



Volume 11, No. 2 February 2020



## Message from the President 2020 Perfect Vision for TAOM

Magicians of Texas, February is here and football is over. Seems like it just got started! I hope this month's newsletter finds you and your families doing well.

I mentioned an anonymous survey we were running last month on Survey Monkey in attempt to improve our understanding of what people are looking for when they decide upon attending a magic convention. The responses have been great - thank you to those of you who have taken the 3 minutes to share your insight and opinions.

Knowing that the holidays are over now and people may have more time, we are going to let the survey run one more month. We want to capture the high level reasons why people do, or do not, attend magic conventions in hope that we can put on a better convention. If you have not had a chance to fill out the survey, please help us out by answering a few questions at the following link. Help us make the 2020 TAOM Convention a better convention for everyone this year. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57MZZ52>.

Even in viewing the survey results that have come in so far, it is obvious that one of the big attractions for convention attendees is the WHO. No, I am not "talkin' 'bout my generation," - or even the subjects of the Grinch's antagonism down in Who-ville. :-) Instead, I mean the WHO of the convention: the talent. WHO will be there? Who will people get to see perform? Who will they get to meet at the convention? That WHO! That's who.

Face it, as magicians, we like to meet and hang out with other talented magicians: The WHO of the convention. In January, my family and I attended the S.A.M. convention in Las Vegas. It was a blast for everyone, and a giant success on many levels. Most of you know my 13-year old daughter Ava - right? When I asked Ava what she liked about the convention, she mentioned the new friends she met from the current crop of S.A.M. Stars of Tomorrow (shout-out to old friend and TAOM regular James Irwin. YAY!). She also mentioned the several youth activities that gave the convention a Tannens-like feel for the *younglings* (hats off and shout-outs to Arlen Solomon, Jann Goodsell, Kayla Drescher, and Harrison Lampert). But the excitement really comes bubbling out when she says, "Oh...and I got to meet Criss Angel, Penn Jillette, and Matt Franco!" We can't help it. It's one of the best parts about conventions! We like to meet the talent: the WHO. We are all fans of...THE WHO!

In the logical flow of this discussion, we next address the talent at the 2020 TAOM: The WHO, if you will. In San Antonio I told you about Ariann Black, Losander, and DC Magic Girl. You are well are that we are featuring Texas' own David and Kylie Knight, Jared Kopf, Bruce Chadwick, and Liann Walker. You have seen on the taom.org website that TAOM performing legends Scott Wells, Trixie Bond, Eric Inagaki, and Kent Cummins are on board. But, were you aware that we have recently added Pix Smith, Alan Paoletti, and Robert Baxt? O...M....Goodness! Yes, you heard me right - Smith, Paoletti, and Baxt! And the hits just keeeeeeeep-on comin'.



No, we are not done yet. We are not done adding and padding the talent list to round out our shows. Offers have been extended, negotiations are happening, and there is a lot going on. There is more talent to be added. I wish you all could see all this coming together from my viewpoint. Most people do not get to see who we are *courting* (talent-wise) for the convention. I keep thinking to myself, "Can you imagine if the convention attendees knew that we were talking to so-and-so?" or "I cannot wait until we get to announce so-and-so as a performer!" It is wild and exciting. I wish everyone could experience this! Now, let us recap. Survey says :- ) - the WHO of a convention is of primary importance in the public and commercial appeal of the convention. And guess what? WHO will be there, in Fort Worth in September of 2020. WHO is not on first. WHO is not Roger Daltrey, Pete Townsend, or even the tiny thing that Horton heard. WHO will be in Fort Worth on Labor Day weekend. That is not a question. I am telling you, WHO will be there. Here is the question... "Will YOU be there?"

Everyone needs a reminder, so remember 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 convention hotel at our special convention rate. We are limiting registration to 250 registrants - and WE ARE ABOUT HALF WAY THERE!

You register yet? I just told you were half-way to our capacity - and you still have not registered? What are you waiting on? Are you waiting for one more big name act? Ugh! OK...you want one more big name...here you go. But you have to work for this one. This person we just signed, hot off the press. <drum roll> Hint: Combine the first letters from each paragraph in this article. Got it? Good. How is that for a big name in magic? Now get serious about this and go register! OK Texas magicians, until next month, stay well.

Joey Byers  
Your 2019-20 TAOM President

*The 75<sup>th</sup> 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.*



TAOM COMING ATTRACTIONS

# Silly Magic

Tricks  
&  
giggles

CONFETTI  
EDDIE  
MAGIC



Feb 8

Feb 15

Feb 22

2020



## DAVID STONE LECTURES

**Houston** - February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the I.A.T.S.E. Union Hall, 3030 North Freeway

**Austin** - February 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Heroes Night Out, 1150 South Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park



# David Stone

At age 19, a chance encounter with a school friend allowed Stone to discover the art of magic and of card manipulation. This has led to his winning multiple awards in the magic world. He has won the Diabol Grand Prix (France Championships of Magic 2004), the Gold Dove (close-up category) award at the European championships of magic organized in France 2005, and the Close-up Grand Prix of South America in Las Tunas, Cuba.

In 1995, his video, *Basic Coin Magic Vol. 1*, became the most popular French magic program ever sold on the American market with over 28,000 copies sold in 40 countries. After obtaining a degree in Philosophy at the Amiens University, David became a professional magician. He went to Saint-Tropez and worked at some of the most prestigious restaurants of the Riviera, including

seven years in La Voile Rouge, an amazing beach restaurant where he honed his craft. Because of his videos and a good comedic sense, Stone gained recognition in the world of professional magicians. Since 1999 he has performed his lecture on the art of table hopping at magic conventions in more than 19 countries and is one of the most famous French magicians outside his country.

His short film won first prize at the first ever "Magic Film Festival" in Las Vegas (2006). In 2007, at Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic (F.F.F.F.) convention, David was voted as the "Most Popular Performer." His most recent book (2005) *Close-Up: The Real Secrets of Magic* is a best-seller in France and was sold out in less than 15 days after its release. The DVD "The Real Secrets of Magic" (2006) adapted from this book was nominated **Best Magic DVD** by Genii Magazine (U.S.) and **Best DVD** by Magic Magazine (D.E.) with over 14,000 copies sold in 13 months. David won the third prize at the World Championships of Magic (FISM) in Stockholm, Sweden and was voted in April 2008 the **Award for Best Magician 2008**. David will be lecturing across the U.S. following the 2012 convention where he will be the Guest of Honor.

### The Lecture

The lecture is about general close up magic. It is usually a two hour lecture separated into two parts with a 20 minute break. It is a funny and dynamic lecture.

The tricks are very, very, varied! Many ideas, concepts and routines will be discussed and explained including full glass and bottle productions, card and coin sleights, misdirection routines, shoe apparitions, advice for the restaurant workers, and more. Many routines from David's latest trick, the best-seller "TOOL", (over 7,500 copies sold in eight months!) will also be explained.

There are over 20 routines showed and explained in the lecture!

For more information, visit: <http://david-stone.fr/>



David Stone at the Magic Circle in London

# Heroes Night Out

## MAGIC FOR HEROES

Comedy  
and  
Magic



February 29 2 & 7:30  
Matinee: Children \$12 Adults \$25  
Evening Show: \$25  
1150 S. Bell Cedar Park, TX 78613  
[NewMagicAcademy.com/HNOBenefit](http://NewMagicAcademy.com/HNOBenefit)



## MARTIN COX LECTURES

**Dallas/Fort Worth on March 1** at 2:45 p.m. at The Line Public House, 940 East Belt Line Road in Richardson.

**Houston on March 3** at 7:30 p.m. at the I.A.T.S.E. Union Hall, 3030 North Freeway.

**San Antonio on March 4** at 7:00 p.m. Location to be decided. Contact Doug Gorman at [dougorman@att.net](mailto:dougorman@att.net) for details.



# Martin Cox

Presents His All New Lecture from the U.K.

## Fistful of Magic

**Martin Cox** has been a well-established Entertainer, Magician and Comedian for last 30 years and has performed extensively both in the UK and US. He has performed his Comedy act at

the Blackpool Magic convention, The Magic Castle (USA) and is a regular performer at the Fechter's Convention in USA. He also has some TV performances under his belt which shows he is an all-round entertainer.

His new lecture called **"Fistful of Magic"** has been well received at a number of magic clubs and conventions. It is not just about the tricks. It's about the person and the performance. You will learn his unique approach and some great new magic that you will be able to do immediately.

### What's In The Lecture?

#### Openers:

Cards  
Fechter's Opener  
How I meet My Wife  
Two Card Tricks that are easy to do but will establish your character

#### Impossible:

3-2-1  
What if  
Was in your Pocket  
More cards but fun to do  
3 impossible card effects

#### Coins:

Bent Coin

#### My Three Girl Friends

'I don't do Coin Magic' (but I do these two)

#### Rope and Stuff:

Ideas that will make you think  
Some controls and a Book test with any book  
The McClintock Twist

#### Plus:

Drop  
Spread  
Two effects  
And some info on working in restaurants on stage and stand-up and lots more

*"Hilarious"* - David Regal

*"I was crying with laughter"* - Dan Garrett

*"Martin Cox lecture contains material that is adaptable. He has an edginess that works for adults and a soft side of his humor that works for families. In his lecture he works through pacing, comedic expression, and even some magic!"* - James Ember





### PUBLIC SHOW IN WEBSTER

March 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Preamble Lounge and Craft House, 20801 Gulf Freeway #12, in Webster. Featuring marvelous magic by Dave & Jake Rangel, Caesar, Shaun Robinson, and Alex Rangel.

A colorful poster for a magic show. The top section has a black background with the text 'Amazing Attractions PRESENTS...' in a stylized font, followed by 'MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM' in large, purple and yellow letters. Below this, there is a small copyright notice: 'All Characters © Copyright 2018 Amazing Attractions &amp; Novel Idea. All Rights Reserved.' The middle section features a cartoon illustration of a white rabbit in a purple suit playing a violin, a man in a top hat playing an accordion, and a woman in a red dress playing a double bass. There are also two red crabs and a purple tip jar labeled 'Tips'. The text 'Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!' is written in a cursive font above the characters, and 'Mardi Gras Edition!' is written in a large, purple, stylized font below them. The bottom section has a black background with the text 'TUESDAY MARCH 3 .7PM' in white, 'THE LIVING ROOM @ THE LINE PUBLIC HOUSE' in purple, '\$15 IN ADVANCE • \$20 AT THE DOOR' in white, and 'WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM' in yellow.



BROADWAY'S BIGGEST SELLING  
MAGIC SPECTACULAR



Sunday, March 15 - 7:30 p.m.  
Comerica Center  
2601 Avenue of the Stars in Frisco



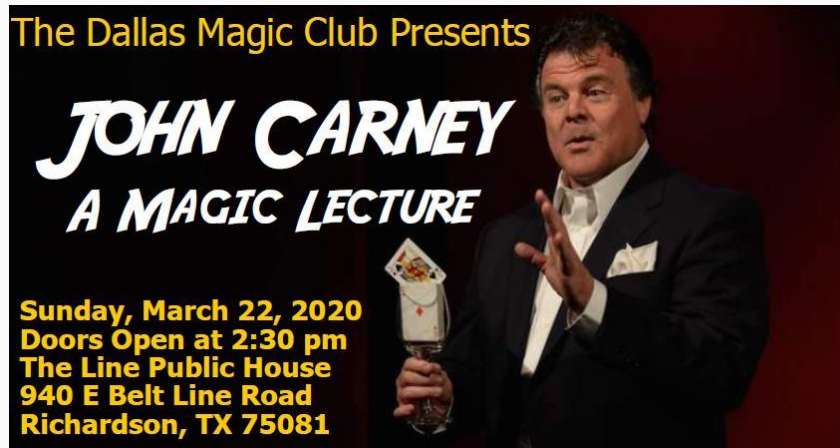


## BEN JACKSON FOUR SEASONS HOTEL IN HOUSTON

Visit Houston's elegant Four Seasons Hotel at 1300 Lamar for Ben's incredible show. Reserve your tickets today at <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/live> The shows sell out quickly.

Upcoming shows: March 20 and 21 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.  
April 24 and 25 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

---



**Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
**Doors Open at 2:30 pm**  
**The Line Public House**  
**940 E Belt Line Road**  
**Richardson, TX 75081**

John Carney is widely acknowledged by his peers as one of the finest sleight of hand performers today, with awards and accolades worldwide. Hollywood's Magic Castle has awarded Carney nine Magician of the Year Awards, as well as the Academy of Magical Arts prestigious Performing Masters Fellowship.

He is a tireless creator of original material, and has shared many of his ideas, techniques and presentations in several books and instructional videos of advanced sleight of hand. He has lectured extensively throughout the world, and his books, Magic by Design, Carneycopia, and The Book of Secrets are considered modern classics of the art form.

His seminars include stage and close-up magic, using cards, coins, cigars handkerchiefs, and a variety of everyday objects. Each routine is a lesson in itself, containing the insights and ingenuities that have made John one of the premier teachers of magic today. You won't just learn tricks, you will learn principles that you can apply to everything you do. Topics include presentation, creating a routine, misdirection, and creativity.

Carney embodies the state of his art, combining exceptional skill and creativity, with pure entertainment.

---

## DOWN THE ROAD.....

ALAIN IANNONE lecture in Houston on March 31

MAXX SOUTHWEST - PENGUIN MAGIC in Dallas on April 3 and 4

FERRAN RIZO and NATALY MACHADO lecture in Houston on June 2

## BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

### Mid-Cities Magic Circle...

Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Arlington Golden Corral Restaurant located at 465 East I-20 N in Arlington at 7:00 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!



# 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>.

## 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".

## MAGIC IN SOUTH AUSTIN

Anyone interested in weekly magic meetings in South Austin, please join us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com.groups/498001170944662/?ref=share> Informal magic hangout/meet up; think pizza, beer, magic talk, sessioning, books club, etc.





### 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.



### 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)



# In Memoriam



## BOB WHITE, JR.

TAOM Member Bob White, an ardent student and practitioner of magic, died in his hometown of Corsicana, Texas, on Thursday. He was 78.

Bob spent nearly four decades performing magic for a wide range of audiences after leaving a successful career in insurance. He earned the bulk of his living using magic to entertain and motivate school children. Posters in those schools simply referred to him as "Master Magician" Bob White.

It was a title that no one could question.



## ONE LAST THING



When I changed from EliteEmail to Mail Chimp, the mailing list for Magic Across Texas was cut almost in half because not everyone responded to the request to opt in. Please make a point of asking your fellow magicians if they receive this free newsletter. It's as simple as sending an email to [taomnews@yahoo.com](mailto:taomnews@yahoo.com) or signing up on the [TAOM.org](http://TAOM.org) website. Please help spread the word!

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.

Various Locations

Contact [bertilfredstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:bertilfredstrom@hotmail.com) or [magicpta@gmail.com](mailto:magicpta@gmail.com)

### 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: [douggorman@att.net](mailto:douggorman@att.net)