ [PREKINDLE.COM](http://PREKINDLE.COM)  
CONFETTI EDDIE MAGIC PARLOR  
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Saturday, Nov. 24  
Friday, December 14  
Saturday, December 15  
7 & 9:30 pm

# Magic

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