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Message from the President 2020 Perfect Vision for TAOM

Family and friends of the Texas Association of Magicians, I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. What a big change from last month's column when we still thought there was going to be spring baseball, an NCAA basketball tournament, a school year, and public magic performances.

Wow! March Madness has an entirely new meaning now from what I can tell. Even though I am one of those *hope for the best/plan for the worst* type people and do not believe in spreading panic and rumor, my wish for every one of you is that you take the situation to heart and stay safe!

I know you have cable television if you want to hear advice and warnings, so I will not expend the space in this column telling you the same things that the television news channels are currently looping on auto play. So, take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Secondly, a point that I will elaborate on (just a bit), take care of our magic brothers and sisters. I beg you. So many of our performing family are without income, without notice. I say again...without income, without notice. With no warning, all gigs were cancelled, all conventions, performances, birthday parties, cruises, corporate and monetary-producing engagements were instantly no longer on the books or in the calendar. As the sheltered-in-place restrictions stay in effect long, there will likely be charitable endeavors and organized relief appearing, but until then, support your brick-n-mortars if you can. Call and email them, they will ship your products! Do not stop buying effects and learning materials if you can afford to continue your learning habits and behavior. Consider calling up that magician you know who does the trick that has always blown your mind. You know the magician. You know the trick. You have always wanted to learn it. Consider calling them and asking how much they charge to mentor online via Skype or Zoom. If Facebook tells you that a magician friend has a birthday, consider buying them a gift certificate from your favorite brick and mortar magic shop.

For so many years, our full time professional magicians have carried those of us who are not 100% full-time magicians. Because they perform 100% of the time, overall, as a rule, they are better, more polished performers and magicians than those who are part-time pros, amateurs, and hobbyists; not always true, but, overall, as a rule. Those full time pros give the rest of us a good name. They have been the pride of our magic clubs, the performers at our conventions, the mentors for our amateurs and kids, and the inspiration to all of us. Now is our chance to help pay them back. Give them business where you can, support them by purchasing their products in this time of need, arrange for Skype tutoring and learning where possible. Attend their online gatherings when you can and help support them by endorsing and purchasing their products. If you hear, or are aware of someone having a particularly difficult time, consider a Paypal Friends & Family gift. Think outside the box about what you can do and how you can help those full-timers, who through no fault of their own were suddenly put out of work. This is your/our chance to shine. We use words and terms like magic-family, brotherhood, compeer, and fellowship. Now

let us put some action to our speech, and wings to our words.

Okay, now to address the *hiding* elephant in the room (tip of the top hat to Mr. Steinmeyer). :-) Are we still meeting for the 75th annual Texas Association of Magicians convention in 2020?

We were forced to cancel the mid-year meeting, originally scheduled for April 19 because the hotel is closed to meetings during this time. Mary Cay Gold sent that cancellation out in late March. Concerning the convention itself, my first statement is that the convention date is still five months away. Five months! So, at this point, we will move forward with the plans for the convention. If you are curious why we have decided to do this, please continue reading.

First and foremost we will consider the safety of our convention attendees, talent, guests, hosting team, hotel staff, and community. We will monitor the situation domestically and globally as the days pass and the event draws near. We will most certainly comply with any government regulation placed upon us and do what is best for our TAOMers. Should it become necessary to take alternative measures to holding the convention, we are prepared to do so.

In these times of increasing negativity on the airwaves, my mind wants to consider the positive. I say let us support our magic brothers and sisters. Accordingly, since Penguin MAXX in DFW has been postponed, Magic Live (August 2) cancelled, IBM in Pittsburgh (July 8) has been cancelled. If there is a flattening of the pandemic growth curve and the quarantine is lifted, people are going to be wanting, better yet, *needing* a magic convention. The talent we booked will be in need of the work. The patrons will be hungry for entertainment and we at TAOM will be there to meet those needs...fill those voids, and provide magic to those needy souls.

Stay well, stay safe. Until next month, take care, and as always, thank you for reading, and for making Texas magic great!

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 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.



All magic events scheduled for April and May have been postponed or moved online.

Many late-summer lectures and shows are pending.

SAT, JUL 5 • 2:30 PM
DOORS OPEN 2:00 PM
WYLIE CITY HALL | 300 Country Club Drive, #100, Wylie, TX 75098

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Chris Philpott

Magic and Mentalism

Chris has created and scripted effects for many of the world's greatest magicians including Derren Brown, Cyril

Takayama, two *America's Got Talent* finalists and two shows for *The Illusionists*.

Chris's effects are in the repertoire of thousands of magicians and have been translated into dozens of languages. He is best known as the creator of The 100th Monkey ("The best trick!" –Lior Manor, "A brand new principle! Chris' routines are brilliant!" –David Penn.) The YouTube video of David and Leeman performing it on AGT has 15 million views. Penn Jillette called his *End of My Rope*, "A great trick! A great trick!"

Chris is also an award-winning feature film and television writer and director having written for Lionsgate studios, and Syfy, TNT, IFC and CBC networks.

Chris will be lecturing on mentalism, card magic and how to make effects you do now more meaningful, personal and powerful. Chris will use his years of training as a screenwriter to point out common scripting mistakes magicians make, as well as demonstrating the way to give your magic more impact. He will teach easy-to-do effects that pack a major punch. He will also touch on magic theory, but in a way that will give you practical tools to improve your magic.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN THE LECTURE

- **A Meaningful Coincidence:** a spectator's free selection of four cards at first seems random, but reveals a pattern that locates the four aces in the deck.
- **Unhypnotized:** The performer invites someone on stage to be hypnotized, only to discover that they are already hypnotized by years of exposure to advertising! The performer then brings them out of their trance, with miraculous, empowering results.
- **One More Chance:** Chris's variation on Paul Green's variation of Monte Smith's variation of some old forgotten trick. Turning classic card magic on its head, the effect is all about the importance of picking the card, with inevitable results.
- **Spellcaster:** The cleanest spelling trick ever.
- **Neijing:** The performer uses an ancient Chinese martial art to harness a spectator's own power to move an object without touching it.
- **Photo of the kids:** a spectator is able to describe a photo of the magician's children in detail BEFORE they see it!
- **Intuition:** one audience member thinks of a card, and another finds it the old-fashioned way – by dowsing!
- **Emotional Reaction:** Chris's variation on a Dai Vernon effect, which adds a powerful emotional punch to an already great method.

TESTIMONIALS

When **Dan Harlan** (host of the Penguin lectures) was asked "On the topic of lectures, what's been your most memorable moment?" Dan answered, "Chris Philpott. He brought the most dramatic presentations, things where you really cared about what was going on. Really, really smart thinking."

"Chris is a freaking genius!" – **Matt Johnson**

"I must have hosted about 100 different lectures; some of the biggest names in the magic world. I can honestly say that Chris Philpott's lecture was one of the most enjoyable we have had. His lecture had good solid effects that attendees can use. Plus he filled the attendee's minds with countless concepts/theories that are seldom mentioned. His lecture seemed... well, like a fun lecture one might take in at college; that is, he got us all thinking about our magic. And on top of that he has a warm, fun personality. Looking forward to his next tour through Canada!" – **Jeff Pinsky**, owner of *The Browser's Den of Magic*, Toronto



• DALLAS MAGIC CLUBS •

Annual Installation Banquet



Entertainment by

NICK DIFFATTE

Nick Diffatte is quickly becoming one of the most about and in demand young comedians working tod unique brand of entertainment seamlessly blenc humor, quick wit, and incredible skill. His performanc presented with perfect comedic timing far beyond hi and a deadpan delivery that has audiences lau uncontrollably from beginning to end.

At the age of 23, Nick has already been a featured per at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, appeared on The Late Late Show or appeared on the cover of both Genii and Vanish Magazine, has won multiple awards for b magic and his comedy, has held multiple long-term residencies on the Las Vegas strip, hea on Disney Cruise Line and has performed a multitude of shows at casinos, comedy club corporate events internationally.

Food & Entertainment

Dallas Club Members and
their guests – \$40
Non-members – \$45

Payment options:

- Cash or Check at April Club Meeting
- PayPal (\$1.50/ticket convenience fee)

Meal includes Chef's Choice Dinner
Buffet – details to come.
Cash Bar Available.

Currently scheduled for Tuesday
July 21

Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Dr.
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

Banquet Room in main building, Free Parkir

Order Tickets Online at: <http://www.dallasmagic.org/>
(coming soon)



2020



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

The Workshop Convention

\$100 Basic Registration

**Includes Three Full Evening Shows - Pro Close-Up Show
Contest Shows - Dealer's Room - Classics of Magic Show**

\$225 Workshop Registration

**Includes all the Basic Registration Events Above
PLUS Twelve Hands-On Hour-Long Workshop Sessions
PLUS Bonus Speed Workshop! Less than \$10 per session!**

\$109 Radisson Hotel in North Fort Worth on I-35W

**Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North - Fossil Creek - Free Parking
2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas 76106 - 877-612-4486
Ask for Texas Association of Magicians Rate - Expires 07-27-20**

Registrations are Limited to 250 Attendees!

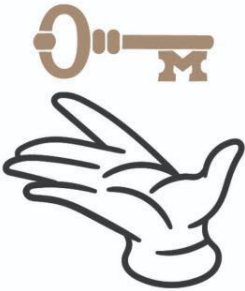
September 4 - 7, 2020 - www.TAOM.org

Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists Inc

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF



- A True Magician is...
- Respectful
 - Prepared
 - Enthusiastic
 - Confident
 - Humble
 - Creative
 - Authentic
 - Giving



DALLAS MAGIC ACADEMY

For details go to <http://www.dallasmagicacademy.com/>

In Memoriam



The magic world was depleted with the passing of two former TAOM members. Dr. Rex Crago of Houston died on March 14, 2020, and Jesse Langston of Dallas passed away April 1, 2020.

ONE LAST THING



The times they are a-changin'. Magic club meetings are being held online all across the State. Now you can "go" to a magic meeting 8 or 10 times a month! Take advantage of this variety of meetings. Learn all sorts of new things and meet all sorts of new magicians. What an opportunity! Look at the list of Texas magic clubs below and make contact ahead of time to find out how to log in to the meetings. Have fun!

Judy Hollingsworth
Editor, Magic Across Texas

p.s. Please check your club's listing to make sure the contact information is correct. Let me know.

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

AUSTIN - SAM ASSEMBLY 206

Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Various Locations

Contact bertilfredstrom@hotmail.com or 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

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

<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

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

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

<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

<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
<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

SAN ANTONIO - SAM ASSEMBLY 52
First Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
The Longhorn Café, 12311 Nacogdoches Road
Contact: douggorman@att.net
