



The Official Newsletter of Ring 1 - April 2024

Our Next Meeting

I.B.M. Ring 1

April 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.



Arts & Crafts Magic
Tips & Tricks



In-Person Lecture & Workshop
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
April 3	Ring 1 meeting: Arts and Crafts Magic Lecture with Barb and Steve Zuehlke
April 11-13	Gateway Close-Up Convention https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024
May 1	NO Ring 1 meeting
May 15	Nathan Phan (with Hayden Allcorn) Lecture at Dielman Recreation Complex
June 5	Ring 1 meeting: "Judgement Day" Fall Show Auditions
July 1	Adrian Vega Lecture (Jubilee/S.A.M. Assembly 8 sponsored.)
July 3	No Ring 1 meeting
August 7	Auction and Flea Market - Auctioneer: Steve Corbitt
September 11	Close-Up Contest (Gary S. Chan: contest chairman)
October 2	Columbus Smith Haunted Lecture
October 6	President's Banquet at Rosilita's (Tim Shegitz guest performer)
October 19	Magic and Fantasy Fall Show (Florissant Performing Arts Center)
November 6	New Product Lecture & Review (D.J. Edwards)
December 4	Annual Party & Gift Exchange



Ring 1 Report by Sandy Weis et al.

Steve Zuehlke shared the following: “We were treated to a lecture at our April meeting by our own Christian Misner. Christian is one of the most engaging, dynamic, and high-energy performers I have seen in a long time. You can't go to his show and not have a good time. Christian lectured on using music with your act in order to improve it. Things have come a long way since this reviewer started in magic over fifty years ago. Christian opened his lecture with his opening of his typical magic show, complete with music, a voice over introducing himself and applause. What a way to start a show! Christian basically uses four main components to accomplish this. A speaker and stand, an iPad, an Audio Ape and his phone. Starting with the speaker, Christian uses a battery-operated speaker placed on a high quality stand. Christian explained that good sound is not cheap and also stressed the importance of a high quality stand that can be adjusted to project the sound at the audience's level. The next tool is an iPad. This allows Christian to make play lists/voice overs/sound bites, etc., coupled with an Audio Ape which sends the play list from the iPad to the speaker. The Audio Ape also has a remote control so Christian always has complete control over his sound, from volume, pauses, fade in and fade outs, etc. These three will work alone but Christian also uses his phone via blue tooth to add a few more effects. The world is changing fast, and Christian is up on the latest and greatest gadgets that hit the market. Christian explained the importance of using a prerecorded introduction. Not too long ago, a professional voice over would cost several hundreds of dollars. Today with the internet and email, you can have a professional voice over for less than ten dollars. Christian also touched on using royalty free music and covered the different licensing fees when using music that is not public domain. Fascinating information! The best part is all this information is on the web and free for the taking if you know where to look. Christian provided QR codes for the products he uses for all who were interested. He divided them into three categories—software, equipment, and professional resources. If anyone has any questions on using music, reach out to Christian as he is always glad to help. A fantastic evening with a wealth of information!”

Jill Schmidt shared the following on a recent Facebook post-- “A religious preschool booked Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt and asked her not to do any toilet humor. Jill said to herself, "Oh no, that's a third of my act!" The director requested a no-toilet humor show because the school once hired a singer who sang a song about underwear. She said the song was age-appropriate, but she was concerned about the students telling their parents about the underwear song. So Silly Jilly removed from the preschool magic show her squirting toilet, diaper hat, pooping unicorn, silk routine where the kids try to make a hole in a boy's pants disappear, but mistakenly make the pants disappear, and removed her usual show finale of magically changing a traditional-sized whoopee cushion into a giant whoopee cushion large enough for ten kids to sit on. Silly Jilly added her coloring book routine to the show, which she hadn't done in years and also some other effects. After the show, the school directed texted her, "They loved you!!!" Lesson learned—One may need to make changes in their act in order to please their audience.

Dan Todd shared the following: “I have not visited Rankin Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital this year. I should be hearing from them soon regarding resuming the Ring’s monthly visits. Shriners Children’s St. Louis Hospital has requested that I perform magic twice a month there. However, they have just added me for March 14th, 26th and the 28th. On March 1st I performed a magic show at St. Louis Children’s Hospital. I performed the following: My large version Empty Spelling routine, What’s Next, Match the Color Balls - Teaching Effect, My Grandmas Pearl Necklace routine, Picture Fun, Chico the Mind Reader, and Multi Color Paper Production. Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital emailed me that they are scheduling me for magic shows in April, June and August. They said they loved the responses they received from the lobby show last time. I am keeping quite busy visiting the hospitals since I retired. However, I really enjoy sharing my magic with the patients, their families, and the staff.”

The Ring has several lectures planned for the coming year. One of our members, Mike McClure recently purchased tickets to a show entitled “Fool you Twice.” It is coming to St. Louis on May 14th and features Naathan Phan, Hayden Allcorn, and Lucas Breneman. Mike contacted Naathan and asked if he would like to give a lecture to Ring 1 when he is in town. Naathan said he would. How exciting! The Ring wants to thank Mike for reaching out to Naathan!

The Ring always welcomes visitors to attend the Ring’s meetings and activities. Check Ring 1’s website for further information.

Sandy Weis

Scheduled Events:

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday
at 1:30 p.m. 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).

All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Magic Conventions: <https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke wanted to mention that Michael Rubinstein will be appearing at The Gateway Close-Up Convention. First there was Bobo, then David Roth and then along came Michael. Michael's latest book, Rubinstein's Coin Magic is a must have for any library. He was also featured on Penn and Teller's Fool Us. As an added bonus, Michael has agreed to do a special one-hour workshop for an added fee, limited to only ten people. This is a chance of a lifetime to learn from a true master.

Register now, as few seats remain for one of the best conventions in our own back yard!

Register at <http://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024>

GATEWAY CLOSE-UP CONVENTION

**APRIL 11-13,
2024**

**LECTURES, CLOSE-UP
SHOWS, WORKSHOPS,
DINNERS, BREAK OUT
SESSIONS, BOOK DEALER,
COCKTAIL PARTIES!**

**REGISTRATION
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**FOR MORE INFO:
baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024**

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ANTONY GERARD, DR. MICHAEL
RUBINSTEIN AND OUR GUEST OF
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How to Add Music to Your Magic Act

By: Christian T. Misner

Software Resources:

Epidemic Sound - \$120/year

Download your favorite music and add it to your show list

Great, royalty-free music: <https://share.epidemicsound.com/17k9cp>

Go Button Pro - \$99 lifetime

Add this to your iPad to run your music show list

<https://gobutton.app/download/>

Johnny Magic Soundboard – FREE

Use this to add instant music, intro, and sound effects from your phone

Go to your app store and search “Johnny Magic Soundboard”

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.johnnymagic.soundboard&pli=1>

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Equipment Resources:

Bose S1 Pro speaker - \$499

Quality, loud sound, small size

Backpack - \$160 (protect your investment and make it easy to carry)

<https://www.sweetwater.com/store/search?s=bose%20s1%20pro>

Hola Speaker Stand - \$44 for 2

Set your Bose S1 Pro on top of this for better sound and professional look

https://www.amazon.com/stores/HolaMusic/SpeakerStands_Stand/page/1E74210D-B083-4A7E-B3F5-BE9DC633051C

AudioApe Pro - \$850

This device provides a dynamic remote control for your music

<https://audioaperemote.com/?ref=51qcf5do>

Professional Resources:

Fiverr – various prices depending on services and service provider

Voiceovers (with and without music integration)

<https://www.fiverr.com/pe/pVGyLy>

FOOL YOU TWICE

AN EVENING OF MAGIC, SINGING, COMEDY, AND FRIENDSHIP.

Hayden Allcorn Naathan Phan

Special Guest:
Lucas Breneman



May 14, 2024, at 8pm

Gaslight Theater, 358 North Boyle Avenue, St. Louis, MO, USA

Buy tickets: <https://magicasianman.yapsody.com/event/index/800945/fool-you-twice>

Discount for us magicians: Use "MAGI10" to save 10% off your ticket, or buy 6 seats and use "BRINGTHEFAM" for 20% off!!!

Separate from his public show described above, Nathan Phan will be joining our I.B.M. Ring 1 meeting on May 15th!!!

Judgment Day!

Attention members ... at Ring 1 your opinions matter to us, and your point of view is highly valued. Please join us on June 5th and you will become a co-producer of our next Fall Show in October ... just by sharing your opinions.

All members who would like to perform in our only annual fundraising event will be submitting video auditions, and every member present on June 5th will have the opportunity to vote on their favorites. The club's collective conclusions will help the Show Committee fill the stage with our highest rated acts and ensure that the audience is entertained to the best of our ability. The show is set for October 19th at the Florissant Performing Arts Center.

AUDITIONS:

- Are open to EVERY member of Ring 1
- Are to be short, one or two effect performances totaling no more than 5 minutes
- The theme for the show is Magic & FANTASY – including Fairy Tales & Adventure
- Audition videos are to be sent to watson7654321@gmail.com before May 20th
- Auditions need NO special production ... art, music, costumes nor editing ... just the act as you would perform on stage. If your act is selected, our committee will provide music and background images to compliment your magic. We are a team in this, and will do everything we can to make you shine like stars on stage!
- Your videos will also be used to help the Show Committee evaluate your tempo and timing
- Any recording method is accepted, as long as the digital file can be downloaded prior to May 20th, and then shared on the TV screen at Dielmann Recreation Center for the club's viewing on June 5th. The easiest way to film your act is to prop your phone up and push record. We can edit the beginning and end to remove any unwanted footage if necessary..
- Let your imagination run wild! Try to think of a fairy tale, legend or fantasy character/story that your favorite act could represent. For Example: Our President D. Jay Lenz hopes to earn a spot and perform a version of his "Professor's Nightmare" but with a nod toward "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." If you remember, the titular heroine had trouble with things always being to big, too small, and only one just right. Therein lies the connection that we would embellish and charm the family audience.
- Please do NOT let a lack of ideas deter you from auditioning ... call or email Mike McClure with any and all questions. Our committee is here to help you "skin" your ideal effect into a moment of wonder.
- Last year's show brought in an equal spread of ages ... one third children, one third seniors, and one third regular adult age. Please gear your act to be family friendly!
- Mike McClure can be reached at 618-826-5125, or by email at watson7654321@gmail.com and is delighted to discuss all ideas and possibilities. Please leave a message if he is unable to answer the phone.

MAGIC & FANTASY – Fairy Tales and Adventure

Some possible examples include: Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Frog Prince, Pirates, Sherlock Holmes, Romeo & Juliet, Light-Scare Halloween themes, Wizards, Dragons, Leprechauns ... any fictional story that involves the imagination (and of course, is in the Public Domain).



Ring 1 Directors and Officers

These will be the new directors and officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

President – Darryl “D. Jay” Lenz

Vice-President – Steve Queen

Secretary – Al Zibits

Treasurer – Sandy Weis

Board of Directors:

Steve Finkelstein

Scott R. Smith

Gary S. Chan

Christian Misner

Michael W. McClure

Since no other candidates requested to be added to the slate by the constitutional deadline, these are our new officers and board for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A vote of acclamation will be requested at our May 15 meeting as a formality. We welcome the new and returning leadership, as an exciting year is already being planned. We also thank those retiring from Board for their services rendered.

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