

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

AUGUST 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!

AUGUST: Member mini lectures!

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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES
FOR 2021:

AUGUST 5TH
SEPTEMBER 2ND
OCTOBER 7TH
NOVEMBER 4TH
DECEMBER 2ND

7:00 PM
(See link below)

We are on twitter!
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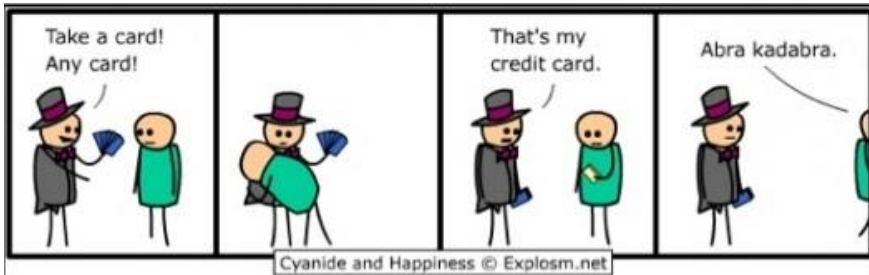
And the internet!
www.ibmring21.org



LINK TO MEETING: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82845895319?pwd=M2tmZitDN3NqeERFZHBxeGVmQ0l4QT09>

HUMOR CORNER

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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>

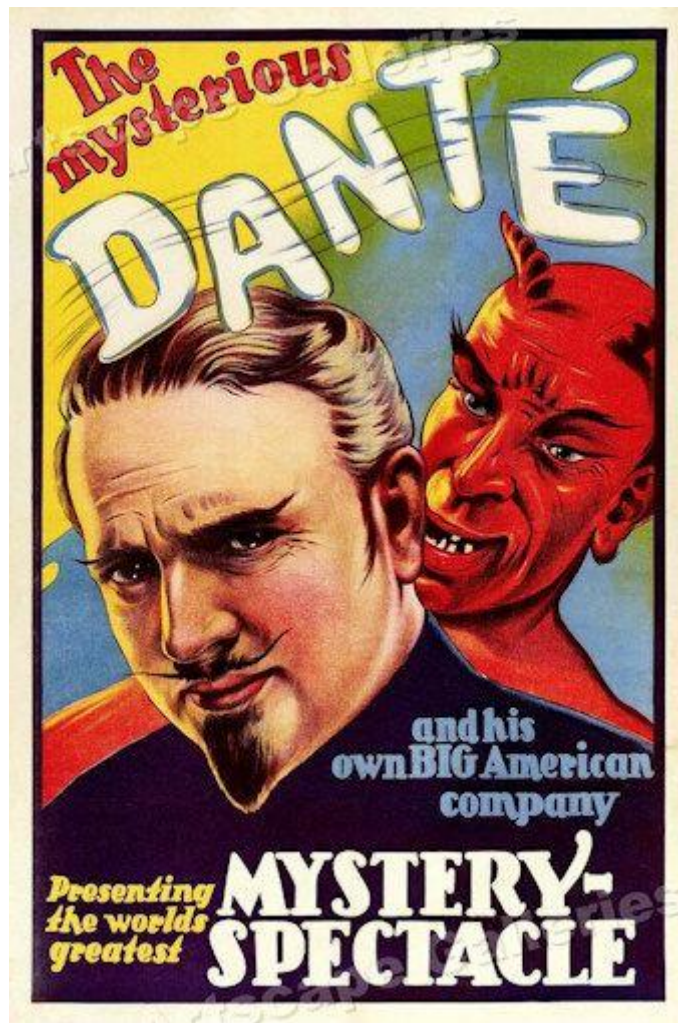
4/18/2020: Jim Richardson: A fun cart trick, and the longest card trick:
<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>
<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

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>

NO MEETING!

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



HARRY AUGUST JANSEN

DANTE

Harry August Jansen (October 3, 1883 – June 15, 1955^[1]) was a Danish-born entertainer who settled in the [United States](#). He traveled the world as a professional magician under the name **Dante the Magician**.

He was born on October 3, 1883 in [Copenhagen, Denmark](#).

Jansen came to St. Paul, Minnesota at the age of six with his family. The family's surname was Jansen

At the age of 16 Jansen made his stage debut under Charles Wagner. He then set off on a world tour for 5 years as The Great Jansen. In 1922, magician [Howard Thurston](#), realizing Jansen's talent and possible competition to him, engaged Jansen to star in the #2 Thurston show. Thurston gave Jansen the stage name of Dante. The name came from the original Dante, Oscar Eliason (1869–1899), who had been killed in a tragic hunting accident in Australia years earlier.^[9] In 1925, Dante the Magician Inc. came into being with Thurston as co-owner. The 2nd unit Thurston show was built and co-produced by Jansen.

Dante was known throughout the world under the name Dante the Magician, working in vaudeville, burlesque, legitimate theatre, films, and in later years, television. Dante and his troupe, consisting of between 25 and 40 performers, made several global trips and appeared in many U.S. theaters. His stage trademark was to utter three nonsense words, "Sim Sala Bim" (taken from the lyrics of a [Danish](#) children's song), during his performances to acknowledge applause. He can be seen using these words in the [Swedish 1931](#) feature *Dantes mysterier* (*Dante's Mysteries*) and in the [1942 Laurel and Hardy](#) comedy *A-Haunting We Will Go*.

He also appeared as himself in the 1950 film *Bunco Squad*, and played a character role in [Jean Renoir's](#) *The Golden Coach* (1952).

In 1940 he produced and starred the Broadway revue *Sim Sala Bim* on the [Morosco Theatre](#). With television, the public stayed home more often, and the world of variety theatre suffered drastically.^[26] As a result, Dante retired to Southern California in the late 1940s.

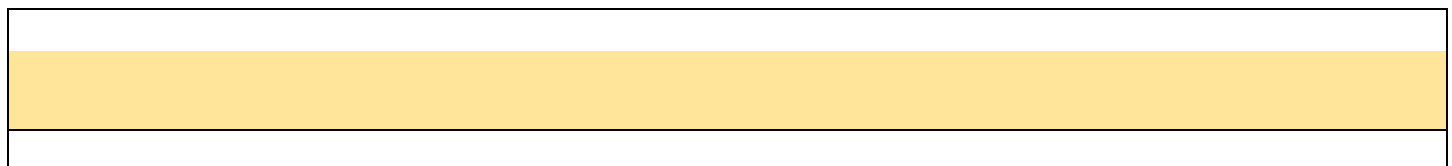
He died at his ranch in [Northridge, California](#), of a heart attack, at the age of 71. He was alone at the time of his death.

With Dante's death, what historically has been known as the "Golden Age of Magic" came to an end. Gone were the variety theaters of the world, and with it were the large traveling magic productions that had thrilled and mystified millions for generations. In prior decades, the magical lineage created by the American public had elevated magicians [Alexander Herrmann](#), [Harry Kellar](#), Thurston and Dante to the position of the #1 magician in the country.

Shortly before Dante's death, he approached a young magician, Lee Gabel, to be his successor in the lineage of great magicians. Plans were underway at the time of Dante's death. However, because Dante died before making a public announcement, some magical historians believe the lineage ended with Dante. This magician has since chosen a Las Vegas headliner magician, [Lance Burton](#) to be his successor, therefore carrying on the tradition of the magical lineage to another generation. Despite this, its authenticity is still questioned by some.

In 1991, magic historian Phil Temple published the definitive biography of Dante the Magician, *Dante - The Devil Himself*, based largely on Dante's personal records, and Temple's friendship with surviving family members who had toured with the show decades earlier.

Years later, a memoir about life on the road with the Dante show was written by Marion Trikosko, who spent two years with Dante as an assistant. His book, *Trouping with Dante*, was published in 2006.



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BOARD MEETINGS are on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

They are currently held via zoom. Contact Erin to participate. All members are welcome.

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Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is the third Thursday of the prior month.

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