

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

MAY 2021

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!

May Meeting: The "EST" tricks. Bring your funniest, scariest, cleverest, just not your longest.

CHECK OUT JEFF MCBRIDE'S MAGICQUEST:

[Jeff McBride's Magicquest](#)

June Meeting: Lecture by Jeki Yoo!

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RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

UPCOMING DATES:

MAY 6TH

JUNE 3RD

JULY 1ST

AUGUST 5TH

SEPTEMBER 2ND

OCTOBER 7TH

NOVEMBER 4TH

DECEMBER 2ND

7:00 PM

ZOOM

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President for instructions.

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JEFF MCBRIDE MAGICQUEST



Join Jeff McBride in his legendary Las Vegas House of Mystery for an evening of magic, mystery and laughs. Jeff is an international award-winning magician, innovator and educator. He's conjured a new online experience that brings genuine joy and inspiration to your home. 8 performances only!

Meet Jeff McBride in MagiQuest: A Magic Show & Adventure! MagicQuest begins in McBride's private Las Vegas House of Mystery and takes you on a worldwide adventure as you witness the impossible: Interactive Illusions, World-Class Sleight of Hand, Mime, Martial arts, Kabuki Theater and more. For 40 years, McBride has been on a personal quest to discover the secrets of real magic! During his travels, McBride has collected exotic artifacts, performance pieces and magical legends from five continents. MagicQuest represents the first time McBride has permitted the general public to witness this magic show and peek behind the curtain to discover his amazing, international collection of curiosities. McBride is a winner on "Penn and Teller's Fool Us," and he's appeared on "World's Greatest Magic II." McBride has won several awards, including the International Grand Prix of Magic's "Magician of the Year" and the Society of American Magicians' "Magician of the Year." The Magic Castle's Academy of Magical Arts has twice named McBride "Magician of the Year." McBride has set three records in the Guinness World Records. Audiences around the world have enjoyed his spine-tingling performances. Now, for eight performances only, you can join McBride for a rare performance in his private Las Vegas House of Mystery! VIP ticket holders will attend the "Afterparty!" where guests will share quality time with Jeff McBride to experience inspiring, thrilling behind-the-scenes stories, ask questions and learn a bit of magic they can perform for themselves! The exclusive "Afterparty!" experience was never accessible before the Zoom platform allowed groups into McBride's private residence. Until now, only a select few students at his Magic & Mystery School have seen what you can now experience with Jeff McBride - MagicQuest. **THE UNIQUE INTERACTIVE VIP AFTERPARTY EXPERIENCE WILL EXPAND YOUR MIND!** VIP GUEST PACKAGE After the MagiQuest performance, you can be one of only 13 people who will spend memorable quality time backstage with Jeff McBride. You'll hear more amazing stories, see more magic, and McBride will answer your personal questions! **VIP BONUS GIFTS & EXTRAS** **MAGIC TREASURE CHEST** Each VIP guest will receive a unique master key to open an online archive of rare videos, photos & Jeff McBride memorabilia, including a video of Jeff's full evening Las Vegas stage show ABRACADAZZLE and other rare video footage! An extraordinary value never previously offered. **VIRTUAL TAROT READING** Each VIP guest will get a secret link to find their "lucky magic card" and get a virtual tarot reading. **SCREENSHOTS & PHOTO VIPS** will have an opportunity to take screenshots with Jeff McBride to share with friends, family and social media These make great memories of your time at MagicQuest! **MAGIC SCHOOL** For those interested in learning the art of magic, Jeff McBride will give you access to his online **SECRET ARTS JOURNAL** and enroll you in his monthly magic newsletter program. The VIP package is an incredible value and a great way to spend extra special time with one of the Great Magicians of our time. You will have a magical memory that will last forever. **Get your tickets now - seating is limited.**

LINKS TO PRIVATE IBM 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

Some of our members have shared videos they have posted on the internet.
Below are the links:

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>

APRIL FOOLS

Apparently since our April meeting was on April Fool's Day, a large group of Ring 21 members made their Zoom appearance to share and participate in some "foolery" and a wide variety of opportunities to just "fool around."

Though not really a genuine silly or even a "sucker" trick, Gerry Schiller decided to do a card trick that he felt was appropriate to do for a Zoom show since it involved all the members doing a card trick with their own cards and—mostly-- following his instructions. And most of them did just that. The result: after lots of cards mixing,

they all turned over the top card of four piles revealing the four aces!

Lex Schwartz did some card effects. One also used the four aces And another ended with two matching cards. Karl Johnson did a mental effect with his volunteer coming up with the right "yes" or "no" answer to every question. Mike Larkin got his two young kids involved and he first made a marked coin vanish when it was dropped into a water glass; then he miraculously found it in the third of three nested wallets. Even the kids were genuinely amazed.

Bob Weiss had a card with a bunny on it holding a top hat. And, of course, out of the hat popped a card chosen by a spectator. Erin Kabbash showed us his method of getting a fellow bar buddy to buy him a drink. He will bet him that the next card he turns over will be his chosen card (and he's already turned over several cards that include the one chosen). But he wins his bet when he reaches over and flips that card—a second time!

Visitor Clemence (from Canada) also did a clever card effect involving a card marked with an "X". She asked for suggestions and many at the meeting gave her lots of ideas on how to make the effect work more effectively for the future.

It was lots of magic and lots of fun and foolery as we celebrated that crazy day everyone generally enjoys.

Our May meeting will have a weird theme: It will be EST day. What can that mean?

Every trick performed has to be the funny-EST, the short-EST, or somehow befitting an adjective that ends in those three superlative letters.

We all will probably dread the performer who volunteers and announces that his or hers will be the LONGEST. We certainly hope not.

Gerry Schiller

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



Roy Benson

During the 1950s and 60s the name Roy Benson was one that virtually anyone who knew about magicians would have easily recognized. As a matter of fact, many considered him one of the greatest of twentieth century conjurers. But after his death his reputation quickly faded.

Fortunately, a book came out a few years ago that has helped to re-establish his position in the pantheon of exceptional performers and for this we should give credit to Levent and Todd Karr for their excellent study: *Roy Benson by Starlight*. Born January 17, 1914, in a town near Paris, France, Edward Ford Emerson McQuaid was the child of two popular vaudeville performers. His father was a partner in a comedy juggling act and his mother appeared with her sister in a dance act that became famous as The Ford Sisters.

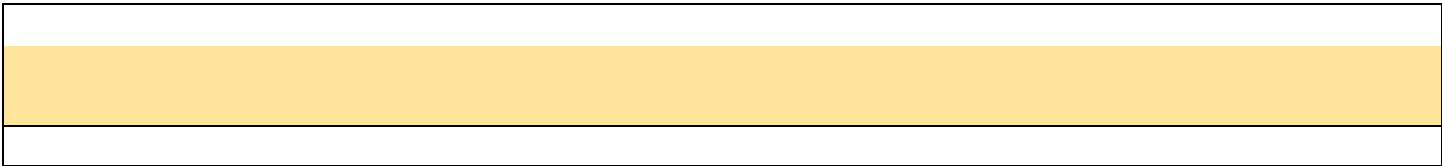
Young Edward grew up in a theatrical family and this was the only life he knew. At the age of eight he announced to his parents that he wanted to become a magician. Instead of reacting negatively, they accepted his choice and hired a close friend to be the boy's tutor. The teacher's name was Nate Leipzig, who just happened to be one of the masters of sleight-of-hand magic. Young McQuaid was an apt pupil and, under Leipzig's tutelage became a skilled manipulator.

In 1932, now eighteen years of age and calling himself Roy Benson, he appeared at New York's Belmont Theater with a routine that included the torn and restored newspaper, Chinese Sticks and the DeKolts vanishing birdcage. His act was filled with rapid-fire humorous patter that was both clever and charming. He soon added a multiplying billiard ball routine — with six balls — and quickly established a reputation as one of

New York's most popular performers. He was kept busy appearing in nightclubs cafes and hotel ballrooms. Benson would soon add other classic effects, including the Al Baker rice bowls, serpentine silk, egg bag and six card repeat. And although each was a traditional trick that other magicians performed, Benson's version was distinguished by his own original approach and charming comic flair.

In 1935 while Benson was performing on the West Coast, he was spotted by a talent scout for the movies and soon was being cast in several motion pictures. In the 1940s he added an effect to his repertoire that would soon become one of his signature tricks: the "long pour" salt trick. Though many performers now do it, he may well have been one of its originators: the salt that vanishes from one hand soon reappears in the other but the stream never seems to stop as it pours out onto the stage and he takes his curtain call still pouring more salt from his fist!

Whether he was working in nightclubs or on television, his act never seemed to age. He continued doing the same routines, but his patter changed with the times. He often made fun of himself and his magic — yet it was constantly funny. With his wife Connye, a dancer, he developed an Oriental act involving dance, masks and magic. But the new act, though fascinating and unusual, never caught on with the public and proved not to be commercial. Benson, unfortunately, struggled with the problem of alcoholism through much of his life, and he died December 6, 1977 of emphysema at the age of 63.



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