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# The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1 March 2022 Edition



## Dave Cox Lecture

March 1, 2023, at 7:00pm  
Dielmann Recreation Center  
11400 Olde Cabin Rd  
Creve Coeur, MO 63141



# KIDNEY WALK



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# Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.



Steve Finkelstein shared that the St. Louis Kidney Foundation is having a Walkathon on March 26, 2023, at Westport Plaza in Maryland Heights, MO. The organization has requested a need for magicians who can do close-up, teach, and/or stroll during the event. Members should contact Steve directly if they can volunteer. (See last page for Steve's contact information.)

Gary S. Chan said, "Guy Bavli and Haim Goldenberg of BaKoRe joined Ring 1 on Jan 26, 2023, for an amazing mentalism lecture. Guy and Haim have clearly been working together for a long time because they were very comfortable with each other and could finish each other's sentences. This made for a great dynamic as the duo supported each other and the audience in a way that felt very natural. Although they shared several wonderful secrets, my favorite effect of theirs was the one at the start of the lecture, which was an innovative method to know what a spectator freely draws. I was very appreciative of the pair's generous sharing of secrets and look forward to learning more from their video downloads."

Sandy Weis summarized this outstanding lecture as follows: "Shep Hykan introduced Guy and Haim since Shep has known them for several years. His introduction was brief since Guy and Haim wanted as much time as possible to deliver their lecture. Haim explained that he, Guy, and Amir Lustig formed a company at the beginning of the pandemic called BaKoRe Magic since they did not have any in-person shows. BaKoRe Magic is dedicated to the creativity of Magic and Mentalism in particular, with a focus on effect and routines most suitable for virtual shows such as Zoom, Facebook, live, and others. The founders are three old friends and creators with a combined magic experience of 100 years. Each of them are Master Mentalist Performers. Guy lives in Florida, Haim lives in Canada, and Amir lives in Israel. Their first project together was The BM Project (Black Mentalism). It is a video tutorial that has seventeen effects, all made for a virtual show. It proved very successful so they have continued to make more video tutorials."

Haim talked about an effect that has not been released yet. Sandy is not sure of what it will be called, though. When he performed this effect, almost everyone in the audience had no idea how he was able to know what someone was drawing. When he revealed his method, everyone was amazed because it was so clever. Guy then did an effect which involved thumbnail writing. Haim discussed nail writers and explained why theirs is very popular with magicians. It fits to each individual's finger. It is made of a material that can be reshaped quite easily. Next, Haim performed My Touch which he has performed for over 27 years. It uses no gimmicks but takes a lot of practice since timing is so important. Guy then performed Deja Book which is a book reading effect. Haim explained and showed the members a Tel's Bell which is a bell that rings or doesn't ring. This is used in their download, Eraser, and they also sell the Tel's Bell 2.0. Next, Guy performed a routine that finishes his show using Rubik's Cubes. This routine is explained in the download, Cubism. Haim then performed Side Effect which explains how one can bend spoons using any spoon. Guy performed Key Bending which involves bending keys. Sandy assisted Guy and still has her bent key from the performance. Haim explained how to make a plastic bag in order to force a piece of paper. Guy then performed an effect which was the first time





he has ever performed it for magicians. He uses this effect in his shows. He takes everyone on a vacation and involves several members of the audience. Each one picks a different facet of a vacation (place, travel plans, how much it will cost, etc.). At the end, he shows everyone the paper which he had predicted beforehand with all the same answers. This download is being edited now and will probably be called Finale.

These two magicians love what they are doing and are willing to share their techniques with other magicians. They began the lecture on time and tried to fit as much as they could in the time allotted (the facility closes at a certain time; otherwise I think they would have kept on going). They shared that they are always making their products better. This was one of the best lectures our Ring has ever had. After the lecture, they had their products for sale. Additional information about their products can be found on their website <https://bakoremagic.com/>. Sandy highly recommends their lecture and recommends that other Rings book them. The Ring thanks Michael McClure for booking and making the arrangements for this lecture

Steve Zuehlke shared the following: “I was unable to attend Ring 1’s lecture in February because I went to the MagiFest Convention in Columbus, Ohio. This is one of my favorite conventions of the year, having attended a dozen or more over the years. Aside from stellar talent and awesome lectures, they have an amazing dealer’s room. Also every year, they have a guest of honor. This year’s honors went to Lance Burton. Lance did a sixty-minute Q and A, followed by an autograph session. Keeping with tradition, the MagiFest gives all registrants a free poster of the honoree. Lance made himself available for three and half hours signing and posing for selfies. A first-class guy for sure. Did I mention the dealer’s room? Twenty-eight dealers were on hand displaying their wares. At any given time, this room was packed with dealers from all over the world. Judging by how much money was changing hands, I think the dealers were very happy. One of the highlights was Brent Braun’s shop from New Albany, Indiana. Brent had an old school arcade game loaded with magic. For a dollar, you had a ‘chance’ to win one of the many products. This game had a line of people trying their luck every time I went by his booth. Great shows and great lectures. The Saturday night Gala Show was made up of past FISM winners and was hosted by the incomparable Lucy Darling. Lucy is always a crowd pleaser, and the acts weren’t bad either. The real magic happens later in the evening around the bar area. I witnessed some real miracles. Magic is alive and well with the amount of young talent that was on hand. The MagiFest strives to promote the youth movement and offered several events open only to the kids. I should also mention that St. Louis was represented with myself, Barb Langston, Scott Smith, Randy Kalin, Jessie Bader, Steve Bolland and Dr. Steve Steer. If you get the chance, make plans to attend next year. You will be glad you did.”

Each month, members perform magic at the Rankin Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital located in Maryland Heights, MO. Dan Todd shared the following: “D. Jay and The Great Todd performed magic for the patients, their families, and also the staff at the hospital on February 13th. The audience applauded more than expected at times; they loved it. D. Jay’s act is as always a big hit with ropes magically changing in length, restoring themselves, and passing through each other. The audience was “Fooled Again.” They helped him add color to the act, and he turned coal into diamonds! The Great Todd opened the second act with Chico, the mind reader. Chico fell in and out of

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love again while proving he did know what letter was selected. Of course, the audience did catch him peeking. A rabbit was produced (substitute rabbit), the Seven Dwarfs made an appearance (six card repeat), and he performed his Dr. Seuss double book cover prediction.” The Ring really appreciates the members who donate their time to perform at the hospital each month. Thanks, D. Jay and Dan!

Michael W. McClure reports: “The first Volume of Magic Moments, our Ring’s recent video recording of member performances, is finalized and already in the hands of St. Louis area hospitals. This 36-minute production features family friendly magic acts by six of our talented members, and each one is interlaced with vibrant, interactive effects and humor. The constant segues from live performance to cartoon segments is very effective. It provides a fast pace to help retain the attention of the hospitalized children and their families, and also has original background music created to sustain the mood. Each hospital’s Activity Director has been overwhelmed with our offer, and upon receiving the video link and/or DVD, has expressed gratitude and praise for I.B.M. Ring 1’s considerate donation of time and talent for the comfort of their little clients. We stand ready to answer the call when in-person performances are again allowed, but for now, it is richly rewarding to have produced a product that will bring joy (and a needed distraction) to children and families during their times of difficulty. A second Volume is already being fashioned, and will be a welcome sequel once edited. In the months ahead, our plans include future filming that will focus on children-specific themes. I encourage every Ring to stretch their directorial skills and give this sort of project a try. It was great fun, for a great cause ... what more could you ask for in a club activity? Please contact me if you have any questions, or just want to learn more about the undertaking. I can be reached at [watson7654321@gmail.com](mailto:watson7654321@gmail.com).” The Ring really appreciates Michael for all he has done to make this project happen. Also, the members haven’t seen the completed project and can’t wait to see it.

## Local Stars!

Christian Misner and Zi Wang were on TV on February 17, 2023! Check it out here: <https://www.kmov.com/video/2023/02/17/learn-about-mardi-gras-ball-happening-tonight-union-station/>

If you are interested in performing at the Blue Strawberry, please contact Jeff Lefton at [jlefton@q4solutions.com](mailto:jlefton@q4solutions.com) or 314-608-6547.

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Dave and his evil hypnotist monkey have performed all over the world, from the Magic Castle to Malaysia, from Masters of Illusion to a run on Broadway, on cruise ships, on television, in theaters, and for celebrities at fancy, fancy parties. He is renowned for his fun, improvisational style, and his spontaneous lunacy. But, in the words of one reviewer “underneath the laughter, if you look closely, you will notice that his show has some insanely strong magic, and he plays with his audience like a maestro.” He uses his extensive improv background performing and teaching at Improv Olympic, ACME, Second City, and the Improv Shakespeare Company to create a show WITH his audience; Johnny Thompson called him “one of the world’s foremost practitioners of the Instant Stooge.” Dave’s lecture will consist of stage routines filled with comedy and magic taken directly from his working repertoire - the hows and whys of what he does in order to bring his audience into the show and make them part of it. He will be explaining how to deal with your audience, handle volunteers, inject comedy into what you already do, and do the “baby gag”. It will be a great time!



# Volunteer for Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital

Put a smile on children's faces! Contact D. Jay to volunteer to perform. (See his contact info on last page.)

## Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

Date	Event
Mar 1, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Dave Cox Lecture
Mar 25, 2023	Christian the Magician's "You Deserve Better" Comedy Magic Show
Apr 5, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: April Fool Us Challenge
Apr 20-22, 2023	The Senior Tour at Double Tree in Collinsville, IL <a href="https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour">https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour</a>
May 3, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: ELECTIONS and Ring and String/Rope
May 23, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Jay Sankey Lecture
Jun 7, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: TBD
Jul 5, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: No Meeting-summer break
Aug 2, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: TBD
Sep 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Close-up Competition
Oct 21, 2023	Fall Ring 1 Magic Show - Florissant Civic Center
Nov 1, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: TBD
Dec 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

All events in the table above are in-person unless otherwise indicated.



The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the President and Secretary (contact info on last page).

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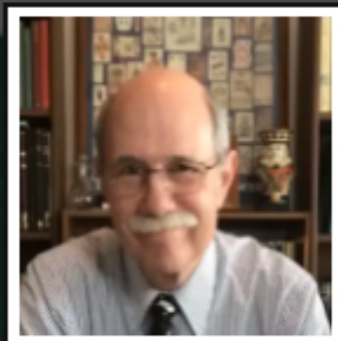
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