



## February 2020 Oakland Magic Circle Newsletter

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Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602

*"If you correctly predict the outcome of the Super Bowl is that called "ESPN?"*

**FEBRUARY MEETING-Tuesday, February 4**

**The 2020 INSTALLATION BANQUET AND STAGE SHOW** will feature four Oakland Magic Circle award-winning magicians with new acts. Be amazed and entertained by [Heather Rogers](#), [Phil Ackerly](#), [Glen Micheletti](#) and [Tamaka](#).



At Bjornson Hall in Oakland  
6:00pm- **Doors Open for Social Hour**- Get your seats, buy raffle tickets, and enjoy strolling magicians at your table.

7:00-Dinner is served

8:00- **On with the Show!**

(There will not be a business meeting)

Tickets are still available until Monday at 11pm at

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4478047> or by telephoning 1-800-838-3006.

Adults \$30; Children under fourteen \$20 includes a full dinner, dessert and the show. **Entree Choices:** salmon, tri-tip, chicken or vegan with salad, green vegetables and potatoes.

Show only tickets will be available at the door from 7:30-8:00pm for \$20. A few dinner and show tickets might be available at the door.

### Raffle Items Needed

For the Banquet we have already gathered an impressive selection of gift certificates, movie and live music passes, t-shirts and other great items. We can still use more including nice bottles of wine, gift items (how about those unopened presents from the

holidays or birthday that just weren't "you"? and even select magic books and effects. Or maybe you'd like to contribute a performance for a party or event.

### STROLLING MAGICIANS ON FEB. 4

*Are you coming to the dinner and show? The audience is largely made up in non-magicians who love the art---and sometimes are having their first in-person experience.*

*What better way to introduce yourself to others than to stroll around between 6 and 7 performing close-up, mentalism, comedy or whatever is your style.*

*This is a family show so please keep that in mind. And do bring your business cards or flyers to hand out.*

### Secretary's Report of January 7 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Tarses. Mark offered the remaining close-up pads and sets of multiplying golf balls to the 2020 dues paid OMC members – just two of the “perks” of OMC membership. Mark also showed a clever way to angle a close-up pad for better viewing using two angled door stops. He then discussed the February OMC Installation Banquet and Show. Again, John Owens had composed and distributed a unique flyer for the event. President of SAM Assembly 94 in Silicon Valley and new OMC member applicant Phil Ackerly announced that the Assembly's February meeting would feature a lecture by Dennis Forel, one of the world's outstanding blowers of balloons. An unfortunate announcement was that former OMC member Doug Kovacich has been hospitalized with a severe heart condition. There were twelve applicants for OMC membership and first readings were given for Phil Ackerly, Joseph Bradley, James Tedrow, Merrill Collier, Aaron Jessup, Alex Moss, Amanda Conley, Karen Walker Sanborn, Nancy Balassi, Jonathan Pauli, Paprika Leaverton and Megan Kate Schufreider. Welcome to the OMC and expect second and final readings at the March meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM to prepare for the Brad Henderson lecture.

Byron Walker, OMC Secretary

### BRAD HENDERSON LECTURE

On January 7 Brad Henderson traveled from his home in Austin, Texas to present a generous lecture that both amazed the audience and taught us about showmanship. presentation, theory and new ways to offer classic effects to our audiences. A packed house of bay area magicians, both professional and amateur, sat entertained and informed for three hours.



(photo courtesy of Kevin A. Madden)

After teaching a simple and highly effective transposition of color loops with new twists, Brad launched into a detailed session on his handling of a thumb tip and streamer in a routine everyone can learn and use.



Many notes were taken and after Brad was generous with his time helping attendees clarify any questions.

Takeaways from the lecture:

- 1) Magic results not from manipulation of objects, but from the manipulation of people's perceptions.
- 2) Magic must be impossible.
- 3) Magic must be more than fooling but feeling.



His notes for the evening elaborated on these issues.



Following the lecture Brad did a full act with lots of audience interaction, laughter and wonderment.

Around 11pm a group adjourned to Rudy's Can't Fail Cafe for food and conversation until 1am.

Brad's [LIVE ACT performance and lecture](#) can be purchased on Penguin Magic.

[Visit Brad Henderson's website](#) for more.



**Thank you Brad Henderson.**

(Photos courtesy of Donovan Rittenbach and Gary Meyer)



### In Memory of Douglass Kovacich



Douglass Kovacich was a comedy magician who liked to perform big stage illusions, close up, strolling, public events, private events, and birthday parties. A generous performer, he organized and entertained at many fundraising shows. A member of OMC, he was a past President of Society of American Magicians Assembly #112 and served on the Board. His [website](#) shows him making people happy.

Douglass passed away on January 10 due to complications from heart surgery. [Details from his daughter Brittany.](#)



**The Celebration of Life for Douglass Kovacich** will be held **Saturday February 8, 2020** at Campos Family Vineyards at 11 am. The address is 3501 Byer Rd. Byron, CA.

There is a [GoFundMe campaign](#) to help with funeral expenses.



## OMC MAGIC AUCTION AND FLEA MARKET



Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 7** when Northern California's biggest magic sale will fill Bjornson Hall with bargains and buyers.

Start looking at what you are ready to part with.

See our article below about magic auctions---the kind that bring high prices.

### FIVE QUESTIONS FOR HEATHER ROGERS

**Heather Rogers** is an award winning Mind-Magician who has presented magical programs at over 4,000 public and private events ranging in all sizes and venues, ranging from Barack Obama's Inaugural Ball in D.C. to the Wonder Dome in Las Vegas. She is also a popular Motivational Speaker for companies, workshops and TEDx, Experience Designer and Co-Founder of Curated Entertainment. She took First Place at the Oakland Magic Circle's 2019 Stage Competition and she is one of the headliners at the Gala show on February 4.



We asked her the following Questions and she offered great Answers.

*1. Please tell us the first magic trick(s) you were proud to perform and about how old were you?*

I started relatively late in magic, in my late 20's. The first effects I learned were "[Shadow Coins](#)" matrix, "[8-card Brain Wave](#)" and "[Chicago Opener](#)".

*2. And the first important magic book(s) and why?*  
"[Show Doctor](#)" by Jeff McBride covers not just the 'what' but the 'why' and 'how' to grow in magic.

[Bill Tarr](#)'s books were the first I encountered and they remain close to my heart. They are accessible, and the visual illustrations are good.

[Paul Harris](#)' 3 volume set, "[The Art of Astonishment](#)" are fantastic. ([Vol. 1 can be read online here.](#))

[Mike Cavney](#)'s "[Wonders](#)" and "[Conference Illusions](#)" set is also great.

I have the full "[Tarbell Course in Magic](#)" and find it to be indispensable.

*3. If you were going to a desert island for six months to do a deep dive into your magic what three effects would you take with you to perfect? And what three books would you bring along?*

I would take on the challenge of learning and memorizing all of [Luke Jerney's](#) material.

I would also bring "[Device and Illusion](#)" by Jim Steinmeyer, "[Mastering the Art of Illusion](#)" by [Eugene Burger](#), and "[Theatre of the Mind](#)" by [Barrie Richardson](#) because they are all thought provoking.

*4. You are planning a dinner party followed by your magic show. Among the guests can be any five people from history (living or dead, magician or not). Who would you invite?*

Stephen Colbert, Leonardo Da Vinci, Nikola Tesla, Lily Tomlin, Carol Burnett & Lucille Ball

*5. What are words of wisdom or advice you can offer for aspiring prestidigitators?*

I'll share a recent post I put on [FaceBook](#) that sums up the power and importance of magic:

"As a new year approaches with all of its possibility and promise, I'm reminded of the power of Magic to forge new contexts and blow open new paradigms of potential. When a Close-up Magician greets you, they use metaphor, narrative and surprise to invite you into new geographic areas of your being. This magical experience lives outside the brain. Those who 'can't stand' magic are unable, even for a moment, to step outside of the brain's perimeters and experience the full mystery of 'here & now'. These 'little tricks' are actually powerful gifts that can launch you outside of time and into the endless expanse of the part of you that remains when all the rest is wiped away. There are other portals to 'the infinite you', but I think Magic is the most fun and most instant."



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(Editor's Note: If you are interested in any of the books mentioned by Heather please check with [Byron Walker](#) who might be able to bring them to the meeting for purchase.)

## THE OMC LIBRARY REPORT



Some of you will recall David Sament who was OMC librarian a number of years ago. In sorting through material in the library recently, I ran across something he wrote for the December 2007 OMC Newsletter. I think it merits republication.

### A LIBRARY LOVE AFFAIR

*By David Sament*

*I've always loved libraries. When I was in grade school, I went to the Abington Free Library almost every day after school, and it was there that I discovered my two favorite literary thinkers: Carl Jung and Ray Bradbury (every now and then I'd work on my homework too, but I was usually too distracted for that).*

*At Temple University I had a very menial job at the Samuel Paley Library, and even though the work itself wasn't very interesting I really enjoyed being surrounded by thousands of books and magazines. So, I'm very happy to be the OMC Librarian.*

*I don't know how old the OMC library is, but it's probably as old as the club itself, which is almost 83. I do know that it contains an absolute wealth of books, magazines, old photographs, newspaper clippings, performance and lecture videos, and back issues of our newsletter. It's not only a magic library, but also a historical record of the club. For example, at the last meeting I gave a short talk on something I found hidden away in there: the OMC Memorial Service, which is a*



*broken wand ceremony for OMC Members, printed on old, yellow paper. I'm sure that there are other treasures hidden away that I'll discover over time.*

*And that leads to my next point: the library needs to be more organized. If anyone wants to help me catalog everything into a spreadsheet then just let me know. Most importantly, the library exists for the betterment of the club and its members. There is so much knowledge and history in there that it would be a crime to let it go to waste.*

*For as long as I'm the librarian I'll be putting stacks of books and magazines out for people see, and all members are welcome to take out one item at a time until the next meeting or event. Happy reading!*

I've managed to do a little of what David asked. There's more to be done. And there always will be.

The library won't be available for browsing in February because of the annual installation of officers banquet. That notwithstanding, material that will be due for return on February 4 will happily be accepted by the librarian.

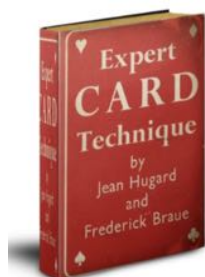
The library will reopen on March 3.

John Owens, OMC Librarian

## FROM THE ARCHIVES QUIZ

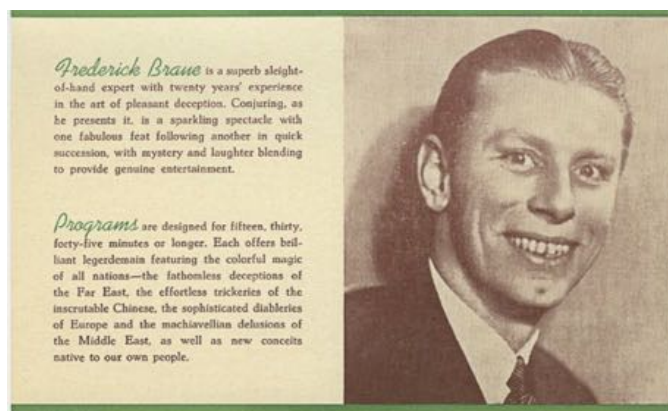
### JANUARY'S MYSTERY PERSON

Last month's question was "Does this have a connection with the Oakland Magic Circle? If so, what is it?"

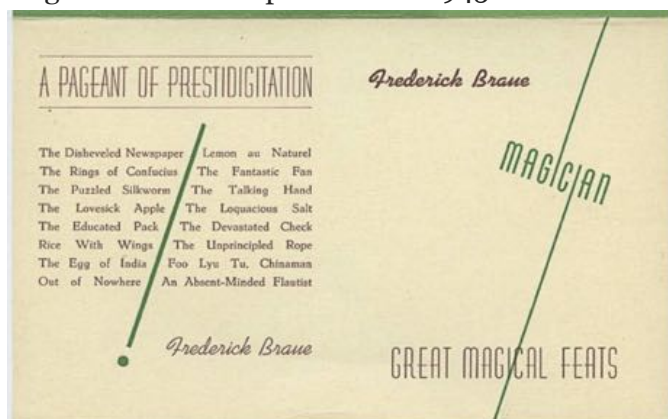


The answer is [Expert Card Technique](#), first published in 1940 was authored by Jean Hugard and Fred Braue, two experts in the field. It has long been considered one of

the best general works card magic. Coauthor Frederick George Braue (1906 - 1962) was an Alameda resident, a journalist by profession and a feature writer for the Oakland Post and Oakland Tribune newspapers.



Among other things, he wrote the "Pete Post" column in the former and the "Daily Knave" for the latter. He was a long time member of the Oakland Magic Circle and its president in 1945.



### A NEW MAGIC CHALLENGE



Send your answers to John Owens  
[conjuriana@gmail.com](mailto:conjuriana@gmail.com)

## THERE WAS A TIME....

....when magicians thought nothing of doing a children's birthday party and including an arm chopper or guillotine, swallowing razor blades or needles, manipulating cigarettes and having open flames.

And the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a family magic show at the local high school that promised a graphic show....all in good fun.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

We are sorry to learn that Steve Johnson is closing his Grand Illusions shop in Charmichael /Sacramento. He is offering magic at sale prices. Almost everything is 25% off (except coins, books and selected cards). Costumes are 50% off and their collection is huge. A [small selection of magic is on their sale website](#) but Steve urges you to come to the store and shop. They plan to stay open

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through March. The [regular site is here](#) but sale prices are not always reflected on it.



*Greetings fellow magi!*

**The 2020 California State Fair dates are Friday, July 17 – Sunday, August 2, 2020.** If we are going to have magicians there again this year( we've done this for the past 3), I need a show of interest. If think you could donate a few blocks of time doing strolling/close-up performances at the CA State Fair, let me know.

*Last year was perhaps the best yet. Hope for the same venue this year. Indoors, air conditioned, lots of places for folks to sit (with tables), easy relaxed scheduling, free fair admission and parking for the days you perform. I just need a show of support before I commit*

*If this sounds interesting, let me know soon. This will not commit you.*

*Any questions, let me know.*

Rick Hill

Magician's Guild <-- purely a fabrication

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[rrhill@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rrhill@ucdavis.edu)



*"I can't believe he brought her."*

*Courtesy of New Yorker Magazine*



Thanks to [Reed Kirk Rahlmann](#) for bringing this magical automaton to our attention.



[Check out the video.](#)



Bill Madden was an active member of the Oakland Magic Circle in the 1960s when he and Bernie Trueblood updated the "Haunted Hanky" to an effect they named "[Glorpy, the Gerkulating Ghost](#)." It was a huge success. *Genii* called it the "Trick of the Millennium." A silk pocket handkerchief is laid down on a table. The magician snatches a ghost named Glorpy out of the air and traps it in the handkerchief by folding it over. Initially shy, after some prompting the ghost begins to move about under the handkerchief and even raise it into the air. Glorpy is released by opening the handkerchief, revealing it to be empty once again. Here is a [video demo](#).



All manufacturing rights to Madblood Creations' original Glorpy were transferred first to Sterling Magic and subsequently to [FUN Incorporated](#) who make Royal Magic products.

Meir Yedid has just released a [T-shirt](#) with a retro Glorpy logo for a trip down nostalgia lane.

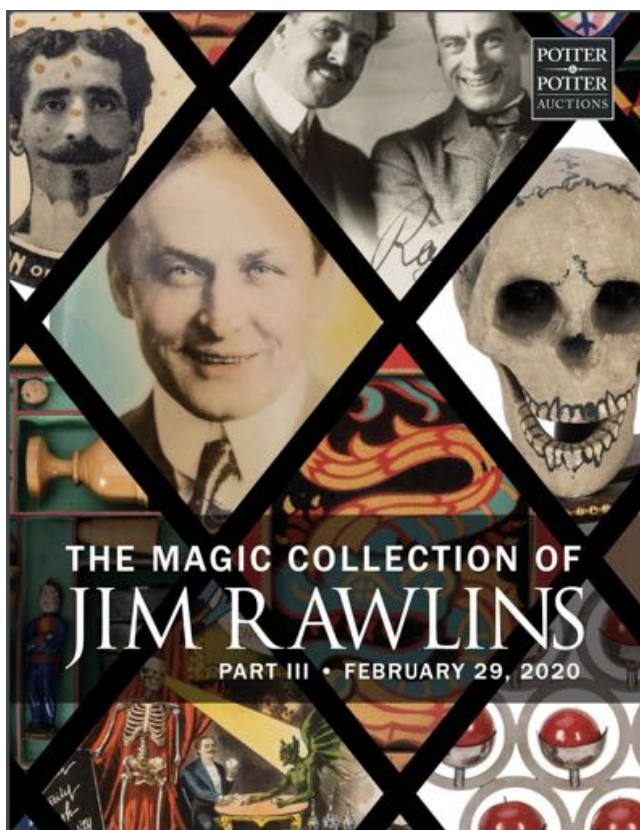
#### MAGICAL RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

##### Magic Auctions

Magic Auctions are a great way to learn about the history of our craft. They offer antique magical effects, books, posters and a variety of ephemera. The catalogs can be purchased and often become collectible volumes but they can be downloaded for free. Maybe you have some potentially rare items. You might find comparable pieces with expected sale prices---and after the auction can see what they sold for.

[Potter & Potter Auctions](#) has an impressive sale on February 29. Magic Collection of Jim Rawlins, Part III catalog can be [downloaded here](#).





(A Birdcage DieBox- lot #50)

A Gambling Memorabilia & Playing Cards auction is being prepared for March 28.

Probably the other largest magic auction specialist would be [Martinka](#), established in 1877. Though there is not a current auction scheduled you can look at past sales.

Ron Alles's [International Magic Auction](#) will alert you about their next auction but they are always selling classics at [The Mystery Emporium](#).

The same with [Magic Collectibles](#).

[Magic Auction](#) is a combination of flea market and weekly auction.

It is a good idea to know what the value of an item that interests you is.

If you want to be notified of upcoming events be sure to join the join their mailing lists.







## MAGIC IN THE BAY AREA

**Have an upcoming show or know of one in the Bay Area? Email us the information to be listed. Include title and performer, date, time, location, a short blurb, website link, & a publicity photo or graphic. All submissions must be sent in by the third Tuesday of the month. Email Gary Meyer, Newsletter Editor, at [garymeyerdf@gmail.com](mailto:garymeyerdf@gmail.com)**

*Announced performers are subject to change. Many Events are available at discounts through [Goldstar](#) and [Today's Tix](#). Search for "Magic."*

## FOG CITY MAGIC FEST 2020

The lineup has been announced and it will be incredible, running Feb. 4 - 8 at the Exit Theatre in San Francisco.



**The Opening Night Gala!** features Jay Alexander and Friends including:

Mischief Maker Glen Micheletti

The Beauty of Magic Jade

The Mind Bending David Gerard

The Alterer of Reality Sebastian Boswell III

The Always Surprising Ryan Kane

And, from the Magic Castle writer, magic inventor, and co-producer of TVs The Carbonaro Effect David Regal!!!

Each performer will also have their own show.

And a special program has been announced with Ryan Kane hosting an evening of some of the best close up magic in the Bay Area including Danny

Cheng, Dennis Kyriakos, Susan Zeller, and David Hirata!

David Regal will offer a special [Magicians Only Guest Lecture](#) on Tuesday, Feb. 4 in collaboration with Misdirections Magic.

For the complete [schedule and to buy tickets go here](#).

**[Mario the Maker Magician](#) was a hit at Magic Live!**



Following performances at the Magic Castle Mario will come to Northern California for shows at the Sebastiani in Sonoma on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2pm. ([tickets](#))

and Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2pm at the Auburn State Theater in Auburn ([tickets](#)).

Mario will also offer a lecture hosted by [IBM Ring 192](#) at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael (Sacramento). Feb. 12 at 7pm. If it is anything like the lecture he gave in Vegas, it would be worth the drive.

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**[Eric the Great's Really Great Magic Show](#)**



A master sleight of hand artist and comedy virtuoso Eric the Great brings his one man show at the Exit Theatre. Coin tricks, card tricks, mind reading and escapes there is truly something for everybody in unique Bay Area experience.

Saturday, February 1 at 8:30- [Tickets and info at Exit Theatre](#).

The Society of American Magicians Assembly #112 Cordially Invites You to Attend Our

## ANNUAL INSTALLATION & AWARDS BANQUET

**Concord Elk's Lodge**  
3565 Clayton Road, Concord, CA

**Cabaret & Comedy Magic**

**Wednesday**

**February 19, 2020**

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Dinner PROMPTLY at 6:30 pm  
Program starts following dinner



**Gernar**



**Gerald Joseph**

Amazing Fun Filled Entertainment

### Special Catered Menu

**Buffet dinner**  
**Includes Steak & Chicken**

**No Host Bar**

**Cash only no credit cards**

**Raffle for valuable prizes**

For questions, please contact  
President Gernar  
at 925-798-5864 or email:  
germagic2@aol.com

**\$25 per person**

Send your reservation and  
payment for tickets

**no later than Wednesday,**

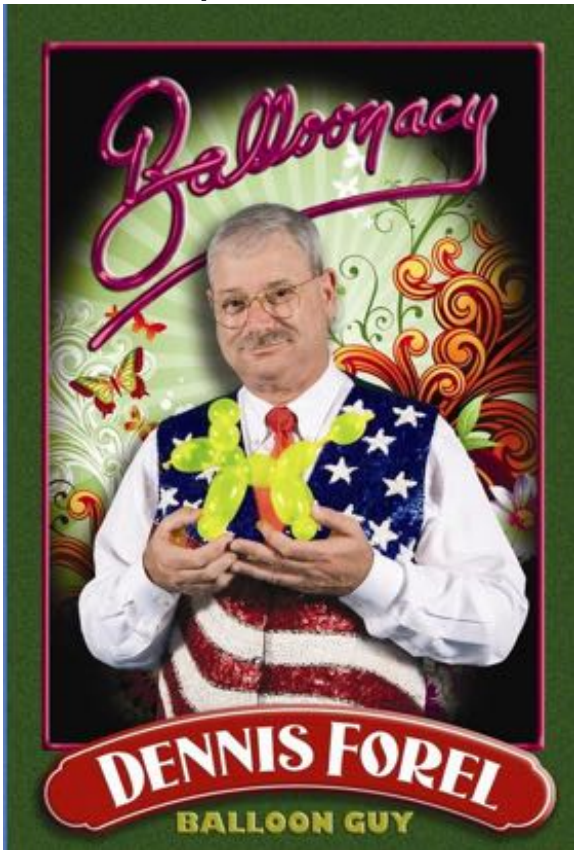
**February 12, 2020**

To SAM 112 Treasurer  
Jerry Barrilleaux  
2724 Richard Avenue  
Concord, CA 94520  
**925-685-4577**

Please make checks payable to Society of  
American Magicians Assembly #112



## **SAM #94 presents Dennis Forel Lecture and Workshop**



[Dennis Forel](#) is one of America's foremost Balloon Sculptors with a repertoire of over 100 different animals.

### **Lecture: Storytelling using Balloons**

Monday, Feb. 10, 2020 at 7:30-10:30pm

Cost: \$10 members, \$25 non-members

Location: "Garage I" conference room, 4 Infinite Loop,  
Cupertino, CA (map will be given upon signup)

Dai Vernon said, "It's not the trick, it's the journey."

This is NOT a lecture on how to tell stories with balloons. This is a lecture on how to be a storyteller. Whether your medium is cards, coins, rings, silks, or balloons, storytelling has a purpose. Dennis will talk about:

- The real purpose of patter, why one should think of patter the same way a silent act uses their music.
- Creating a persona, whether for a single effect or a full evening's performance.
- The agonizing aspects of creating patter while following the prime rule of science fiction and logic at the same time.

### **Workshop: Balloon animals**

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at 7:30-10:30pm

Cost: \$15 members, \$25 non-members

Location: "Beijing" conference room, 1 Infinite Loop,  
Cupertino, CA (map will be given upon signup)

Dennis will teach you:

- How to make a penguin, snail, hippo, rhino, parrot, and moose/deer, that are all single balloon designs from his repertoire of over 100 animals; most of the designs are from his book, "Balloonacy – The Art of Air Sculpture".
- The history of balloons and entertaining with them, from Faraday to Present Day.
- The proper handling to mold the balloon as well squeak prevention.
- The performing aspects, from methods to venues and the business parts of the industries, fairs, amusement parks, shopping centers, restaurants and nightclubs industries in which he had performed.
- His personal reasons he doesn't do line work.

### **About Dennis Forel:**

Dennis Forel performs at shopping centers, amusement parks such as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Magic Mountain and Nagasaki Holland Village in Japan and specializes in performing at state and county fairs. He is a member of the Western Fairs Association as well as the Academy of Magical Arts (Magic Castle) where he is also a performer and lecturer. - In 1980, Dennis co-wrote the book, "Balloonacy – The Art of Air Sculpture",



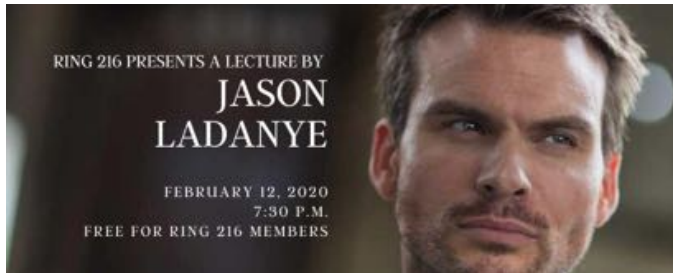
which has sold over 20,000 copies. Forel starred in the 1990 video, [“Balloonacy”](#) both of which can be [downloaded from magic shops](#) in the US.

[TV News feature](#)

**RSVP: Contact** [aleeds@y-change.com](mailto:aleeds@y-change.com) before February 5 for lecture or workshop, as seats are limited.

4 Infinite Loop, Cupertino

[Full details](#)



On Feb. 12, [Jason Ladanye](#) will be lecturing at IBM Ring 216. He'll be performing all new, never before seen material from his new book, [Game Changer](#). He'll be teaching a few classics from his first book, [Confident Deceptions](#) as well as a few unpublished effects that will be part of his third book! Here's a chance to see the material before it appears in print.

Jason has appeared on ABC's 20/20 and Inside Edition exposing crooked gambling scams. He's performed at Turning Stone, Mohegan Sun, and Foxwoods Casinos and consulted for the Broadway show Cheers Live on Stage. He's currently touring with his new two-man show: Mind Games. Jason will share some of the material from the show that's selling out theaters!

In this lecture, Jason will be teaching mostly self-working effects, or tricks that use a few very common sleights. Jason proves that you can still achieve mind-blowing miracles without relying on knuckle busting sleights.

In addition to teaching hard-hitting and powerful card effects from his latest set of lecture notes, Jason will be sharing insights on misdirection, sleights, spectator management, character development, scripting, practicing, rehearsing, performing, dealing with hecklers, effect construction, booking gigs, marketing, and much much more.

DVDs, books, lecture notes, close-up mats and practice mirrors will all be available after the lecture. Don't miss it!

**THIS LECTURE IS A FREE GIFT FOR PAID**

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**MEMBERS OF IBM RING 216.** Non-members can join the Ring at the meeting for \$25.

[Expert Card Technique video by Ladanye](#)

[Check out more videos](#)



**Piff is 50% Comedian. 50% Magician. 100% Dragon.**

**Friday, Feb. 21 at 7pm.**

John van der Put is a magician and comedian from the United Kingdom who performs under the stage name Piff the Magic Dragon. A winner of multiple awards from British magic societies, he toured as a supporting act for Mumford and Sons, and has appeared on Penn & Teller: Fool Us and America's Got Talent.

**Fox Theatre**

2215 Broadway, Redwood City

[Tickets and more info](#)

**Exploring Reality with Conjuror Jeffrey Korst**



**Saturday, February 29, 7:30-9:30pm**

[Jeffrey Korst's Exploring Reality](#) reveals a secret about magic that even most magicians don't know: *Magic is about something.* There is a deep meaning to magic — even if the magician doesn't realize it.

Becoming a magician changed my life. The show explores the enormous impact magic has had on my life; and most importantly, seeing the magic in the world around us.

**Exploring Reality** is a unique evening of entertainment that recreates the intimacy of popular 19th century parlor performances. Limited seating allows everyone to see the magic up close.

#### **FIRESIDE ROOM**

911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro

[Tickets and info](#)

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#### **February 6 at 7:30**

The creators and co-stars of this R-rated magic show, [The Naked Magicians](#), are the two hot and hilarious Aussie performers who deliver world-class magic and non-stop laughs while wearing nothing but a top hat and a smile. Described by The Huffington Post as “the wildest night ever”, this tantalisingly satisfying magic show strips away the top hats, capes and magic stereotypes, bringing a whole new meaning to “now you see it”.

Good magicians don't need sleeves and great magicians don't need pants. This show proves just that!

18+ only. Includes male nudity, sexual references and coarse language... strap yourself in for a hilarious and unforgettable night.

**The Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., Sacramento**

[Tickets and Info](#)

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**CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS:** at  
Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus



**Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 22-23** Enter the elegant and stylish Art Deco lobby of [Cirque Éloize's](#)

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newest show, *Hotel*, and you'll meet a cast of captivating characters, from a juggling janitor to a hapless tightrope-walking bellhop to a starlet flying through the air on a trapeze swing. Make your way to the front desk, which stretches across the entire stage; but be careful—there's a gravity-defying hula hoop act to your right, and a guest spinning in an enormous steel ring to your left! A pioneer of contemporary circus arts, "Cirque du Soleil's hipper, sexier cousin" (*The Stage*, London) delivers uproarious comedy through a mix of acrobatics, aerial routines, and live music, in a show about the unexpected encounters that fuel every memorable traveler's tale. [Tickets and videos.](#)

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*Serving fine dinners with professional magic shows six nights a week.*

*Mystique Dining is located at 611 Sutter Street in Historic Folsom.*

*January 31, February 2,3: Alex Ramon*

*February 4- 9: Matt Donnelly*

*February 11-16: Jade*

*February 18-23, 25-March 1: Larry Wilson*

[Full schedule and more info.](#)

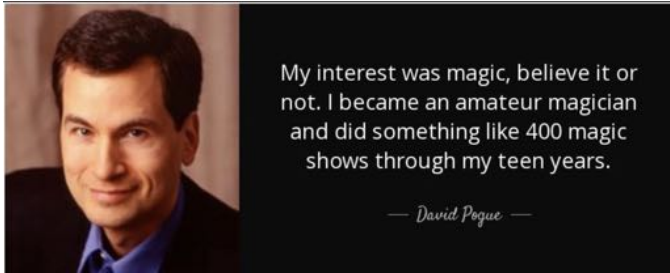
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**DAVID POGUE LECTURE- February 27 at 8pm**  
**Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus.**

Though most well-known as a technology writer, [David Pogue](#) is an accomplished magician and author of [Magic for Dummies](#) and the children's book [Abby Carnelia's One and Only Magical](#)



[Power.](#)

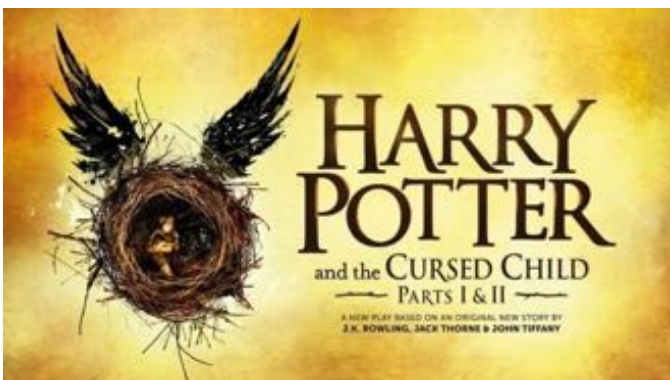


This lecture leads a journey through the pleasures and pitfalls of our technological world with humor, thought-provoking ideas and possibly a few tech-industry song parodies. Not a magic lecture but he is always fascinating.



The newest Cirque Du Soleil show, AMALUNA, plays in Sacramento through February 23 at Sutter Health Park.

[Tickets and info.](#)



At San Francisco's Curran Theater. Tickets available through June, 2020.

There is a lot of theatrical magic used in this two part show. Read Gary Meyer's [review](#).

Tickets are [available here](#).

[Watch the short trailer.](#)

## **MARRAKECH MAGIC THEATRE** **419 O'Farrell St, San Francisco**



### **The Marrakech Magic Theater Presents Jay Alexander's Mind Tricks Live Show** **Shows Thursdays - Sundays**

"Jay Alexander's mien throughout his card tricks, mind reading, number games and feats of extraordinary coincidence is that of a nerd with overweening enthusiasm — enthusiasm you can't help but share. And descending the venue's mysterious steps into an all-arabesque lounge (with drinks and appetizers available for purchase) for preshow close-up magic and then entering a tiny jewel box theater for the actual show are experiences in and of themselves.—Lily Janiak, SF Chronicle

[For tickets and more information.](#)

Special Event:

**Alex Ramon: Impossible Magic**

**Sunday, Feb. 9 at 6:30**



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## [THE MAGIC PATIO.](#)

3264 Mission Street, SF

Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22



[ANDREW EVANS'](#) *Illusions of Grandeur* is at

Some shows are sold out. You can [sign up](#) to be notified of the upcoming new shows at the Magic Patio.

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### [SF MAGIC HOUR](#)

Now at the Magic Patio

75 minutes of mind blowing magic with a different set of performers [Brad Barton](#), [Christian Cagigal](#) & [Michael Feldman](#). First and Last Monday of every month.

**Feb. 3**

David Gerard  
Andrew Evans  
Ryan Kane

**Feb. 24**

Michael Feldman  
Brad Barton  
Phil Ackerly  
[Tickets & info](#)

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### [RYAN KANE](#) [Exit Theater](#)

156 Eddy Street, San Francisco  
iPhones vanish, whisky bottles appear from nowhere, and a paintball gun is fired at the man responsible for it all.



This is the magic of Ryan Kane. Please Enjoy Responsibly.

Feb 7 and 21. [Tickets and info](#)

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Get expert instruction on magic tricks you can do in casual situations like parties and the workplace from one of the Bay Area's top performers, [David Martinez](#). Then enjoy a close-up show where the miracles happen right before your eyes. Limited to 15 participants; perfect for adults and kids over 9 years old. **Sunday afternoons, Feb. 2, 23, March 8 & 22** at Studio by Terra Amico in San Jose. 2-4pm. For [more information and to buy tickets](#).

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### [BAY AREA MAGIC DINNER SHOW](#)

2140 Clement St, San Francisco

#### [JAMES CHAN](#) Prodigy Magician and Juggler

11-year-old James Chan's performances always include an ensemble of astonishing trick routines and juggling feats that will amaze and delight audiences of all ages. Using pure sleight of hand, he performs a 3 shell game, the 3 card monte, spectacular rubber band tricks, and his signature routine: "The intersection of Math, Memory, and Magic."





## **DAN CHAN- Breaking the Magician's Code**

An evening of world-class magic in an intimate setting. The intersection of autobiographical storytelling, improvisational comedy, and magic are used to create a unique and unforgettable experience.



Dan Chan Master Magician's newest show redefines magic in a playful, evocative manner!

[Tickets for all Dan and James Chan shows.](#)



## **CALIFORNIA MAGIC DINNER THEATRE**

**514 Main Street, Martinez**

The magical evening begins promptly when you arrive and the fun starts right as you take your seat. Enjoy our three course dinner and signature drinks with close-up magic performed right at your table in between courses. Then, an hour-long stage show hosted by Gerry Griffin.

### **California Magic shows:**

**Jan. 31- Feb.1: Al Skinner**

**Feb. 7-8:-Theron Schaub**

**Feb. 13-14-15: Larry Wilson**

**Feb. 21-22: Kerry Ross**

**Feb. 28-29: Frisco Fred**

**Weekly Host and Emcee- Gerry Griffin**



See [CalMagic](#) for tickets. Shows sell out early.

## **GHOST HUNT WALKING TOUR**

starring Magician [CHRISTIAN CAGIGAL](#)  
in San Francisco



**Every Wednesday thru Sunday**

[Complete info and tickets](#)

## **THE SAN FRANCISCO MAGIC AND VARIETY SHOW- Street Magic Live**

**First Saturday of each month**

**Exit Theatre**

**156 Eddy Street, San Francisco**



[Frisco Fred](#), [Jonathan Strange](#), [Eric the Great](#) & [Chase the Entertainer](#). [Tickets, Info and video](#)



### **BRAD BARTON, REALITY THIEF**

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Doors open at 7:30pm; Show

8:15-10:30pm with one intermission

The Lost Church

65 Capp Street, San Francisco

*"The expected was shattered on the floor, leaving eloquent shards of the unexpected. I laughed, I gasped and then I told friends."* Mike Gordon

[Tickets and info.](#)

[Facebook](#)

### **DNA's Comedy Lab**

155 S. River Street

Santa Cruz

**Magicalogy**

Last Sunday of each month- Feb. 27

**Blind Tiger Open Mic Comedy and Magic every Wednesday.**

[Tickets.](#)



**Kevin Blake** can read your pulse and tell if you're lying, see into your imagination, and maybe even predict the future... Or maybe he can't, and it's all an illusion. [For more information and tickets](#) at The Palace Theatre in San Francisco's North Beach. Thursday, February 20, March 5 and 19.



### **PIER 29, SAN FRANCISCO**

**Free**

Every Day (subject to weather)

**Rotating gallery of magicians including** [Glen Micheletti](#), [Ryan Kane](#), [Chase Martin](#), [Fred Anderson](#), [Magical Nathaniel](#), [Lynx](#), [Reed Kirk Rahlmann](#), [Frank Olivier](#), [Patrick Livingstone](#), [The Seashore Variety Hour](#) [See Schedule](#)





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### MAGICAL NATHANIEL

Check website for a variety of shows and workshops at libraries, clubs and headliner at California Magic Club.



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### DAVID GERARD



Magician and mindreader David Gerard offers over 75 minutes showcasing a wide range of magic and mindreading effects.

New dates to be announced in SF and Oakland.

Check David's [Facebook](#).

[Tickets](#)

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### **COMING IN MARCH**

### The Illusionists



-Feb. 27-Bob Hope Theatre, Stockton

-March 24-25-San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 S Almaden Blvd., San Jose

[Discount tickets](#)

### **Jay Alexander at the Sebastiani Theatre 476 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Sonoma**



Friday, March 13

[Tickets and more info](#)



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[Losander](#) (Dirk Losander)

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### Guest Dealer

[SEO Magic](#) (Daisuke Seo)

[Advance registration only--\\$10 + \\$2 handling fee-- Info and video](#)

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Search for "magic" and "circus" shows often available at [discount on Goldstar](#).

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### MISDIRECTIONS MAGIC SHOP

1236-9th Avenue (near Golden Gate Park), San Francisco. (415) 566-2180



Locally owned and operated by Joe Pon with a terrific supply of your magic needs, lectures, private lessons and a place for magicians to gather. Ask about The Magic Club and get discounts off purchases and lectures plus regular notices about new effects and upcoming events.

Watch [“Is this the last real magic shop?”](#)

### BYRON WALKER BOOKS

OMC member and long-time book dealer has about 4000 books in stock covering magic, mentalism, gambling and bunco, juggling, and ventriloquism. He always stocks the newest titles and has the rarest of volumes. This is a mail-order business based in San Leandro. Byron will bring books to the OMC meetings upon request. Call him at (510) 276-1854 or email [byron.walker@comcast.net](mailto:byron.walker@comcast.net).



### HOUDINI'S MAGIC SHOP

Beach Street & The Embarcadero, Pier 39, San Francisco

The local branch of a national chain located in resort hotel and amusement parks oriented to tourists but always worth a visit if in the area.

### BOARDWALK MAGIC

Inside Neptune's Kingdom at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, 400 Beach Street.



Joshua Logan's labor of love has an excellent selection and demonstrators who are serious about their craft. Surprisingly good selection for a tourist location and they will happily special order.

### ZUCCHINI'S TRICK 'N THINGS

Monterey Canning Company, 1037, 711 Cannery Row # H, Monterey



Oriented to tourists with mass market magic, jokes and games but the demonstrators are having fun and love a visit from other magicians. Worth a visit if you are at the Monterey Aquarium.



### [GRAND ILLUSIONS](#)

7704 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael



This family run business started by Steve Johnson and his parents in 1988 carries magic, costumes, puppets, makeup, special effects, juggling gear, novelties and more. They are closing and the closeout sale is on now.

### [EVANGELINE'S & THE COSTUME MANSION](#)

113 K Street, Sacramento



A fun shop of over 4800 square feet of basic magic tricks and a huge selection of novelty items, jokes, wigs and just plain fun. Upstairs are two floors filled with accessories and every imaginable costume.

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The greater Sacramento area has become a home for magic companies but you can't buy retail from [Murphy's Magic](#). Look at their offerings online and ask your favorite dealer to order for you. [Penguin](#) and [L&L Publishing](#) are also based there and [Ellusionist](#) is in Petaluma, but they do not have storefronts and are mail order warehouses only. They all offer informative newsletters and occasional free stuff.