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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a wonderful and magical year is in store for Texas! Houston Magic Clubs hosted a truly great convention in 2026 and now we're planning for Austin 2027 -- the Pfabulous Pflugerville convention with emphasis on Youth involvement and Family entertainment (or is it Pfamily??)

The Texas Magic Center is a reality and putting central Texas on the magic map. Both magic clubs in Austin continue to grow and public shows abound in the area. We are honored to have been accepted to host the 2027 convention in Pflugerville and the 2028 convention in Georgetown. Austin's own Scott Wells was recently awarded the coveted Ambassador of Magic Award by the Milbourne Christopher Foundation for his work on The Magic Word Podcast.



As we begin this magical year, we thank Texas Association of Magicians Past President Gene Protas and his team, retiring secretary/treasurer Cindy Bighorse and her successor Bill Winters, and Judy Hollingsworth for agreeing to resume Magic Across Texas as editor.

**Look for "pfantastic" things in 2027.
It's going to be a pfabulous ride!**

Ken Dickensheets, TOAM President

<https://www.taom.org>



October 2026 Honors the 100th year of the Passing of Harry Houdini



October 10 – Austin

Join us again for the annual IBM Ring 60 Picnic, where magicians, family, and friends come together for a day of laughter, amazement, and great food.

<https://ibmring60.org/event/ibm-ring-60-club-picnic-2026/>

October 15 – Mansfield

Catch the comedy magic and illusions of master magician Will Baffle on October 15th in the Farr Best Theater in Mansfield. His show features family magic that will keep you laughing while you scratch our head in wonder.





October 17 – Georgetown

Enjoy summertime magic before autumn arrives! Bring the whole family for magic mysteries and outdoor fun.

***Recreation of Houdini's straight jacket escape...
forty feet in the air!!!!!! And it's FREE!!***

October 18 – Austin

Magical Mystical Michael is not your typical Magician. Combining wit, charm, and a "sleight" attitude, this show is laced with his eccentric and illusive logic creating entertaining magic of the mind, eyes, and hands. See him at the Vortex Theater, 2307 Manor Road, Austin. Call 512-478-5282 for tickets.

Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. & Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

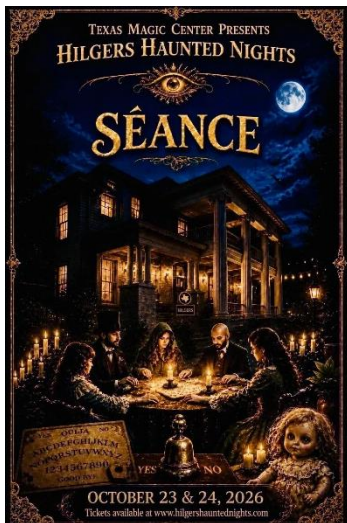




**Oct. 19 thru 25 – San Antonio
featuring Harry Maurer
Oct. 26 thru Nov 1 – San
Antonio featuring Max Zawacki**

<https://www.magicsaloon.com/>

The Magic Saloon in San Antonio features world-class magicians in a 19th century building that housed a saloon and dancehall for cowboys of long ago. The building the worth the trip! The magic will make you happy you did.



October 23 & 24 – Austin

A Victorian Séance

This year's Hilgers Haunted Nights culminates in a Victorian seance, like those popular in the late 1800's and central to the American spiritualism movement. If you are claustrophobic, afraid of the dark, or easily scared, this is not the experience for you. If it sounds awesome, get your tickets now

<https://hhnseance.eventbrite.com/>

October 24 – Houston

Watch a master present a séance like you have never imagined. Jamie Salinas will make you believe! This spooky revelation happens at the River Oaks Theater in Houston. Seating is limited; get your tickets now.

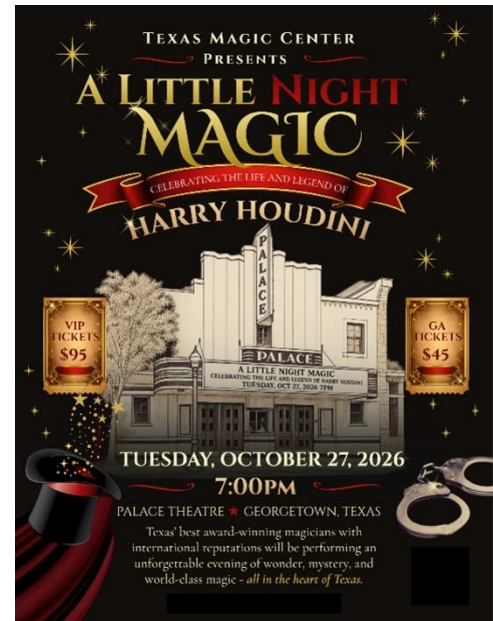
www.theriveroakstheater.com



October 27 – Georgetown

A Little Night Magic

For one special evening, step into the mysterious world of Houdini and experience magic inspired by the legendary showman who amazed audiences, challenged spiritualists, escaped the inescapable, and forever changed the art of magic. Expect escapes, illusions, mysteries, close-up magic, strolling performers, and plenty of surprises as we honor the man whose legend has endured for a century. 7:00 p.m., Georgetown Palace Theater



**October 27 – Austin
Fallout Theater Magic & Improv**

MagicProv combines mind blowing magic for adults with magic themed improv! Keeping Austin as Weird as we can. Tuesday October 27 at 7:00 at

the Fallout Theater. <https://falloutcomedy.com>

Oct. 29 – Nov. 1 – Austin

Join Jake Cordero and Albert Lucio of The Austin Séance explore American Spiritualist history, examine tools used by working mediums, and then lead a public séance at THE VORTEX, in Austin, in the spooky Pony Shed.

www.austinseance.com



A Note from the Secretary

Fellow magicians and lovers of magic:

The Texas Association of Magicians continues to be a great source of friendship, learning, and entertainment. The annual gathering is more than a convention; it's like a high school reunion where friends, old and new, gather and share what is new in their sphere of magic. While convention attendance has lessened over the years, the friendships and happy memories continue to grow. Join us in 2027 and bring along the new and younger members from your local club. As always, thank you for your continued support of TAOM.



Magically yours, Bill Winters, TAOM Secretary/Treasurer



I am excited to once again be sharing news about magic in Texas. My job is to share information about coming events and happenings. *I need your help!* Please add my email to your list for newsletters or periodic publications. Please send me details when magicians in your town are planning a special event.

This newsletter is for ALL magicians, not just organized clubs. Our art should not be kept hidden in the back room. We need to share the wonder and thrill of mystery with the world. Please keep in touch to help me do it.

Judy Hollingsworth, TAOM Club Coordinator
taomnews@yahoo.com or 512-922-7101

TAOM MEMBER CLUBS

AUSTIN – IBM Ring 60 – Carl Moore Ring

WHEN: First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hero's Night Out
1150 Bell Blvd, Cedar Park, TX

CONTACT: Trixie Bond – trixie@trixiebond.com or 713-249-3500

WEBSITE: www.ibmring60.org

AUSTIN – SAM Assembly 206

WHEN: Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hilgers House, 712 West 16th Street, Austin, TX

CONTACT: J Weldon, President - weldon@weldonmagic.com
or call 512-791-1164

WEBSITE: www.sam206austin.com

DALLAS – SAM Assembly 13 and IBM Ring 174

WHEN: Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Drawing Board, 1900 Jay Ell Drive, Richardson, TX

CONTACT: Cinde Sanders at cindesanders@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.dallasmagic.org

FORT WORTH – IBM Ring 15 – Ren Clark Ring

WHEN: First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: 4055 International Plaza (behind Home Depot)

NOTE: The site is a six-story silver office building. Park on the west side. We meet in the training room on the ground floor. It is located at the end of the long corridor and then to the right.

CONTACT: Ron Wilson at conjurormagic@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.fortworthmagiciansclub.org

FORT WORTH - SAM Assembly 138 and Alliance of Illusionists

WHEN: Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Various locations; contact club secretary

CONTACT: Bruce Chadwick, Club Secretary
chadwickillusionist@yahoo.com or
817-832-6062 (non-texting)

WEBSITE: <https://www.sam138.com>

HOUSTON – IBM Ring 39 – Scott Hollingsworth Ring

WHEN: First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall
3030 North Freeway, Houston, TX

CONTACT: Judy Hollingsworth, Club Secretary
judy4birds@yahoo.com

WEBSITE: www.houstonmagic.com

HOUSTON – SAM Assembly 19 Doug and Donnie Kornegay Assembly

WHEN: First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall
3030 North Freeway, Houston, TX

CONTACT: Miles Root, Club Secretary
milesroot@aol.com

WEBSITE: www.houstonmagic.com

LUBBOCK - IBM Ring 217

WHEN: First Monday of each month

WHERE: Umstot Photography
1302 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX

CONTACT: Bronson Chadwick, Secretary
bronsonchadwick@gmail.com

WEBSITE: Under construction

RIO GRANDE VALLEY - IBM Ring 269

Club is inactive, but there's always magic in the Valley!
Contact George Robinson for info: george@vikingmagic.com

SAN ANTONIO – IBM Ring 18

WHEN: 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: LaMadeleine Park North
722 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX

CONTACT:

Greg Youngs, President
gyoungs99@yahoo.com or 210-702-7300

SAN ANTONIO – SAM Assembly 52

WHEN: First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Kinected Co-Working
10401 I-10 in San Antonio

CONTACT: Alfonso Gonzales - 726-205-2625 or
thewizardponcho@gmail.com

WEBSITE: none