



**MAGIC  
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### **Message from the President**

I would first like to say Happy New year to all and hope each and every one had a prosperous Holiday Season.

We have added some exciting new performers to the program for the 2019 TAOM Convention. Go to [taom.org/2019](http://taom.org/2019) to see the complete list of performers. Or like our Facebook page TAOM 2019 to keep updated.

**But wait....THERE'S MORE!**

### **A LOT more.**

In fact, you could win **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS** if your stage act is The People's Choice at the Friday night stage contest at TAOM this year. This prize is offered by San Antonio magicians, not TAOM. You must be registered for the convention to enter the contest and you must submit your contest entry form no later than July 15, 2019. **Good luck!**



Go to <http://taom.org/2019/index.php/taom-2019-contest-info/> for rules , entry forms, and more information or email [taom2019@gmail.com](mailto:taom2019@gmail.com)



### **But wait....there's even more!**

**Scott Pepper** has been added to the program. He has worked all around the world with his original style of magic and illusion, from hotels in Europe to some of the most prestigious cruise lines in the world. He is taking time out from his local theatre productions and his regular gig with Disney Cruise Lines (where his new magic and illusions spectacular 'Imagination' has garnered rave reviews) to appear on the TAOM stage in San Antonio.

**Paul Driscoll** will present fast-paced entertainment with a hilarious audience participation show. Born and raised in Houston, Paul "fills" the bill to be a towering Texan. At 6'9" tall, Paul is one of the most "looked up to" magicians in the world. He performs his unique blend of magic and comedy coast to coast at major corporate events and in nightclub showrooms and around the world on luxury cruise liners. Driscoll has shared the stage with many of the top names in entertainment.



This year we will also have a Bizarre Magic Event honoring the late De Nomolos (Ed Solomon) to be held Saturday night after the stage show back at the hotel.

For those who have not been exposed to Bizarre Magic or who have never heard it. Bizarre Magic is a branch of magic that uses storytelling and word play to a much greater degree than other areas of magic. The experience is intended to be more akin to a small, intimate theater than a conventional magic show. The story is more important to the effect than the magic.

The 2019 Bizarre Chairman has assured me that he has something different in store for us at this event. Yes both the event and the chairman are bizarre.

DISCOVER UNFORGETTABLE MAGIC AT TAOM 2019 SAN ANTONIO

Sal Manfredo  
2019 TAOM President

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## ***BREAKING NEWS....***

TAOM President Sal Manfredo has just announced there will be a

### ***Mid-Year Meeting!***

Everyone is invited to San Antonio on Saturday, April 13, for the Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting at noon at the Palacio Del Rio Hotel. Contact Sal if you'd like to stay over night at the hotel at the meeting rate of \$174, which is less than offered to the general public.

He is also working out the details for a tour of the theatre where the evening shows will be held.





## **Austin Holiday Banquet January 20**

3:00pm — Doors Open

4:00pm — Dinner

5:00pm — Installation & Show

Price: \$15/ person

Location: Heroes Night Out Building  
1150 S Bell Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613

[Purchase tickets here!](#)

### **ENTERTAINMENT BY MARK & SUE HOLSTEIN**

Mark & Sue Holstein are among the most sought after magical entertainers in the US. They specialize in spectacular magic and illusion, and have presented their special brand of magic and comedy on television, in theaters, on casino stages and just about any other venue you can imagine. Mark has served as a consultant and behind the scenes technician for some of the top magicians in the country. Recognized by their peers, Mark and Susan are often called upon to perform at magicians' conventions and gatherings. When they are not busy performing, Mark is an attorney for one of the largest companies in the world and Susan is a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in hypnosis. Mark and Dr. Sue live in Houston.



The stage show will follow the installation of officers and dinner, which will, once again, feature a sumptuous taco buffet by the best catering company in Austin! If you don't want to eat, you can buy show tickets at the door.



**BEN JACKSON PRESENTS  
Magic, Music, & Mayhem**

*An unforgettable evening of sophistication  
and sorcery*

Ben performs two shows a day on a monthly schedule. Coming up: January 25 & 26, February 22 & 23, and March 39 & 30. Go to <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/live/> for tickets.

Ben's delightful one-man show has moved to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. He has earned numerous awards during his career, the most recent being a trifecta of First Place, People's Choice, and Medal of Merit at the United States National Close-up Magic Competition at the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas. The Medal of Merit has been awarded only 7 times since 1902.

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**SCOTT PEPPER  
Illusions Shows in San Antonio**

Scott Pepper has shows scheduled in his theatre (TAOM convention show venue) in the Reuter Building at 217 Alamo Plaza, Suite 400 on January 26 and 27. For tickets and information, go to <https://www.magiciansagency.com/>



**P A R L O R  
M A G I C  
S H O W**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 2019**

**MYSTERY**

**MENTALISM**

**ILLUSIONS**

**TICKETS \$20-30 @PREKINDLE.COM  
CONFETTI EDDIE MAGIC PARLOR  
823 EXPOSITION AVE. DALLAS TX 75226  
WINNER BEST MAGIC PARLOR 2014**

**PATRICK REDFORD PRESENTS**  
**"Mostly Magic and a Little Bit of Mentalism"**

2 p.m. Sunday, January 27  
8330 LBJ Freeway, 8th floor, Room B838, Dallas

In a rare live lecture with material never before seen anywhere else, you will find something for you. If you're a con junkie, there's coin material to feed your addiction. If you're a card fanatic, you'll learn some strong card material you'll use right away. If you're into mentalism, there's great material for you too! Patrick has performed and lectured all over the world with both Masters of Illusion and The Illusionists touring shows and worked behind the scenes with some of the world's greatest magicians.



**ERIC STEVENS LECTURE**

7:30 p.m. Tuesday February 5  
IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall, 3030 North  
Freeway, Houston

Eric Stevens is a multi-award-winning professional magician based out of Los Angeles, California. From visual card and coin work to stimulating performance theory, his highly-acclaimed lectures combine a classic style with modern thinking and smooth execution, providing an array of magical wonderments that are sure to make even the most skeptical audience member (magician or layperson) stand up and take notice.

**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**5TH**

**THE LIVING ROOM @**

**THE LINE PUBLIC HOUSE**

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS:**  
[WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM](http://WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM)

**940 E. BELTLINE**  
**RICHARDSON, TX**

**\$15 TICKETS\***  
**IN ADVANCE**  
\*INCLUDES FIRST DRINK!

**7PM**

February is  
**MAGIC**

**LOVERS**  
Month!



(And Valentines)

**Amazing**  
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PRESENTS...

**MAGIC** **IN THE**  
**LIVING**  
**ROOM**

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# Wine &

Friday & Saturday  
February 15th & 16th  
7 & 9:30 pm



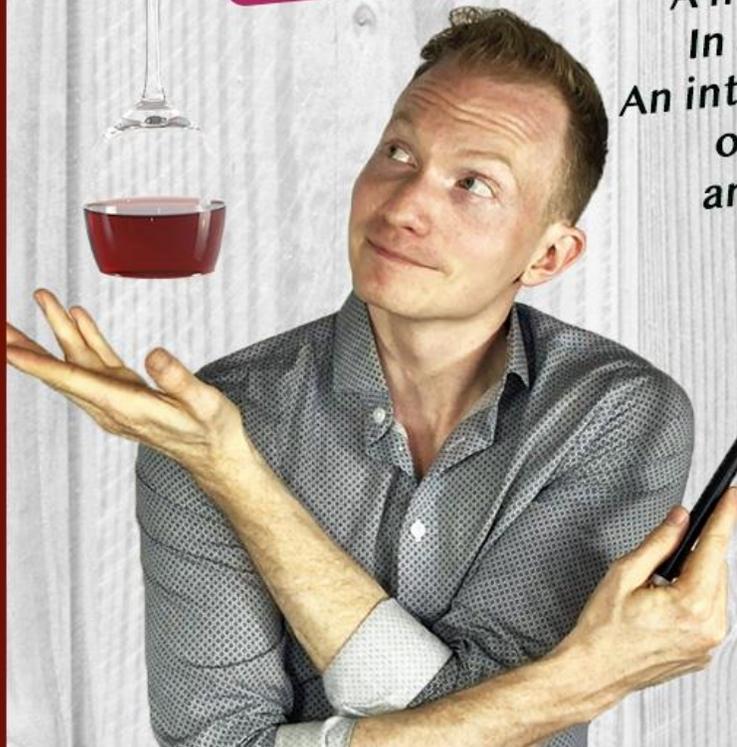
# Magic

with magician  
Trigg Watson

Tickets \$25  
[WineAndMagicDallas.com](http://WineAndMagicDallas.com)  
\*Food & drink sold separately

Perfect Valentines  
weekend date!

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



As seen on:



**Make your reservations early! In previous years, people were turned away at the door because the Houston banquet was SOLD OUT in advance!**

**[Click Here to purchase tickets.](#)**

**Remember, this is open to the public so please invite you friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and people you meet in the street. This will be the place to see magic up close and on stage like you've never seen it!**

**MAGIC**

**HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS**  
**MAGIC BANQUET**

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Doors open at 4:00 pm with strolling magic starting at 4:30 pm  
Dinner starts at 5:30 PM with stage show at 7:00 PM  
SPJST Lodge 88 Hall  
1435 Beall Houston, Texas 77008

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

General Admission tickets are \$30.00 or VIP tickets are \$45.00 at:  
2019magicbanquet.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006  
(\$40.00/\$55.00 at the door) and includes dinner,  
close-up magic by strolling magicians  
and a gala magic stage show.

presented by:  
**HOUSTON'S MAGIC CLUBS**

## 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

### THE IMPROV IN ADDISON...

Mike Williams heads up an all star line-up in Addison every other weekend. It's Comedy and Magic that you won't want to miss.

Visit [www.improvaddison.com](http://www.improvaddison.com) for show information or to purchase tickets.

CELEBRATING 12 YEARS OF MAGIC!

*"Funny beyond belief!"*

**Family Comedy  
& Magic Show**  
For All Ages

Starring Mike Williams

Saturday at 2pm



Addison Improv Comedy Club  
[www.ImprovAddison.com](http://www.ImprovAddison.com)



### THE IMPROV IN ARLINGTON...

Mike Squires headlines shows at The IMPROV in Arlington on alternate Saturdays. Mike will casually blow your mind. Doors open at 1:00.

Go to [www.improvarlington.com](http://www.improvarlington.com) for tickets.

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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.

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# 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.

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## Cards in South Austin

**MEETING DATE CHANGED TO  
SECOND SATURDAYS**

Cardicians in Austin get together once a month to swap moves and stories, routines and fun. To confirm times, locations, and dates and for more info, contact Lou Hornung at [lhornung@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhornung@sbcglobal.net)



## Castle Regulars - DOUG AND FRAN GORMAN

San Antonio magicians Doug and Fran Gorman just returned from another successful gig in Hollywood, performing from January 7 through 13 at The Magic Castle. Congratulations!

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# In Memoriam



Magicians and fans around the State were stunned and saddened by the terrible news that **Mike Winslett** had died in a house fire on January 15, 2019. Mike could energize and rev up an audience before a show better than anyone. His enthusiasm was contagious! When Mike was "on", he had a winning smile and infectious personality that made everyone around him happy.

## ONE LAST THING

AFTER TEN YEARS....

This issue of the TAOM newsletter marks the beginning of my tenth year as TAOM Club Coordinator and Editor of Magic Across Texas. It's been a joy.....and a painful job. You've heard the old joke, "It's like pulling teeth to get you to go to the dentist." Well, I say "it's like writing in the sand by the ocean to ask you to send me articles and news for the newsletter."

I would love to have news to print from every club in the State and also from magicians who don't have the advantage of an organized club in their area. Please, please send anything about magic you'd like to share with other magicians to [taomnews@yahoo.com](mailto:taomnews@yahoo.com)

Judy Hollingsworth  
TAOM Club Coordinator

