

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

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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!

Join us for our next meeting! We will have a surprise special guest lecturer from the IBM! Here is the link

<https://www.mymagicmeeting.com/zoom-meetings/ring-21/>

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If so, then add our website link to your favorites and use the Amazon link at the bottom of our web page. Our club will get a referral bonus!

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETINGS:

JULY 2nd

AUGUST 6TH

SEPTEMBER 3RD

OCTOBER 1ST

NOVEMBER 5TH

DECEMBER 3RD

7:00 PM

We are on twitter!

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And the internet!

www.ibmring21.org



LETTER FROM EL PRESIDENTE

Hello!

Well, here I am again, writing from the comfort of my living room. Seems I've been spending a lot of time here, contemplating what will be happening in the future, I'm sure we've all been. Moving forward, many of us have or will be making some tough choices in our lives, but hopefully we will all come out the better for it!

One thing I am sure of, for most, or all of us, Magic will continue to be a daily element in our lives. Have you noticed that no matter what else was going on in your lives, Magic is always there? It lives in that special place in your head, where you can always find it to provide a little comfort to yourself, and others.

I have to say I really enjoyed Kozmo's lecture last month! Some very interesting routines, but in my opinion, even BETTER stories. As he regaled us with tales from his life on the streets,, he included many tips and tricks he's learned along the way that has made him one of the most successful buskers ever. I hope you enjoyed his lecture as much as I did!

The Kozmo lecture was so much fun, we're doing another one for our July Meeting! BUT, I'm not telling you who it is! That's right, our special guest will remain a mystery until meeting night. So, if you like surprises, and would like to learn some great magic taught by one of the world's top professionals, join us July 2nd, 2020 at 7:00pm PST for all the fun!

Bob Thomas

LINKS TO PRIVATE IBM 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

In light of Coronavirus shelter-in-place, we have asked members to upload some of their performances as private youtube videos. Below are some links:

4/27/2020: Bob Thomas: FUNNY book test with Lex participating:

<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

4/22/2020: Michael Larkin: A ninja ring routine I put together myself, and a great coin routine by Daryl.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGIw>

4/21/2020: Karl Johnson: Fun and Funny performance that my 8 year old daughter and I did for her school talent show:

https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q

4/16/2020: Don Kinney: Short but hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor.

<https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>

4/18/2020: Jim Richardson: A fun cart trick, and the longest card trick:

<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>

<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

MAGIC RESOURCES

<p>MAGIC APPLE The best magic shop and one of the few Remaining “brick and mortars” around! 11390 Ventura Blvd Studio City, CA 91604 Also online: www.themagicapple.com</p>	<p>MAGIC ON THE GO Great magic instruction brought to you by our very own Steve Valentine: https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/</p>
<p>Westside Wizards Sam 291 Note: See www.westsidewizards.org for calendar of events Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care 11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA</p>	<p>Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280 Note: See www.ibmring280.com for info and calendar The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley 24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321</p>
<p>Vertical Wine Bistro Dinner & Magic Show NOTE: Vertical Wine Bistro has the best steak around! 70 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103 www.verticalwinebistro.com 626-795-3999</p>	<p>Woodley Proper Magic Monday Bar has magic on Monday nights. www.woodleyproper.com 16101 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436 (818) 906-9775</p>
<p>MAGIC MONDAY Santa Monica Playhouse www.santamonicaplayhouse.com 1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401</p>	<p>Magic and Wine – David Minkin Bardot 1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028 www.MagicandWine.com (800) 838-3006</p>
<p>Ivan Imodei’s Intimate Illusions – The Show Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel 9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 www.ivanamodei.com (866) 811-4111</p>	<p>Smoke and Mirrors The Road Theatre 5108 Lankershim Boulevard North Hollywood, CA 91601 www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com (310) 450-2849</p>
<p>The Magic Castle 7001 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028 www.magiccastle.com (323) 851-3313</p>	<p>Magic Mondays https://www.magicmondayla.com/</p>

KOZMO!

Once again (for the June meeting) Ring 21 members turned on their computers, cell phones, and tablets to “meet,” and to have a virtual session with Kozmo, the exciting and highly knowledgeable street performer.



A student of well known magician Jim Cellini, Kozmo provided a host of ideas, insights, and skills to all those who might want to do magic of the streets—or just learn some techniques that could be useful for any strolling performance.

Kozmo talked about his early career and how he was surprised when he initially went to a festival in Ithaca, New York, set up his table outdoors, and after just three days came home with almost \$2000. He quickly decided that working as a street performer was just the thing for him.

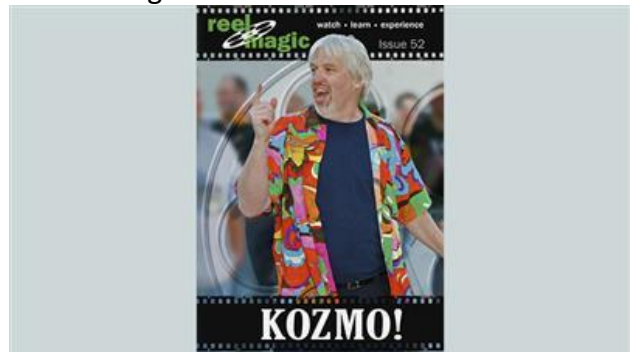
Over the many years Kozmo has been doing street magic, he has learned lots of tips and techniques he frequently uses. He likes to work at a table, in order to focus attention and to make his audience move up close to the action. He likes to

record almost all his shows—that way any “special” moments that occur won’t be forgotten and he can use them again. He is all for getting any necessary street permits; that way you’re a legitimate performer and you won’t be competing with casual passersby.

Learning the names of those around him helps to personalize what he does and generally keeps them interested—and contributes to their staying for the whole show.

He’ll often start by giving some coins to curious children, and asking them to bring their parents back and he’ll do some special magic using the coins.

Kozmo went over many effects that work well in a “street” environment, including a “coins across” routine, some variations on the popular “matrix,” and a signed card in the card box. For card effects he suggests using jumbo cards or cards with large indexes.



In the well over an hour lecture, there was just one promotion: that was for his magazine, Reelmagic, and he invited those watching the lecture to try a sample of it by going to his website: reelmagicmagazine.com.

Wendy Sobel and Gerry Schiller

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



Norm Nielsen

In the early 1940's a nine year old boy watched in amazement as his barber made a cigarette vanish from his hand. The two quickly became friends, and, as the young man watched the older man perform his magic, he quickly realized that this was the kind of life he wanted to lead.

And just a few years later, a teenage Norm Nielsen saved his money and attended a magic convention at White Water, Wisconsin that was (fortunately) not too distant from where he lived in Kenosha. The experience was overwhelming and he was now convinced that he definitely wanted to become a magician.

At the age of seventeen, he was off to Los Angeles and enrolled in the prestigious Chavez School of Magic. He earned money bussing dishes and doing other part time jobs, but he spent most of his non-working time

devoted to hours of practicing sleights and routines with cards, coins, silks, and thimbles. When he felt his skills had reached the performance level, he auditioned for a theatrical agent.

The agent told him, bluntly, that what he was doing was an act that was virtually the same as one that countless other performers were doing. He gave him some advice that, years later, Norm realized, was some of the most valuable he would ever receive: “Develop your own act—make it something that’s yours alone.”

And though it took him several years, he did just that. It involved musical instruments, with the standout routine

his amazing floating violin—a violin that plays by itself as it floats in, out and around a cloth and ultimately vanishes.

He began to be booked all over the country and soon all over the world. He was also a guest on numerous television shows, including the famous Ed Sullivan show.

Norm was the winner of many awards from Magic Societies (including several from the The Magic Castle).

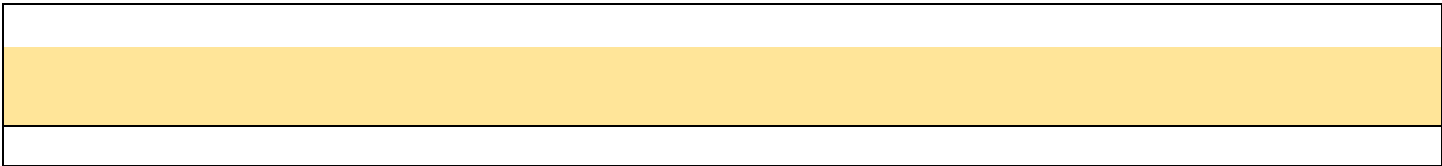
In 2008, he retired from active performing to concentrate his efforts on his skillful craftsmanship developing and designing effects for other magicians.

These included rubber bottles, lifelike rubber doves and coins and cards for manipulation.

He also expanded his interest in posters of famous magicians and became one of the most popular collector,

and dealer of spectacular advertising posters of the great performers of magic.

Unfortunately, Norm Nielsen, was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease in 2015, and left us in 2020 at the age of 86.



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