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CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA

Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

DON'T MISS OUT: WHAT'S COMING UP!

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH: CLUB MEETING: Robert Baxt Lecture!

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday January 4th

7:15 pm

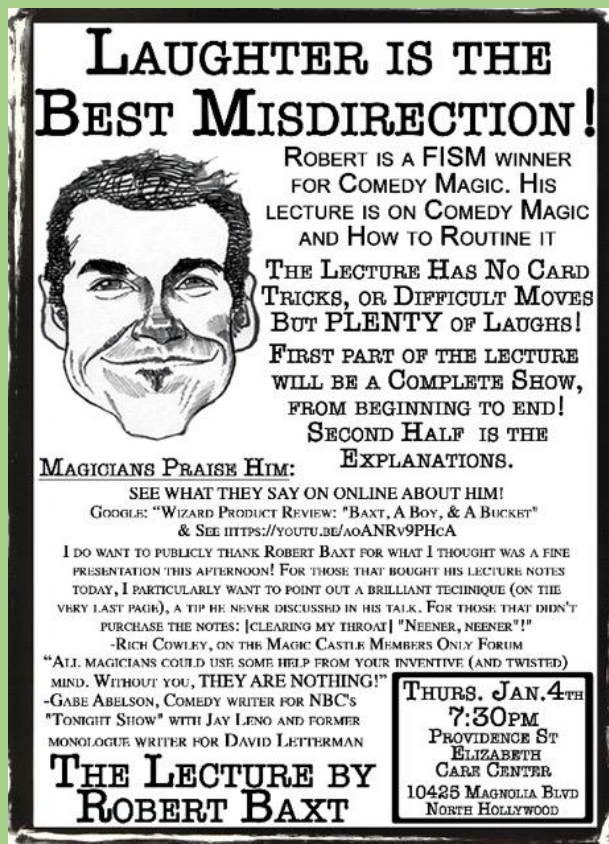
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LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MISDIRECTION!

ROBERT IS A FISM WINNER FOR COMEDY MAGIC. HIS LECTURE IS ON COMEDY MAGIC AND HOW TO ROUTINE IT

THE LECTURE HAS NO CARD TRICKS, OR DIFFICULT MOVES BUT PLENTY OF LAUGHS!

FIRST PART OF THE LECTURE WILL BE A COMPLETE SHOW, FROM BEGINNING TO END!

SECOND HALF IS THE EXPLANATIONS.

MAGICIANS PRAISE HIM:

SEE WHAT THEY SAY ON ONLINE ABOUT HIM!
GOOGLE: "WIZARD PRODUCT REVIEW: "BAXT, A BOY, & A BUCKET"
& SEE [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/AOANRV9PHcA](https://youtu.be/aoANRv9PHcA)

I DO WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK ROBERT BAXT FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A FINE PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON! FOR THOSE THAT BOUGHT HIS LECTURE NOTES TODAY, I PARTICULARLY WANT TO POINT OUT A BRILLIANT TECHNIQUE (ON THE VERY LAST PAGE), A TIP HE NEVER DISCUSSED IN HIS TALK. FOR THOSE THAT DIDN'T PURCHASE THE NOTES: [CLEARING MY THROAT] "NEENER, NEENER!"

-RICH COWLEY, ON THE MAGIC CASTLE MEMBERS ONLY FORUM

"ALL MAGICIANS COULD USE SOME HELP FROM YOUR INVENTIVE (AND TWISTED) MIND. WITHOUT YOU, THEY ARE NOTHING!"

-GABE ABELSON, COMEDY WRITER FOR NBC'S "TONIGHT SHOW" WITH JAY LENO AND FORMER MONOLOGUE WRITER FOR DAVID LETTERMAN

THE LECTURE BY ROBERT BAXT

THURS. JAN. 4TH
7:30PM
PROVIDENCE ST
ELIZABETH
CARE CENTER
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NORTH HOLLYWOOD



CONTRIBUTE A MAGIC TRICK EXPLANATION!

We would love to include your magic creation in the newsletter if you are willing to share it with the members. Simply send an email to karl.johnson@gwcmi.com

BOARD MEETINGS HAVE CHANGED TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. SEE BOTTOM OF NEWLETTER FOR DETAILS.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY FEAST!

December means holiday time and Ring 21's traditional December meeting meant food, gifts (for needy kids), and holiday magic.



Vice president Karl Johnson took over the reins—with new President Bob Thomas busy performing for a holiday party gig.

First it was the dinner: a luscious spread of Mexican food that included chicken, tortillas, various salsas, rice and beans, and an array of (far too many fattening) desserts. Once the club members and their family and guests were well fed, it was time for some holiday-related magic.



Gerry Schiller led off with what he called his "holiday song prediction." Once the sealed prediction was handed to a visitor for safe-keeping, he gave out copies

of popular holiday song lyrics, had them folded and dropped into a larger envelope. Another volunteer supplied a 3 digit number, and after some math, came up with the number 18. When one of the song lyric sheets was chosen from the envelope, and a volunteer counted down 18 lines, it matched his original, sealed Prediction. Then Gerry did a tutorial on his trick that included how to make a force envelope, and how to use the (well-known to some) "1089" number force to end up with the matching prediction.



Next David Cotelessa did a clever ace assembly that was VERY well performed.



Elroy Codding predicted a chosen card.



Erin Kabbash made a picture of a holiday gift turn into the real thing—a ring— which he presented to Wendy Sobel.



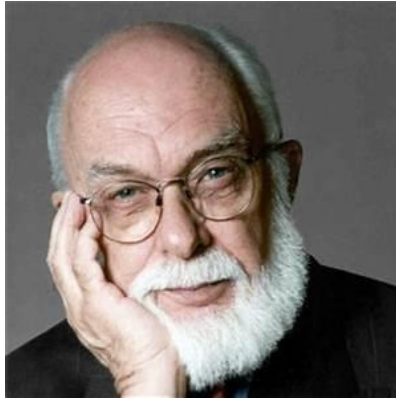
Don Kenney did a beautiful thimble routine that included some color changes from red to green, providing a few Christmas colors to his presentation.

The table we had set up to receive toys kept growing as more folks arrived through the evening—all collected for the "Spark of Love" that Robert de la Guerra would be taking to a local fire station and then given out to needy kids.

Next month we will have a lecture from the always hilarious Robert Baxt, who has not done a lecture for us in some years. It promises to provide lots of good information and definitely lots of fun.

By Gerry Schiller.

The Greats of Magic
A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
by Gerald Schiller



James Randi

One of the sources I frequently refer to in writing these columns is a book that's now over twenty years old: *Conjuring* by James Randi. I do utilize many other books, internet references, and magazines, but *Conjuring* has been a major resource over the years. Unfortunately, I discovered from Randi himself (when he visited the Castle) there will probably not be a revision or update, and this (definitely for me) is a major loss.

The man responsible for this marvelous look at the art of magic was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on August 7, 1928. His name was Randall James Hamilton Zwinge.

At the age of thirteen he began to visit the Arcade Magic and Novelty Store in Toronto, and the owner, Harry Smith, soon became his mentor. Randi gives credit to performing as a magician for helping him develop many skills, since, as a child he had little self confidence and even was a stutterer. Doing magic helped to give him the confidence he needed.

At seventeen he was doing magic with a carnival. By the age of twenty he was the Great Randall, Telepath, doing stage shows and making regular predictions on the radio. But when people began to believe he was a genuine seer and sought him out for personal advice, he decided it was time to leave Canada and he came to the U.S. now using the name, The Amazing Randi.

When he was able to get out of a jail cell to garner publicity for his magic act, he began to get pressured to do more escapes. So he escaped from ropes, handcuffs, boxes and coffins. But rather than trying to replicate Houdini's persona, Randi's approach was more lighthearted and humorous. He would tell jokes while he did an escape and maintain a much more casual atmosphere.

And like Houdini, who spent much of his later life debunking spiritualists, Randi has also become a well known de-mystifier of paranormal activity, faith healers, and other non-scientific types. He appears frequently on television and has written extensively with such books as *Film-Flam! Psychics, ESP, Unicorns and Other Delusions* (1982), *The Faith Healers* (1987), *An Encyclopedia of Claims, Frauds, Hoaxes of the Occult and Supernatural* (1995), and an expose of Uri Geller in *The Truth about Uri Geller* (1982).

He is the founder of The James Randi Educational Foundation and his work has won him awards from the MacArthur Foundation, the Academy of Magical Arts (the Magic Castle), The National Council Against Health Fraud, The American Humanist Association, and dozens of other citations, honors, and degrees.

Now even at the age of eighty-nine, he continues to do presentations throughout the world.

His foundation has a standing challenge to any psychic who can demonstrate a genuine example of a psychic phenomenon, and receive a million dollar prize.

To this date the award remains unclaimed.

MAGIC TRICK OF THE MONTH!

If you would like to share a magic trick, please email it to the editor at karl.johnson@gwcmi.com
If you share a magic trick in the Newsletter, we ask that you come perform it or arrange for someone to perform it at the next meeting

MIX AND MATCH

By Gerry Schiller

COMMENTS AND EFFECT SUMMARY

Magician shows a group of playing cards, all with various different backs. He pulls two cards out and places them face up on the table. He then asks a spectator to tell him when to stop as he places cards from the pack face down onto the table one at a time. When she does, he takes one of the two face up cards and places it where he was told to stop. He continues placing cards from the pack onto the table until a second spectator tells him when to stop. He places the second face up card in this spot. When he spreads the packet and shows the card next to each face up card, amazingly each is a duplicate, plus the backs match, and when he turns over the other cards, they are all different and not one matches the two similar pairs.

SETUP

The Cards: You have a packet of about 10 cards. Most have different backs and are all the same value on the front. There are also four other cards and two of each match, both front and back.

Set up: Assuming your matching pairs are the 2H and 6S, place one 2H on the bottom of the packet and one 6S on the top. Put the other 2 and 6 several cards down from the top.

PRESENTATION

Take out the packet and casually show the backs, explaining how you like to get various cards from places like casinos, hotels, airlines, and businesses. You can be creative and tell stories about how you discovered various decks. Fan the cards with faces toward you and pull out a 2H and 6S--these are the duplicates of the card on top and the one on the bottom. (Remember which is on the bottom--I usually have the lower value card on the bottom, in this case the 2H). Ask someone to help, start placing the cards (face down) on the table one at a time, and ask her to say "stop" when she wants to. Place the 2H--face up- in that spot. Take the cards in your hand and place the whole packet onto the face-up 2H. (You have now put the bottom card (the other 2H) on top of the face up 2H. Now pick up the entire packet and again ask someone to say "stop" as you drop the cards, one at a time. When he does, place the 6S where he said to stop. Put the whole packet in your hand onto the face-up 6S.(You have now put the other 6S on top of the face up 6S). Explain that you put the cards where you were told to stop. Spread the packet and pull out each face up card, and the card just above it. Show how they match —both front and back! Say, "Some of you might think that all the cards are 2's and 6's, but look." Turn over the entire packet and spread them to show there is no other 2 or 6 there at all!

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