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### Message from the President



A lot of behind-the-scenes work has been going on this month.... the little things that make the convention run smoothly. We still have a few more acts to book to complete this year's lineup before we set up the schedule and stage performances.

**Here is a friendly reminder:** If you haven't already registered for the convention this year, you want to do so soon. The registration fee will increase on the 1st of April. Book early and save yourself some money. Go to [taom.org/2019](http://taom.org/2019) to register.

### You could win \$1000

Are you contemplating this year's stage competition? Then you need to be registered for the convention to enter and submit your contest entry form no later than July 15, 2019. Contestants vying for the People's Choice prize at the Friday night stage contest at TAOM this year are competing for a \$1000 prize. Good luck!

(This prize is being offered by San Antonio magicians, not TAOM.)



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)



## PROGRAM ADVERTISING

1. Advertise your business!
2. Advertise your magic club!
3. Send well wishes to .....
4. Insert your business card!

[Click here](#) for information on how to advertised in the 2019 convention program. Sponsorships also very welcome.

Don't forget about the Board of Directors' Mid-Year Meeting in San Antonio at noon on Saturday, April 13 at the Palacio Del Rio Hotel. Contact me at [taom2019@gmail.com](mailto:taom2019@gmail.com) or call or text 512 799-3176 if you'd like to stay overnight at the hotel at the meeting rate of \$174, which is less than offered to the general public. I am also working out the details for a tour of the theatre where the evening shows will be held.

And lastly... Should you have any questions about this year's convention, by all means contact me at [taom2019@gmail.com](mailto:taom2019@gmail.com) or call 512 799-3176. I might not be able to answer it right away but you will get an answer. The only bad question is the one not asked.

Don't forget to like or follow our Facebook page TAOM 2019 to keep up with the latest news.

Sal Manfredo

2019 TAOM President

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**February 21**

**Bronson Chadwick Lecture in Fort Worth**



The February meeting of the S.A.M. 138 will feature a lecture by Bronson Chadwick from Midland. The lecture, entitled "Magic You've Never Seen Before: A collection of Fine Mysteries for the Parlor". Bronson has just completed a ten-months performing tour across the Northeast U.S. All S.A.M. 138 meetings are held at Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Avenue in Fort Worth.

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**February 22, 23, & 24**

**Scott Pepper on stage in San Antonio**

Fresh off a successful tour, Scott Pepper once again presents his illusions on stage at the Magicians Agency theatre in San Antonio. Enjoy free popcorn and the exquisite close-up magic of Doug Gorman before the show. The theatre is located at 217 Alamo Plaza, Suite 400 on the 4th floor above The Amazing Mirror Maze. (There is an elevator.) Shows continue on March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10. Nick Paul takes the stage on March 22, 23, 24 & 29. For tickets, go to [magiciansagency.com/page/shows](http://magiciansagency.com/page/shows)



**MAGIC**  
*Comedy, Magic, and Illusions*

**BRENT FISHER**  
 Dallas Magic Club  
 "Magician of the Year"  
 DFW's Children's Entertainer

**SHEL HIGGINS**  
 America's Got Talent  
 Top Dangerous for Live TV

**OSCAR MUNOZ**  
 Gold Caps Winner  
 3 Time T.A.M. Champion  
 Nat'l L.M. President

**Saturday, February 23, 2019 – 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM**

**SHS Auditorium – 2 Shows!**

*\* Carnival Concessions and Close-Up Magic 5:00 – 7:00 \**

<p>Close-Up Magicians: 5-7 PM  <i>John Kline – Jared Corona – Doc Harris</i></p>	<p>\$10.00 Advance / \$12.00 Door  <a href="http://www.raiderprideband.com">www.raiderprideband.com</a></p>
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**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: February 22 & 23\*, March 39 & 30\*, and April 27 & 28. Go to <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/live/> for tickets.

*\*February and March shows are sold out.*

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.



February 23

**Charlie Murthy's Dinner Show in San Antonio**

San Antonio magician Charlie Murthy will present a dinner show at 8:00 p.m. February 23 at Los Dos Compos Hermanos Restaurant. Admission includes a delicious steak dinner and the fascinating magic of Charlie. The restaurant is located at 7236 West Military Drive in San Antonio.

Amazing ATTRACTIONS PRESENTS... **MAGIC** IN THE LIVING ROOM

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Mardi Gras Edition!

**TUESDAY MARCH 5 .7PM.** **THE LIVING ROOM @ THE LINE** PUBLIC HOUSE  
**\$15 IN ADVANCE • \$20 AT THE DOOR**  
**WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM**

**March 12**  
**BERNARDO SEDLACEK**

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12  
ISTSE Meeting Hall, 303 North Freeway in Houston

Known among the magicians by his strong card magic, creativity, style and extreme card skills, Bernardo Sedlacek started in magic at the age of nine. Considered one of the best card magicians in Brazil, he has performed in USA, Australia, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Holland, France, Finland and a few others, acting side by side and fooling the most known and brilliant minds in magic.



**March 15**  
**MICHAEL CARBONARO ....LIVE**

7:00 p.m. at the Majestic Theater in Dallas

It's true, the popular magician from truTV's "The Carbonaro Effect," will perform his show Michael Carbonaro...Live! at the Majestic Theater in Dallas.

It will be an evening of fun for the whole family. Carbonaro has performed over 500 comically perplexing and improbable feats of magic on his hit truTV series, The Carbonaro Effect. Now, he's taking his show on the road. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

**March 15 & 16**  
**PENGUIN MAGIC EXPO**  
Double Tree Hotel in Dallas

The Penguin Magic Experience and Expo (MAXX) is a two day magic-FILLED event in March 15-16, 2019. It is your chance to hang out with, and learn cutting edge magic from some of the world's best magicians. And when we say hang out with, we mean it. Hanging out is ON THE SCHEDULE.



MAXX has everything you love about big magic conventions, all at a fraction of the normal magic convention price, and in 2 action-packed days. We're busy. You're busy. Spending 4-7 days away from home, away from family doesn't work for many people. You will see and learn great new magic. You will hang out with the world's best magicians. You will make new magic friends, new magic memories, and have a blast. Performers include Garrett Thomas, Dan Harlan, Michael Weber, The Other Brothers, Losander, Chad Long, Nick Locapo, Brent Braun, Diamond Jim Tyler, and Michael Kaminskas.

Available seats fill fast. Register early at [www.penguinmagic.com](http://www.penguinmagic.com)



# Wine &

Friday & Saturday  
March 22nd & 23rd  
7 & 9:30 pm

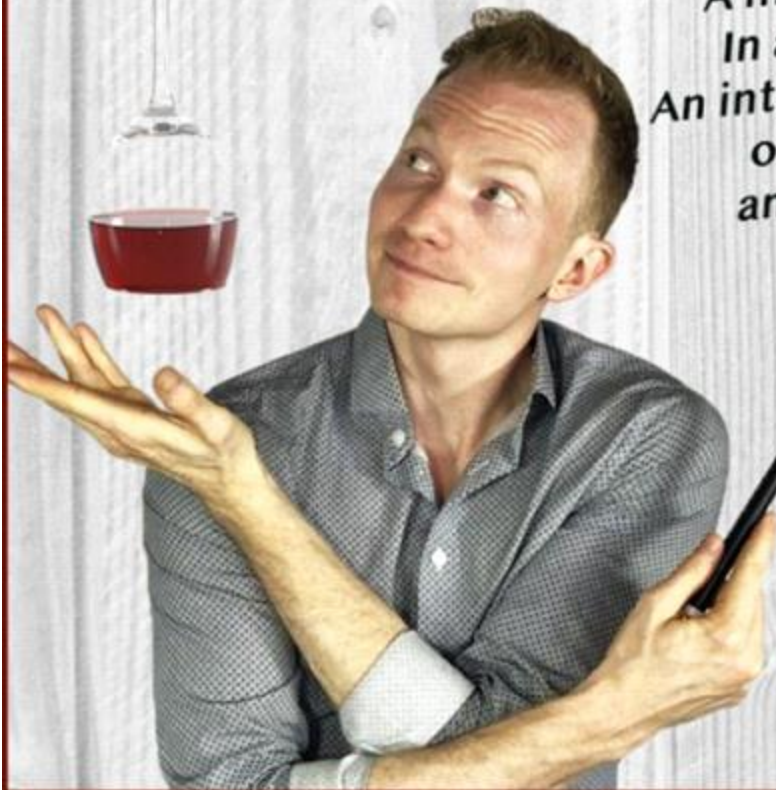


# Magic

[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.

As seen on:





**March 23**

## **IVAN AMODEI - SECRETS AND ILLUSIONS**

2 Shows at the Hobby Center in Houston

Master illusionist Ivan Amodei has stumped Penn and Teller on their show Fool Us. His original, theatrical twist on magic has nabbed him six People's Choice Awards for Best Entertainer.

He's blown audiences away by playing God, manipulating time and controlling individuals' fates. Now, Amodei unveils his brand new show, Secrets & Illusions, for the audience at The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston. [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.

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## **BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF**

### **BRYAN SIMS AND GEORGE H. W. BUSH**

#### **A Magical Tale**

During the time George H. W. Bush was Vice President, he and Secretary of State James Baker III visited the Lazy F Rank in South Texas. One of the U. S. Navy SAR (Search and Rescue) crewman assigned to facilitate a quick exit (if need be) for Bush and his Secret Service details was none other than Houston IBM Ring 39 member Bryan Sims. Bryan spent many hours with Bush and Baker doing close-up magic. GHW was an amateur magician and eager to learn new tricks.



No photos could be taken inside the cabins where they stayed; this picture was taken by a Secret Service agent as GHW signs a blank piece of paper that Bryan turned into a one dollar bill with a Delben Ink Blotter.

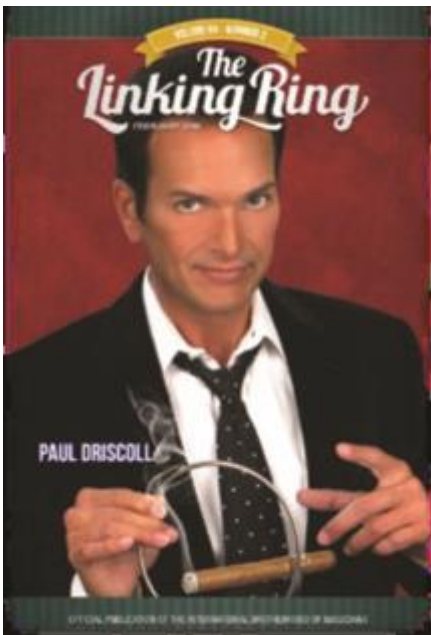
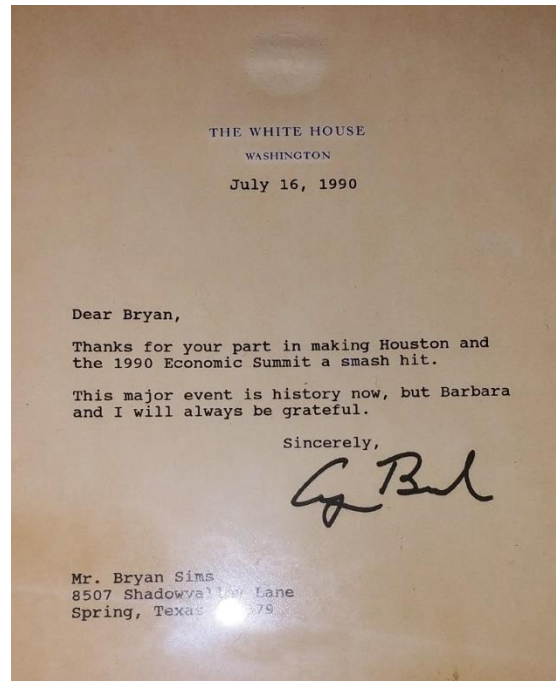


The moment the bill appeared, Baker, whose signature was on all US currency printed during his term as Secretary of the Treasury, grabbed the bill and signed above his printed signature. He handed it back to Bryan and asked, "What do you think of that?"



The Vice President hurried over to his limo and retrieved a stamped VP Coin that is a key chain and a deck of embossed Presidential playing cards for Bryan. In return, Bryan gave him a personal business card and said if Bush ever needed a magician in the White House to give him a call. And... surprise, surprise, Bryan got a call two years later from the White House, but thought it was a prank and hung up. The call was repeated and, sure enough, at newly elected President Bush's recommendation and request, Bryan was booked to perform a large stage show for numerous Heads of State and dignitaries at the Economic Summit in Houston.

Bravo and congratulations, Bryan!



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### Paul Driscoll

The most recent issue of Linking Ring magazine features an interview with Houston magician Paul Driscoll. He talks about how he got started in magic and about his many accomplishments, including awards from TAOM, IBM, and Abbott's.

Paul has worked coast to coast, in twenty-eight states. In Las Vegas, he performed at Bally's, the Tropicana, Harrah's, and Catch A Rising Star comedy club. Besides the Magic Castle, in California, he appeared at Wizardz Magic heater at Universal Studios (which is no longer there), The Bistro in Beverly Hills, and Magic Island in Houston, as well as on numerous cruise ships. A few of my corporate clients include Exxon, Bristol-Meyers, Dow Chemical, Texaco, H&R Block, Kroger's, and Mitsubishi.

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## JAMES IRWIN

### AI Levulus Award Winner

James Irwin recently received the AI Levulus award for achievement by a young magician. Geoff Grimes and Will Baffle, along with the assembled Fort Worth magicians, surprised James with the award after his December performance for the club. The Levulus award was established with the Fort Worth IBM Ring by its namesake to encourage young performers.



James made his first convention appearance in 2014, winning the TAOM youth contest. Since then he has been both a competitor and an invited performer for multiple conventions, including IBM, SAM, Midwest Magic, and Abbott's.

Last year you may have read his article in the Linking Ring describing his trip to New York as the recipient of the Fantasma Award, received through the benevolence of amazing professionals in Texas and New York. His next road trip is Abracorndabra.

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### 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!

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# 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.



## 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)



# ONE LAST THING

## **TEXAS....the Magic Capital of the World**

At least it seems that way! Texas magicians are so active and involved all around the state, we surely must lead the world with our enthusiasm for the art. All the major cities in the state have active clubs and tons of magic happenings. And this newsletter just barely touches the highlights of what's going on around the State. Hundreds of magicians are performing thousands of shows that never make the news. Congratulations to them all! Keep up the good work and let me know about **your** magic.



Judy Hollingsworth  
TAOM Club Coordinator