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**Message from the President**  
**2020: Perfect Vision for**  
**TAOM**

Greetings to the members, friends,  
and family of the Texas Association  
of Magicians.



First of all, condolences to the Astros fans all over the state. The eyes of Texas were upon you and the hearts of Texas with you. Without question in my home, there were three fans pulling for the 'Stros, who were bummed at the outcome of game seven of this World Series.

Secondly...what is UP with the cold temps this November? Technically it is still fall, but we in the DFW area just had our first taste of temperatures below 32 degrees. Ugh! Temperatures everywhere are almost ten degrees below average. Everyone be sure to keep warm as we move into the colder months.

Just a reminder to book your TAOM registration at [www.taom.org/2020](http://www.taom.org/2020). There you will find menu options with links to register for both the convention and the hotel at our special convention rate. We are limiting registration to 250 registrants - so you do not want to be among the ones who miss out

because you did not act early enough. A number of you have asked whether we will be doing day passes as other TAOM conventions have done in the past. My answer is that although we may have a limited amount of public tickets for the evening shows, it is not likely that we will be selling day passes once the registrations are sold out, so I would not count on that.

If you have seen or read this column previously, you are well aware that we in Fort Worth are claiming to have perfect 2020 vision into next year's TAOM convention. Last month we talked about the workshop theme of the convention. In San Antonio we announced a solid foundational line up of performers, featuring David and Kylie Knight, Losander, Ariann Black, and DC Magic Girl. Seeing this line up, the great Rudy Coby even interjected on our Facebook page that we have an excellent start for a convention. If you have been on our Facebook page or website lately, you are aware that we have added Scott Wells, Bruce Chadwick, Pix Smith, Trixie Bond, and Eric "Fumio" Inagaki as well. Our lineup is really shaping up to be spectacular. Can it GET any better? Ahhh....read on...



To answer that question, I must tell you about the most powerful magic I have ever seen.

I was at the Magic Castle in 2017 and a performer invited a volunteer to the stage. The volunteer was a stunningly beautiful woman, and everything about her was perfection.

Her hair was impeccably styled; her makeup and fingernail polish had been flawlessly, maybe professionally applied. Her clothes were expensive, fashionable, yet professional. She obviously had style and money. Her air was confident and her countenance was friendly. She might have been considered intimidating. However, the performer seemed to see through to her very soul and identified the woman's deepest fear. It turns out that her deepest fear was that she would actually become successful. The performer not only mentally read her fear, but he identified it to her by stating, "I see your deepest fear. I know what you are afraid of, and you do not have to be afraid...because you...are...ALREADY...successful." The parlor was tense and emotionally off the charts as she wept openly and hugged the shaman, repeatedly thanking him. When she finally made her way to her seat, I heard her best friend who accompanied her to the Castle hug her and say, "Honey, you needed this SO much."

This performer identified the emotional state of his volunteer, and then subtly and masterfully played to that state in a way I had never seen. His entire performance was tight. He was rehearsed to lengths

that most magicians never ever approach, yet like riding a roller coaster, he skillfully twisted and turned, always in tandem with his volunteer, never in contrast; climactically bringing the ride safely back to the loading platform. The aura of his presentation was a cross between a recital, a vesper, a séance...and least of all, a mentalism effect. He set the mood and tone from the very first words of his dialog. It was magnificent. It was eerie. It was sexy. It was dark and deep. Was it Rasputin? It was definitely Macbethian. It was not Satanic or demonic, but more medieval. It was an abandoned castle on a dark, rainy night. It was the man at the top of the mountain in *The Song Remains the Same*. It was the Star Wars' Sith Lord. Maybe it was Poe himself. Whatever it was, it was scary, it was powerful, it was spiritual, and it was wonderful!

Ladies and gentlemen, all I can say is...Jared...Kopf.

**Jared...Kopf.**

What? You have not registered yet? There is a registration limit of 250...I just gave you **Jared Kopf**...and you are still reading this article? Put this stupid article down now and go register! If you wait or put this off, you do so at your own peril. OK, until next month Texas, stay well mi amigos.

Joey Byers

Your 2019-20 TAOM President

*The 75th annual TAOM convention will be in Fort Worth, hosted by SAM Assembly 138, Alliance of Illusionists. This column will keep you up on perpetual developments as they happen on a month by month basis. Our website will keep you up to date on the convention happenings, and process your registrations as well. So, please visit [www.taom.org](http://www.taom.org) and explore the website for the latest on talent, the convention schedule, hotel info, dealer info, contest info, and FAQs (frequently asked questions). Some of this info is changing daily, so it will be updated as we know more and finalize plans. Also, check out TAOM 2020 on Facebook for latest developments.*



**DAVE ELLIOTT**  
**LECTURE AND SHOW**

**November 21 - Dave Elliott Lecture and Show** - Fort Worth S.A.M. 138 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Avenue. Dave will lecture on "Cons, Cheats, and Games of Chance" and perform the award-winning act for which he won the Comedy Trophy at the recent TAOM Convention in San Antonio.



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

Come to the elegant Four Seasons Hotel located at 1300 Lamar in downtown Houston for Ben's incredible show. Reserve your tickets today

at <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/live>

November 22, 23, & 24

November 29 & 30, December 1

December 20, 22, & 23

December 26, 27, & 28

Ben 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 U.S. National Close-up Competition at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. The Medal of Merit has been awarded only 7 times since 1902.

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**NOVEMBER  
23,  
2019**

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

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup>

THE LIVING ROOM @ THE LINE PUBLIC HOUSE

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS:  
WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM

940 E. BELTLINE  
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\$15 TICKETS\*  
IN ADVANCE  
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7PM



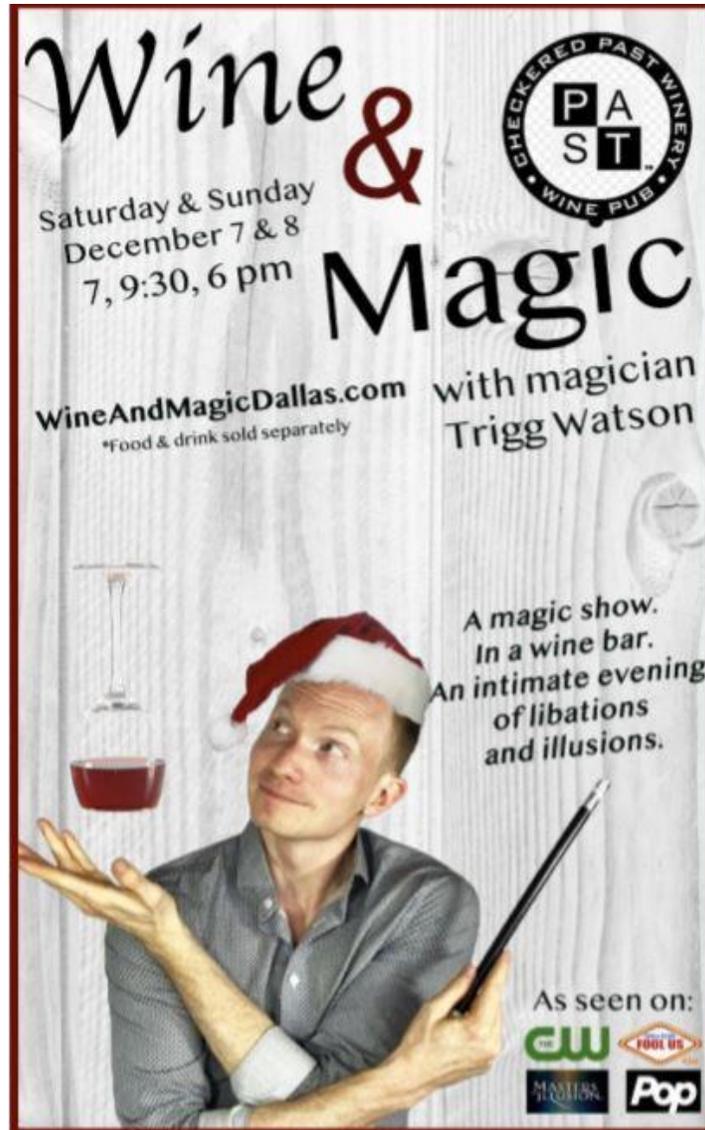
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MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM

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## DC MAGIC GIRL IN CORPUS CHRISTI

The annual Corpus Christi IBM Ring 157 Christmas Party will feature DC Magic Girl. She's booked to perform at the TAOM convention in Fort Worth, but you can get a preview on December 14 in Corpus.



Make plans now to attend the Christmas Party at 11:30 a.m. for a great lunch at Miller's BBC, 6601 Weber Road in Corpus Christi. There will be no regular meeting of IBM Ring 157 in December. Contact Joe Douglas at [douglasjp3@yahoo.com](mailto:douglasjp3@yahoo.com) for details.

**"THE WORLD'S GREATEST ILLUSIONIST"**

- NBC -

**"ROB LAKE TURNED  
THE ILLUSIONIST GAME  
ON ITS HEAD"**

USA TODAY

**"MODERN MAGICAL  
STORYTELLING"**

BROADWAYWORLD

**"TRULY MAGICAL JOURNEY...  
MIND BOGGLING  
EVENING OF THEATRE"**

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

THE GRAND ILLUSIONS OF  
**ROB LAKE**

AS SEEN ON AMERICA'S GOT TALENT

**DEC 26 - 28**

MUSIC HALL AT FAIR PARK



CRISS ANGEL

RAW

THE MINDFREAK UNPLUGGED

The Theatre at Grand Prairie  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 8:00PM  
Ticket Prices at Door \$39.75 - \$129.75

## BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF



Fort Worth Ren Clark Ring IBM 15 Past Presidents

Matthew Martin, Ash Adams, Michael Stein, Ross Lampe, Will Baffle, Bill Irwin, Mike Smith, Van McGee, Rick Burcher, (seated) Josh Ayala

### Mid-Cities Magic Circle...



Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Arlington Golden Corral Restaurant located at 465 East I-20 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 Arlington Golden Corral and join the fun and magic!

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# IMPROV

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 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.





### **John Magic's Theater and Museum**

Magic's Theater is owned and operated by magician John Magic and his family, including his wife who runs the front-of-house operations. Each week, the theater hosts a close-up magic show on Friday and a stage show on Saturday performed by Magic himself, who says his goal is to give "the classics of magic to a fresh and brand-new audience."

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>.

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### **NEW MAGIC GROUP IN SOUTH AUSTIN**

South Austin Magical (to be named), is a weekly informal magic hangout/meet up; think pizza, beer, magic talk, sessioning, possible book club, etc.



Anyone interested please send a request to join the following facebook group for details. We update every week where we will be meeting and discuss ideas for topics etc. here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/498001170944662/?ref=share>

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### **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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## **Cards in South Austin**

### ***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)



***New Location***

## **Monday Night Magic in Arlington**

All magic aficionados are invited to attend informal gatherings at THE ROCK at 2300 East Lamar Boulevard in Arlington every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "chops".

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**ONE LAST THING**

### **Transition Successful !**

Thanks for helping me through the transition from Elite to MailChimp. Setting up the template with MAT's info was a challenge. I'm still seeking your input for news articles and stories about your club's events. Just send an email to [taomnews@yahoo.com](mailto:taomnews@yahoo.com) or reply to this email.

Judy Hollingsworth  
Editor, Magic Across Texas



## MAGIC CLUBS IN TEXAS

AUSTIN - IBM Ring 60

First Monday at 7:00 p.m. except January and September

I.H.O.P at 11654 Research Boulevard in Austin

Contact: [president@ibmring60.org](mailto:president@ibmring60.org)

AUSTIN - SAM ASSEMBLY 206

Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Journey Imperfect Faith Community at 7500 Woodrow Avenue in Austin

Contact: [magicpta@gmail.com](mailto:magicpta@gmail.com) or [cantutg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cantutg@sbcglobal.net)

CORPUS CHRISTI - IBM RING 157

First Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House at 3402 Fort Worth Street in Corpus Christi

Contact: [douglasjp3@yahoo.com](mailto:douglasjp3@yahoo.com)

DALLAS MAGIC CLUB - IBM RING 174 & SAM ASSEMBLY 13

Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Addison Treehouse at 14681 Midway Road in Addison

Contact: [dalsanders@stagemagic.com](mailto:dalsanders@stagemagic.com)

<http://www.dallasmagic.org/>

FORT WORTH - IBM RING 15 and

FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB, INC.

First Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 4055 International Plaza

Call 817-606-7770 for details

Contact: [fortworthmagiciansclub@hotmail.com](mailto:fortworthmagiciansclub@hotmail.com)

FORT WORTH - SAM ASSEMBLY 138

Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Illusion Warehouse at 3917 McCart Avenue in Fort Worth

Contact: [communications@allianceofillusionists.com](mailto:communications@allianceofillusionists.com)

HOUSTON - IBM RING 39

Fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. except May and December

Bayou Manor at 4141 South Braeswood in Houston

Contact: [judy4birds@yahoo.com](mailto:judy4birds@yahoo.com)  
<http://www.houstonmagic.com>

#### HOUSTON - SAM ASSEMBLY 19

First Monday at 7:00 p.m. except September  
I.A.T.S.E. Union Hall at 3030 North Freeway in Houston  
Contact: [milesroot@aol.com](mailto:milesroot@aol.com)  
<http://www.houstonmagic.com>

#### LUBBOCK MAGIC CLUB

First Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
John Ransom's Home, 6405 CR 7410  
Contact: [drhonea@gmail.com](mailto:drhonea@gmail.com)  
<http://facebook.com/magicclublubbock>

#### MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
The Golden Coral, 465 East I-20 in Arlington  
Facebook: "Mid-cities magic circle"

#### SAN ANTONIO - IBM RING 18

Fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
Beethoven Hall at 422 Perida Street in San Antonio  
Contact: [paul,mims@hotmail.com](mailto:paul,mims@hotmail.com)

#### SAN ANTONIO - SAM ASSEMBLY 52

First Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
The Longhorn Café, 12311 Nacogdoches Road  
Contact: [dougorman@att.net](mailto:dougorman@att.net)