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Katrina the Magician Lecture and Magic Moments Vol. 2

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Ring 1 Report

By Sandy Weis:

Terry Richison shared a few announcements and dates:

Christian the Magician will be performing at the Blue Strawberry on May 8th. Michael Carbonaro will perform in St. Louis on May 30th. On June 3rd, the Central Illinois Magic Get-Together located in Springfield, Illinois will host a one-day convention. It is one of the best conventions in the nation. The headliners are Michael Finney, York, Kevin Kelly, Jeff Harpring, Dr. David Goldman, Terry Richison and Howard Mincone.

Terry asked the members to consider volunteering for the Ring's monthly visits to Ranken Jordan. Members should contact D. Jay with the dates they are available. Ring 1 has been performing Project Magic since its inception in the 1980s when it was started by David Copperfield.

The theme of the May meeting was Ring on String/Rope. Ted Schnarre kicked the meeting off by performing his Ring on String followed by several rope tricks. Ted then taught the subtleties and moves that he uses for the routines. John Davit also performed a few effects using a rope. He has been performing these effects for years; therefore, they are (or are almost) flawless. Laurence "Nothing up my Sleeve" Levy finished up the teach-in by presenting and then explaining his version of the Ring on String. Then the members broke into groups with Ted and Laurence to hone their Ring on String skills. Two new members were welcomed into the Ring. Also, Ken Domash, a country singer/songwriter, was welcomed back into the Ring.

By Christian T. Misner (Christian the Magician):

Gary S. Chan, also known as the "Security Mentalist," has been wowing audiences with his unique blend of mentalism and cyber security expertise, as I saw at his recent performance at the Gateway to Innovation Conference at the America's Center in St. Louis, which left the audience of 1,500 tech professionals spellbound. Using PowerPoint slides and audience participation, Gary skillfully weaved mentalism routines into his presentation on cyber security. He created an environment where the audience was practically begging to come up on stage, making the experience truly unforgettable for those in attendance.

But Gary's success is no accident. He has spent years cultivating his craft and developing a unique niche in the world of magic. His background in cyber security, having graduated from the prestigious MIT, makes him uniquely qualified to speak on the subject.

And his success is not limited to the Midwest. Gary's fame has exploded in recent years, with journalists writing about him, international demand for his act, and bookings into 2024. Gary's audience is always left wanting more. One audience member told me, "I've seen a lot of tech presentations, but this was truly unique. Gary's ability to combine mentalism and cyber security is truly remarkable." Another attendee said, "I've never been so engaged in a presentation before. Gary's ability to connect with the audience and make cyber security interesting was truly



impressive.”

Gary’s success is a testament to the power of developing a unique niche. What he’s accomplished is instructive to anyone trying to sell their show - do something unique for a large, well-funded niche audience! And Gary’s dreams are still within reach. He believes that he will know he has made it when he performs on The Tonight Show. With his talent and expertise, it’s only a matter of time before that dream becomes a reality.

By Steve Zuehlke:

April 20-22 was the second annual Senior Tour Magic Convention in St. Louis, Missouri (located at the Collinsville, Illinois Double Tree by Hilton). For those who were there, nothing needs to be said. For those who were not, you missed another great time. As Randy Kalin says, “epic.” Another performer said, “This has been one of the best line-ups of talent that I’ve had the pleasure to work with. What fun!” And that statement came from someone who has worked at quite a few conventions over the years. A few other comments: “You guys put on such an enjoyable event” and “I go to quite a few conventions every year and this one was run perfect!” Even the performers had such a good time that most want to come back next year as a “registrant only” to enjoy the fun.

One of the notable moments was Scott Wells doing his Magic Podcast each day. Give those a listen, and you can get a sense of the atmosphere. Andi Gladwin made the journey from England with his film crew and interviewed all the Marlo students on hand for a new project he has in the works.

This two and a half-day event featured ten performers, nine lectures, and a wine and White Castle burger party too ... that’s something you don’t see too often at a magic convention. Too much talent to list, but all were superstars.

Kudos to Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke for hosting this event. Special thanks to Randy Kalin, Jesse Bader, Joshua Weidner, Mike and Susan McClure, James Molinari, Scott Smith, Jeff Lefton and Columbus Smith. Make sure you mark your calendars for next year. The dates are April 11th - April 13th, 2024. There are special registration rates for those who attended this year as a thank you for their support. The new rate for all others will be \$200. It’s a bargain at that price compared to the other convention rates that have been advertised recently.

By Gary S. Chan:

On April 16, 2023, Jeff Lefton entertained a room packed with adults and children at the Funny Bone in St. Charles, MO. His endearing, forgetful grandpa persona was a hit with the audience, young and old. His character is so loveable that everyone wanted to be on stage with him. Volunteers were practically throwing themselves on stage, with some even going on stage without being asked! And, of course, it wouldn’t be a magic show without amazing sleight of hand, of which Lefton is extremely adept. He pulled coins out of thin air in a modified Miser’s Dream, “hopped” sponge bunnies between hands, and masterfully manipulated cards while appearing clumsy, which was anything

but clumsy. For the finale, Lefton chose the perfect volunteer. The volunteer was expressive and reacted exactly the way that Lefton invisibly guided the volunteer to act. Jeff Lefton put on a fantastic show and was mobbed immediately after the show with children looking for his autograph and more magic.

By Dan (the Great) Todd:

I performed on the CCTV at Children's Hospital on Friday, May 5th. The lineup was as follows: Juggling Silks, Alphabet Soup (One Card Speller), Astro Cabinet (my Basketball version), Back to Front (Card Prediction), Countless Cookies, The Book of Magic, Bucket Filler (my version), Crystal Silk Tube, and Genii (knotting a rope without letting go of either end).

At Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, D. Jay and I performed for an enthusiastic group of patients. D. Jay performed his rope routines, Fooled Again, Silkworms, and Mother of all Diamonds. I performed Countless Cookies, Alphabet Soup, From the Ashes, Divining (finding under which can is Snoopy, who then dances to Peanuts' music), Bucket Filler, Crystal Silk Tube, and Genii.

On Tuesday, May 9th, and Thursday the 11th, I will be performing magic at Shriners Hospital. I am now a volunteer at Shriners, too. Therefore, I am now an official volunteer at all four local hospitals (Childrens, Cardinal Glennon, Ranken Jordan, and Shriners). Retirement is cool when you get to use your hobbies to teach and entertain kids more.

By Jill "Silly Jilly the Clown" Schmidt:

Jill "Silly Jilly the Clown" Schmidt has a fan from Lake Charles, Louisiana. They've talked every one or two weeks after Ryan called her out of the blue 3.5 years ago because he absolutely loves clowns. In 2020, Silly Jilly did a Zoom show with her clown friends for Ryan's 22nd birthday, and he thought it was so funny and amazing. Ryan tells Jill about the food at his dad's restaurant, Fatboyz Kitchen, and he raves about his favorite local bands. He often asks, "When are you going to visit me?" So, Jill and her husband, Ron, visited Ryan in May 2023. At Fatboyz restaurant, "Silly Jilly the Clown" did some magic tricks for Ryan, and he got to sit on Silly Jilly's hilarious five-foot-wide whoopee cushion. The next day, Ryan and his family visited the brewpub where Silly Jilly had arranged to make balloon animals and perform a magic show. Jill, Ron, and Ryan attended the Louisiana Pirate Festival together, hung out on Ryan's dad's boat, and had a blast.

Her upcoming schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, June 24, Staunton, Illinois Carnival. Silly Jilly will be performing 5:15 to 6pm. The children's magic show starts at 6pm.
- Monday, July 3, Brussels, Illinois, Independence Day Celebration. Silly Jilly the Clown will do strolling silliness, a magic show, and balloon animals from 5:45 to 8:15pm.



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Our meeting will begin at 6:45pm so that we can conduct and conclude business by 7pm. Katrina will join us over Zoom at 7pm. Even though Katrina will be remote, we will be in person at the Dielmann Recreation Center. Zoom will be set up, and we will see Katrina on the TV screen.

Katrina's website: <https://magickatrina.com/>

Katrina Kroetch (AKA Magical Katrina) has performed her unique blend of playful and whimsical magic all over the world in Africa, India, Mexico, Europe, and America. She is a volunteer and advocate with Magicians Without Borders and the non-profit Emergency Circus. She has been a cast member of the international touring show Champions of Magic and has been on numerous network television shows including Masters of Illusion and Penn and Teller: Fool Us. She has also performed her magic show for the Magic Castle and Academy of Magical Arts. She was featured for her magic in the Washington Post and in an article about Virtual Magic Shows in the Wallstreet Journal.

Katrina is the winner of 4 different magic awards, including winning first place at AbraCORNdabara's virtual magic contest in May 2020 and was awarded the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians Children's Entertainer of the Year for 2020. Despite our changing world, she continues to dazzle audiences with her interactive virtual magic shows.

After Katrina's lecture, we will see the world premiere of Magic Moments, Volume 2. This is the video compiled from the recordings of our Ring's performers earlier this year.



Volunteer for Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital

Put a smile on children's faces! Performances are on the first monday of each month. 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
Jun 5, 2023	Blue Strawberry: Chuck Levy & Not Quite Right Improv Troupe https://bluestrawberrystl.com/show/detail/1141
Jun 7, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Katrina the Magician, https://magickatrina.com/ Magic Moments Volume 2
Jul 5, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: No Meeting-summer break
Aug 2, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Ice Cream Social; Flea Market
Sep 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Close-up Competition, hosted by Steve Queen
Oct 4, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Matt Garrett Lecture https://www.professionalmagic.com/
Oct 21, 2023	Fall Ring 1 Magic Show - Florissant Civic Center
Nov 1, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Math Magic with Steve Finkelstein
Dec 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange
Dec 16, 2023	Magic Show - Kirkwood Community Theater (old one)

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).

Magic Conventions

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



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