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Message from the President

*Old Friends and
New Experiences*

Fellow Texas Magicians,

There is a dichotomy in magic that it is supposed to be a secret art, and many interested budding magicians fear approaching magic clubs for membership. I have found it to be quite the opposite. The magic community is welcoming to new members.

What I and so many others realize is that once you make contact and show a genuine interest you are embraced by friendly support. It is truly a brotherhood. A magic club or convention is a place to interact with members and learn the subtle details to improve your craft. Something that one cannot get from online videos.

The Theme of the 2021 Texas Association of Magicians Convention is “Old Friends and New Experiences”. I have invited some of my old friends that I think you will be pleased to meet as well.





Love M is a Swedish Magician that I have known since he started up as a professional Magician 1984. Since then, he has appeared in 59 countries including the US. This will be his first appearance at a Magic Convention in this country. One of my oldest magic friends.

I have known Sterling since he was 13 years old and followed his career with interest. Some of you might remember him as well since TAOM 2006 in Dallas when he did receive the People's Choice Award in the Youth Stage Competition. One of my youngest magic friends.



We have also heard your request for more time to just hang out so we will repeat each lecture several times so that you can interacting with friends, or for “sessioning”, without missing out on your favorite lecturers.

To get the best seats and lowest cost, purchase your tickets at our "Early Bird" price before midnight November 30, 2020. After that, our regular prices will take effect.

For registrations go to: www.taom.org/2021

See you at TAOM 2021, in Austin, where Old Friends and New Experiences await you,

Black Bert
President, TAOM 2021

Get your best TAOM Experience Register before December 1



- ★ Get the best seats for seven incredible shows and gala banquet
- ★ Guarantee your place before this limited LIVE convention sells out
- ★ Get the best price of \$250 before it goes up

Go to taom2021.com/register and sign up NO LATER THAN November 30. After that, the price increases.

Enjoy old friends and new experiences in Austin, where it all began!



**Accommodations will be at the
Courtyard by Marriott Austin Pflugerville
& Pflugerville Conference Center**

Special room rate is \$129 per night plus occupancy tax. Room rate includes free parking, WiFi, and breakfast. Hotel guests will also receive a drink ticket for Friday night's cocktail party. *(Some restrictions apply.)*



TAOM COMING ATTRACTIONS

TUESDAY
DECEMBER
1ST

THE LIVING ROOM @ THE LINE

PUBLIC HOUSE

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS:
WWW.MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM

940 E. BELTLINE
RICHARDSON, TX

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*INCLUDES FIRST DRINK!

7PM



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2020 Banquet & Holiday Party



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. Cash Bar Available.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Doors Open 6:30 pm, Dinner served 7:00 pm
Showtime 8:00 pm(ish), approx. 45–60 minutes

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/>

All reservations and tickets must be paid for by date **TBD**. Tickets are fully refundable, minus convenience fee if applicable until date TBD. **NO REFUNDS** after date TBD, but tickets may be transferable. Contact Derrel Allen for details: poof@omagic.com

Nick will also be conducting a lecture Wednesday, December 16 at 7 pm.

Location: Addison Tree House (club meeting location)



FREE for DMC Members who purchased banquet ticket | \$25 for everyone else



BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

GIGANTIC SALE



MAGIC TRICKS NEW AND USED

Pre-Sale Thurs Nov 19 - 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday November 20 - 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday November 21 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

www.IllusionWarehouse.com

3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas - Phone 817-832-6062

Some Sales to Benefit Fort Worth SAM Assembly 138



THE IMPROV IN ADDISON....

DFW's longest running magic show has returned to the Addison Improv for live performances. The Improv is following strict health regulations outlined on their website. For tickets and information, go to <https://improvtx.com/addison/>

THE IMPROVE 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 for lunch and the show starts at 2:00 pm. For tickets and information, go to www.improvarlington.com



MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Mid Cities Magic Circle – meets on the second Tuesday of every month, Usually at The Golden Corral 465 East I-20 in Arlington, Currently, meetings are being held online. Contact Geoffrey "Doc" Grimes at ggrimes1@aol.com for log-in information.

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.



In Memoriam



Royal Brin

October 9, 2019 - November 6, 2020

Royal H. Brin, Jr. died at home on Friday, November 6, 2020 with his daughter and caregivers by his side. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Carol after 72 years and 8 months of a happy marriage.

Royal was an amateur magician, learning at age eight from his great-uncle George Edloff (Edloff had been an office boy for Thomas Edison). His cousin, Nate Leipzig, was a professional magician. Royal's first public performance was as a winner of a young magicians contest, on stage with Howard Thurston. Royal served as president of the Dallas Magic Circle, the Texas Association of Magicians, and the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM).

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Born in Dallas on October 9, 1919, attended Forest Avenue High School, graduating as salutatorian. He earned a law degree from University of Texas in 1941, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, with a 94.4 average, the highest in the school's history. He was Editor-in-Chief of the "Law Review", member of the Grand Chancellors, a prestigious honor society, and Order of the Coif. In 1941, he had a graduate fellowship to Harvard Law School, which was interrupted by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served four years in the Navy, mostly in Guadalcanal. Upon his return to Dallas, he joined the law firm of Strasburger and Price, where he practiced law for 48 years, and provided guidance to the firm after retirement, devoting nearly 75 years to it. He specialized in appellate law, wrote many articles, and was a legal scholar. Supposedly, judges declared that if Royal Brin says it's so, it's so.

Walter "Zaney" Blaney

February 11, 1928 - November 20, 2020

On November 12, 2020, the magic world lost a legend, Walter "Zaney" Blaney who passed away at 92. Walter was a member of The Society of American Magicians Hall of Fame, Member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star and was appointed an International Magic Ambassador by the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Siegfried and Roy awarded him with their Silver Lion Award for his excellence in the performance of magic. On top of these awards, he is also one of David Copperfield's favorite magicians, one of Copperfield's heroes in magic. How much of a hero? Enough that on Monday, August 14, 2017, David Copperfield unveiled the newest section to the David Copperfield International Museum and Library of Conjuring Arts, the Walter "Zaney" Blaney Tribute Display.



Walter was also been officially commissioned as Texas Ambassador of Good Will by six Texas Governors.

A celebrity among magicians, Walter Blaney is known throughout the world for his original magic inventions, including his famous Ladder Levitation. This illusion has amazed many top professional magicians for years. His illusions have been used by magic's finest including David Copperfield, Lance Burton and Siegfried & Roy. His career has spanned over 60 years. Amsterdam to Auckland, Mexico City to Tokyo. Walter has performed around the world, appeared on many leading television shows and has played and lectured to great critical acclaim at scores of magic conventions.

Walter's career spanned well over 60 years. He is a creator, innovator, performer, engineer and an all-around great guy and friend to thousands of magicians and non-magicians alike. Over the many decades of his professional career, Walter appeared on many television shows that are now part of broadcast history such as the Mike Douglas Show, the Dinah Shore show, The Merv Griffin show and of course, the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

Walter was born on February 11, 1928 and as a young man, was a member of the Dallas Magic Club where he met Mark Wilson, Bev Bergeron and other DMC stars of the day. After attending college in Austin, He settled in Houston. He was with a doubt, one of the nicest and kindest people you would ever meet. Over the years he has been a regular contributor to The Wizard's Scroll and he always stayed in touch with the Dallas Magic Family.

Rest in Peace Walter...thanks for being Zaney.

ONE LAST THING



Seems like it's hard to find anything to be thankful for after 2020 kicked us in the you-know-what. But take a moment to reflect and be thankful if you are in good health and have enough to eat. There are many in this world who have neither. When things are going great, magicians bring an extra joy and laughter to the lives of our audiences. When things are not so great, we bring a moment of lightheartedness to their lives. Share your passion for magic!

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

**Most magic club meetings are being held online.
Contact each club for specifics and/or 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

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