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Regular meetings are on the 1st
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'Thursdays' of each month at
7:00 pm. via this Zoom Link:

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Meetings](#)



PERFORMANCE NIGHT

TWO HOLIDAYS

At our March 3rd meeting we'll celebrate two holidays, Valentines Day and St. Patricks Day! That is, anyone can perform their choice of

Romantic Magic, ie. red, flowers, silks, music, etc.) and **Irish Magic**, ie. green, gold coins, beer, luck, etc., just use your imagination and we'll all have fun!

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St. Patrick's Day is
like Valentine's Day
for people
who love beer and
bad decisions.

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from the desk of the President ...

Hello Everyone!

Hope you were able to make it to our last meeting, if you didn't you sure missed out! It was a great first lecture of the year and very interesting to learn from Silly Billy. My favorite part of his lecture was how he was able to take a simple effect and get so much out of it. Definitely a master of applying story and timing to a piece to get the most out of it. Childrens magic is so powerful and so much fun to watch the kids' reactions. Absolutely thrilled to see the effects and participate. Really reminds you of how powerful the art of magic can be!

Next up we have our March meeting which will be Romanic Magic (Red) or St. Patrick's Day themed magic (Green). So break out your roses and beer glasses because I want to see what you all can do! This meeting will be via ZOOM however, we are going to poll the membership on your thoughts for in person meetings to start up again in April. So please show up and make your voice heard at the start of the meeting.

Have a very magical end to February and we will see you all via ZOOM at the start of March!

Best Regards,
Erin Kabbash

IBM Ring 21 President



Upcoming Scheduled* Events

April- Performance Night, our very own president Erin and our secretary Gerry put on their thinking caps and play as Penn & Teller as we all play that TV show P.T. FOOL US


May-Lecturer **DAN HARLAN**

June-Picnic TBA

July-National Convention TBA

August-National Convention TBA

DON'T MISS
Dan Harlan
Click [here](#) 7 pm on 5/5
a genius in the magic world



FEB LINKING RING REPORT

BY GERRY SCHILLER

In keeping with our rarely consistent schedule, Ring 21 got lucky for our February meeting, when we discovered that the wildly popular kids' performer David Kaye (also known as "Silly Billy") was available to lecture via Zoom,

So after we made an offer he couldn't refuse, David joined us from across the country to talk about his favorite topic: "Doing Magic for Kids."

With twenty years of performing experience, eight years of writing a column for Magic Magazine on kids' magic, authoring his popular book called Seriously Silly, and receiving a Performing Fellowship from the Academy of Magical Arts (The Magic Castle), who else had the cred to talk about doing magic for children?

Among the bits of advice from David: Kids Magic should be totally interactive. The audience should be laughing every 5-7 seconds. With magic, kids get power and control. It's funny when the magician (an adult) messes up (or they think he or she has).

Using video clips from some of his shows, David illustrated vividly what he meant. If the performer "accidentally" drops that prop once, it's funny, but it's much funnier, when he drops it a third or fourth time! Kaye has taken some very standard tricks (many of us already do) like the mis-made flag or the coloring book and made them into wildly funny parts of a Silly Billy show.

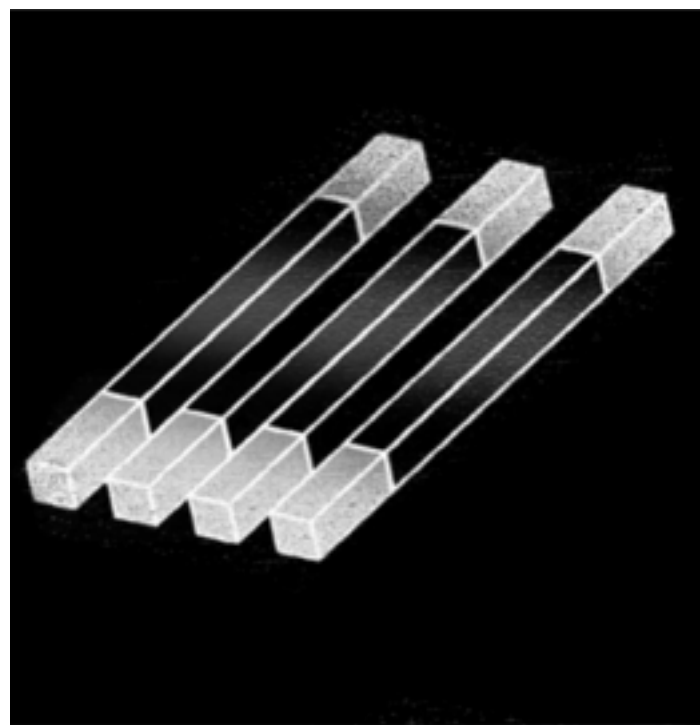
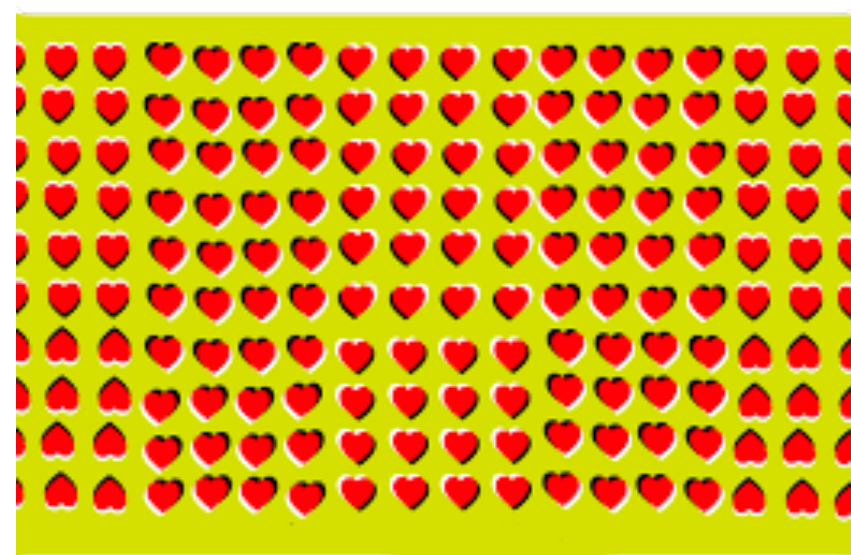
David Kaye is kept extraordinarily busy virtually every Saturday and Sunday with multiple shows—some booked many months in advance. He admits he really needs the next day off so Monday regularly is his rest and recuperation day. He is also working on putting together an adult show—perhaps requiring a bit less intensity.

But watching David do such high energy performing does make the many of us who regularly do kids' shows wonder as we watch Silly Billy, "Are we watching more of a clown act than a magic show?" Is he ninety-percent Very Silly Billy and only ten percent Magician Billy?

Guaranteed that David Kaye is very successful, extremely funny and highly popular. I just wonders as I watch his young audience scream wildly at his antics, are we really witnessing a genuine magic show? Maybe as these eight, nine, and ten-year-olds get older, they may learn to appreciate a conjurer who does a beautifully orchestrated silent act, or who tells jokes to accompany their brilliant sleight-of-hand close-up work.

By all means adults should watch David Kaye entertain. His effects are clever and his humor is contagious. And by all means take some kids along. They are guaranteed to have a great, fun time.

Coming this April...



How many magic wands
do you see?

The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
by *Gerald Schiller*

**This Month
featuring...**

P.C. Socar



Magicians from the mysterious east have always been alluring to western audiences. And it was hardly unusual for western magicians to impersonate Orientals and to use props and costumes that had the charm and fascination of Japan and China.

In India, however, where a strong caste system prevailed for many years, magicians were looked down upon as street performers of low caste and rarely were invited to appear in the homes of the wealthy.

It was, however, Protul Chandra Sarcar (who later altered the spelling of his name to “Sorcar”) who was perhaps most instrumental in making a major change in the attitude of his countrymen and the status of conjurers.

Born in 1912 in East Bengal and destined for a lucrative career in engineering, he abruptly changed direction at the age of 21 and took up the hardly respectable profession of magician.

He was determined to make performance magic respectable, and built a lavish show of illusions with elaborate settings, costumes—and even added live elephants. Soon he was performing all over the world, and in 1956 appeared on the BBC-TV’s Panorama show, doing the buzz saw illusion.

When the show ran out of time just as he finished cutting his assistant in half--without showing if she had survived--the station’s switchboard lit up with hundreds of calls from concerned viewers. The incident made the papers and Sorcar’s reputation took off.

To promote his appearance on the Milbourne Christopher TV show Festival of Magic in 1957, Sorcar rode a bicycle through busy downtown New York streets—wearing a blindfold. It was a stunt that earned him a healthy amount of press coverage.

Humility, however, was never in the Sorcar vocabulary as he often claimed he was “the world’s greatest magician,” and had a running feud with Kalanag, a German conjurer who laid claim to the same title.

Sorcar died in 1971 in Japan. But his son Pradip Sorcar took over the act in his father’s place.

The younger Sorcar gained publicity by escaping from a locked canvas mail sack that was put in a chained box and dropped into the Bay of Bengal.

He was out in 90 seconds!

Pradip has made world-wide tours, developed numerous illusions, and has written books on magic.

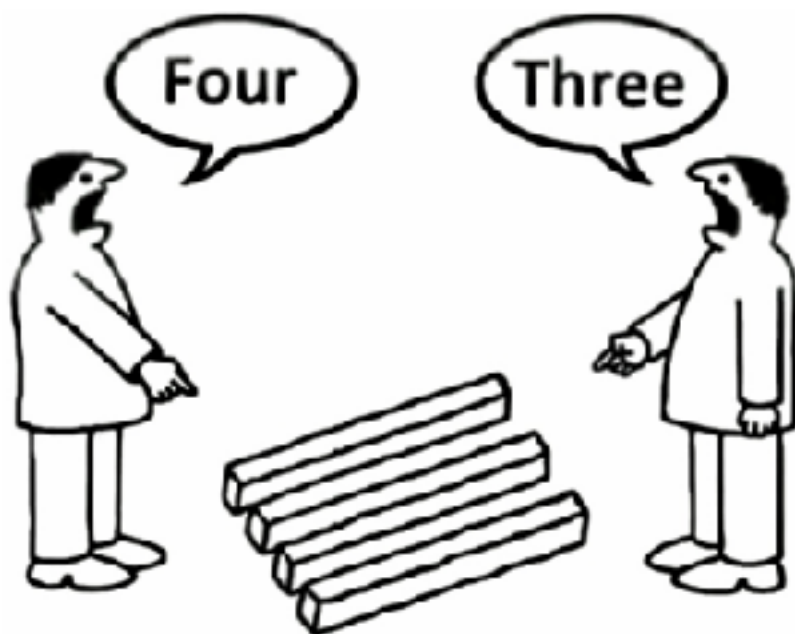
Both he and his father deserve considerable credit for elevating the status of the magic arts in the eyes of Indian audiences and establishing their own reputations both in India and around the world.



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Magic Comedy

submitted by Bob Weiss



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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

Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280

Note: See www.ibmring280.com

for info and calendar meet at The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley
24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321

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

Woodley Proper Magic Monday

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www.woodleyproper.com

16101 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-9775

MAGIC MONDAY

Santa Monica Playhouse

www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401

Magic and Wine – David Minkin

Bardot

1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028

www.MagicandWine.com
(800) 838-3006

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Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel

9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212

www.ivanamodei.com
(866) 811-4111

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7001 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood CA 90028

www.magiccastle.com
(323) 851-3313

2021-07-30: Lex The Illusionist performs an excellent Anniversary Waltz:

<https://youtu.be/PuAwD2PukIE>

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

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

4/22/2020: Michael Larkin: A ninja ring and a great coin routine by Daryl.

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

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

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4/21/2020: Karl Johnson: He and his 8 year old daughter give a fun performance 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 card trick, and the longest card trick:

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

<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

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every Wednesday which is dedicated to promoting books on magic and magic history. See what's being shared each Wednesday.

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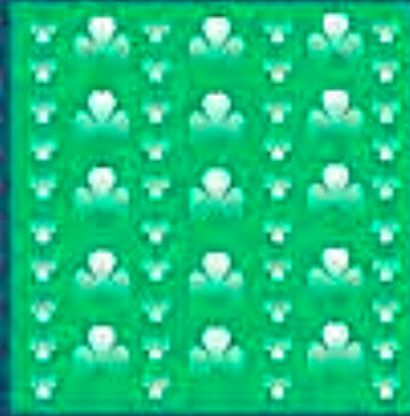
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Shamrock Optical Illusion

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Check it out, some
people see this, some
don't. If you stare at the
shamrocks, you'll see
that the big shamrocks
start to move up, while
the small shamrocks
appear to move down.



"Never let your schooling interfere with your education"
– Mark Twain.

Dublin Magician Jack took this quote literally choosing not to attend almost all school exams. Instead he turned his attention to a more exciting curriculum which included -

Learning to shuffle a pack of cards and keeping them in exactly the same order

Teaching himself the skills of suggestion and psychological manipulation making him appear to be a mindreader!

Learning to slow his heart to fewer than 10 beats a minute which is of no practical use but really freaks people out.

Mastering the art of Sword Swallowing, Jack is one of only sixty sword swallows in the world today. He is proud to be a member of The Sword Swallowers International Association.

A lot of people have asked Jack as a Magician how he does these things, more people ask why? His reply is always the same ... "Because I can"

Today, Jack Wise entertains at corporate events and as a wedding Magician all over Ireland and England and as a festival performer all over the world!



Place your nose almost touching the center of this green cloverfield. Relaxing your eyes the whole time, you should see a blurry image as you pull away from the image it gets easy to see, Good Luck! **And below is a Valentines'.**

BETCHA-By Bob Weiss

Good to do in a bar , better if it's and Irish one at that. Sober or not bet someone to say out loud the following line ten times, or can *you* do it five times? Irish Wrist Watch.



JUST ATTEND THE ZOOM
MEETING

We'll have a bunch of
raffle prizes!!!!



MAGIC MADNESS IN MAY with Dan Harlan

Click [here](#) 7 pm on 5/5.

Restrictions may apply, be there!

**On a sad
note, as seen
this week on
Sunset Blvd.**



**And to end
on a happy
note...**

**What do you call a
Valentine that has too
much Irish whiskey?
My Friday night date**

**What do you call it when
you cross a heart with a
shamrock?
Bloody lucky**

**What do you get when
you cross Valentine
chocolates with Irish
gold? Hanukkah gelt**

**Roses are red
Shamrocks are green
Magic can be any color
It's what your mind can
dream**

An old limerick