

# 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 Zoom meeting!

HOLIDAY MAGIC! We are going to have a contest for best routines. Be prepared with one of your favorite Holiday themed magic routines. Feel free to take the term "Holiday" liberally. You can do any magic that is in the spirit of any "Holiday" theme you like!

## DO YOU EVER SHOP ON AMAZON?

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 MEETING:

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

7:00 PM

ZOOM

Look for email from Wendy or Erin for link instructions.

We are on twitter!

@ibmring21

And the internet!

[www.ibmring21.org](http://www.ibmring21.org)



## 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](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 card trick, and the longest card trick:

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

<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBck>

## MAGIC RESOURCES

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

## HOWARD HAMBURG LECTURE

Continuing our monthly Zoom meetings and lectures during the pandemic, Ring 21 was pleased to welcome Howard Hamburg for a presentation in November.

Howard is an international lecturer on card magic and was recently recognized by

The Magic Castle as “Lecturer of the Year.”

His lengthy credentials include frequent presentations in Spain and Japan as well as long associations with former legendary performers like Dai Vernon, Larry Jennings, and Charlie Miller.



Howard, while well-versed in the whole arsenal of card sleights, can easily present a lecture that is understandable to beginners and intermediate magicians as well.

He showed us many of his own card creations as well as versions off some of the classics. He spent some time showing us Dai Vernon’s original approach to his well-known effect “Triumph,” and how it differs from the way most magicians perform it these days.



And his lecture is replete with sayings and lore from the “Old Masters.” In answer to a young magi’s query: “How often do I have to practice?” Howard’s answer is a succinct, “Never—but you should be asking—how often do I want to practice.”

He advises us not to offend the spectator. Don’t ask her, “How many sponge balls are in your hand” (there are probably two but she thinks there is only one);

instead you should ask, “How many sponge balls should there be in your hand?”

And Howard repeats the advice from Dai Vernon when you analyze a trick you do: “Stop thinking like a magician! Instead start thinking like the spectator.”

It was a fast moving two hours of Howard’s own effects plus stories and advice from his many friends from the past and his generous explanations continued until the very last questions had been answered.

December’s meeting will feature “Holiday Magic,” and for this year it will be more challenging: “Holiday Zoom Magic!”

Gerry Schiller

**The Greats of Magic**  
**A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians**  
**Compiled by Karl Johnson**



**ROY HORN**

(In white shirt)

Roy was born Uwe Ludwig Horn on October 3, 1944, in Nordenham, in the midst of bomb attacks, to Johanna Horn. His father died in World War II, and his mother married a construction worker after the war ended. She later began work in a factory. Horn had three brothers: Manfred, Alfred, and Werner. Horn became interested in animals at a very young age and cared for his childhood dog named Hexe (witch). Horn's mother's friend's husband Emil was the founder of the Bremen Zoo, which gave Horn access to exotic animals from the age of 10. Horn left school at age 13. He worked as a waiter on the cruise ship Bremen, where he met Fischbacher and launched his performance career.

The owner of the Astoria Theatre in Bremen saw Fischbacher and Horn's act aboard a Caribbean cruise ship and recruited the duo to perform at her nightclub. This launched a career for the pair on the European nightclub circuit, and they began to perform with tigers. They were discovered performing in Paris by Tony Azzie, who asked them to come to Las Vegas in 1967. They spent some time in Puerto Rico and may have purchased property there.

In 1981, Ken Feld of Irvin & Kenneth Feld Productions started the Beyond Belief show with them at the New Frontier Hotel and Casino. A revamped version of the show was taken on a world tour in the third quarter of 1988.

During a period of their careers, Fischbacher and Horn were romantically involved, though they avoided discussion of their private lives.

During a show at the Mirage on Horn's birthday on October 3, 2003, a 7-year-old white tiger named Montecore attacked Horn. As part of the act, but veering off script, Horn held his microphone to Montecore's mouth and told him to say "hello" to the audience. Montecore responded by biting Horn's sleeve. Horn swatted the tiger and barked "release!". Suffering from dizziness, Horn tripped and fell onto his back, and Montecore moved to stand over him.

As standby trainers rushed in from offstage to assist, Montecore bit into Horn's neck and dragged him offstage. Trainers got the tiger to release Horn by spraying him with CO2 fire extinguisher canisters, the last resort available.

The attack severed Horn's spine, resulted in massive blood loss, and severely injured other parts of his body, permanently impairing his motor and verbal abilities. He also had a stroke either before or after Montecore dragged him offstage.

While being taken to the hospital, Horn stated, "Montecore is a great cat. Make sure no harm comes to Montecore." He told People in September 2004 that Montecore saved his life by trying to drag him to safety after he had a stroke. The incident prompted the Mirage to close the show, which had 267 cast and crew members.

Trainer Chris Lawrence later contradicted Fischbacher and Horn's explanations for why the tiger attacked Horn, alleging it was due to Horn's mishandling of Montecore. The duo dismissed Lawrence's claims, stating he "had problems with his life anyway." Lawrence later said he believed that the duo and the Mirage covered up the real reason for the attack in order to protect their image.

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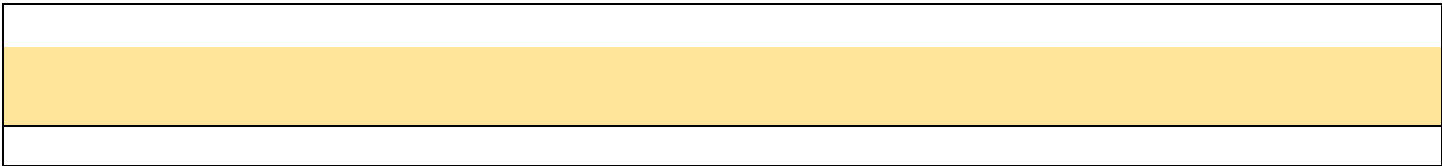
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On April 28, 2020, Horn's publicist stated that he "tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 and is currently responding well to treatment". However, his condition deteriorated and he died at the age of 75 on May 8, 2020, at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas during the COVID-19 pandemic in Nevada. The duo's spokesman, Dave Kirvin, announced Horn's death and said it was due to complications from the disease. Fischbacher stated that "the world has lost one of the greats of magic, but I have lost my best friend".



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