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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. I always begin this column with salutations and content reflecting the times, the weather, the season, and the goings-on of the day.

We all have one ear to the ground and are keeping our finger on the pulse of the world. Therefore, I won't belabor the obvious, I will merely say that I pray that you and your loved ones are all staying safe. Now, let us talk business.

So here is a little teaser to see how well you know your magic talent. Below is a list of some of our 2020 TAOM workshop presenters. Next to the list you will find a tentative list of some of the 2020 TAOM Workshops. Just for fun, see if you can match the presenter with the workshop. Remember these lists are not comprehensive and are subject to change. Although this is how I see it developing, the convention planners are under no obligation to adhere to these assignments - but do not be surprised if what you see here is a preview of what you get in September!

Presenter

1. Ariann Black
2. Rocco Silano
3. Kent Cummins
4. Jared Kopf
5. Losander
6. Harry Allen
7. Ron Wilson
8. Trixie Bond

Workshop

- A . False Shuffles
- B. Levitation
- C. Comedy Magic
- D. Super Sponge Secret Session
- E.The Birthday Business
- F. Sleeving
- G. Kellar Rope Tie
- H. How to Entertain with Juggling

The 2020 TAOM Convention is still slated for Labor Day weekend. YAY! Plans are still on. Although we have slowed our progress on announcing new talent and programs over the past couple months

as registrations have slowed due, you will be happy to know that we have a mind-blowing list of talent already signed and committed to TAOM 2020! While most conventions are cancelling, rescheduling, or going digital, we are moving forward with plans for the convention. Magic Live cancelled. Penguin MAXX rescheduled. The International Brotherhood of Magicians is doing a combination: they are holding their Lance Burton Teen Seminar digitally during the originally-scheduled week of the convention, but postponing the convention itself until a later, yet-to-be-determined date. The Midwest Magic Jubilee, a Labor Day weekend event, has postponed until a date TBD as well.

So, how about TAOM? Well, in Fort Worth, we are in a holding pattern and we ask and appreciate your patience as we ride the storm out here. Hang in there with us and we will keep you advised as we know more. If you are curious why we are holding fast our plans for Labor Day weekend, the logic for keeping our convention date was outlined in last month's column, in this newsletter. If you would like a copy of that article, please request it at 2020TAOM@gmail.com.

So, since the 2020 TAOM Convention is still a GO...let me tease it a bit. You already know that our stars are listed on the Talent page of www.taom.org. They will be performing in the following capacities: evening stage show, pro close-up, workshop presenters, special shows, late night shows, and more. I have already told you that almost every star listed will be performing in more than one of those capacities; many will be performing at least three times.

You are already aware that I have disclosed our theme: The Workshop Convention. We are running 12 one-hour-long, hands-on workshops where our workshop presenters will teach marketable secrets and skills to the workshop attendees. We will be putting props in your hands, where applicable, so that you can walk away from the convention a better magician than you were when *ya rode into town!* Additionally we are having a bonus speed workshop where some of our performing stars will take the stage and perform a 5-minute *teach* of one of their pet magic effects. This session will be fast-paced, light-hearted, comical, and loads of fun for both the performer and the audience. Additionally, we have two special presentations for all you TAOMers featuring past TAOM Presidents. Think of all these presentations however you like, workshops, talks, or lectures with props - but there are 15 of them. That is over 15 hours of training, presented by some of the industry leaders and experts, many of whom will have product to sell at the end of their ses

Stay well, stay safe. Until next month, take care, and as always, thank you 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.



TAOM COMING ATTRACTIONS

Almost all magic events scheduled for May and June have been postponed or moved online.

Many late-summer lectures and shows are pending.



• DALLAS MAGIC CLUBS •

Annual Installation Banquet



Entertainment by **NICK DIFFATTE**

Nick Diffatte is quickly becoming one of the most talked about and in demand young comedians working today. His unique brand of entertainment seamlessly blends dry humor, quick wit, and incredible skill. His performances are presented with perfect comedic timing far beyond his years and a deadpan delivery that has audiences laughing uncontrollably from beginning to end.

At the age of 23, Nick has already been a featured performer at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, appeared on The Late Late Show on CBS, appeared on the cover of both Genii and Vanish Magazine, has won multiple awards for both his magic and his comedy, has held multiple long-term residencies on the Las Vegas strip, headlines on Disney Cruise Line and has performed a multitude of shows at casinos, comedy clubs, and 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 Parking

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



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

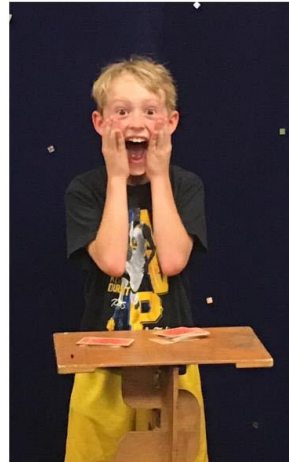
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Ask for Texas Association of Magicians Rate • Expires 07-27-20**

Registrations are Limited to 250 Attendees!

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

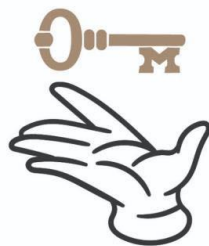
Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists Inc

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A True
Magician is...

- Respectful
- Prepared
- Enthusiastic
- Confident
- Humble
- Creative
- Authentic
- Giving



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<http://www.dallasmagicacademy.com/>

In Memoriam



Charlie Dodson **by Trixie Bond**

I am sad to report my father, Charlie Dodson, a longtime member of HAOM and other magic fraternities died at the age of 92 years, on Thursday, May 7th. Following his wishes, there will not be a formal funeral service. In keeping with his tendency to “be late for everything” and the corona-virus pandemic, there will be a magician’s “Broken Wand” ceremony performed by Bill Palmer at a later date, tba.

As predicted, he really will be late for his own funeral. Well-wishers are encouraged to drink a Manhattan in his memory. He liked them served “up” but would not mind if you had them on the “rocks” as long as you use good bourbon. A life well lived; he did it his own way. Cheers to Charlie!

His obituary can be read: <http://obituaries.acremation.com/o/dodson/46163/>

Trixie

Austin magician Pete Garcia passed away on Sunday, May 3, 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

**All magic club meetings are being held online until further notice.
Please contact each club for log-in information.**

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: communication@allianceofillusionists.com
www.sam138.com/alliance

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