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LECTURE NIGHT

DAN HARLAN

One of the best and most creative minds in magic will be lecturing LIVE from North Carolina on Zoom for RING 21. See more about this performer and inventor of some of the most popular effects performed

by magicians such as the CARD-TOON series, STARCLE, STASH, CRAZY 8's, HOVER-CARD and others. More about Dan inside...

Click [here](#) 7PM pacific time on 5/5/22

To be transported to our zoom room

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by member
GERRY SCHILLER

notes from our last Board meeting ...

Happy To All!

Hope everyone had a wonderful!

Karl Johnson recently moved to the Temecula area and is going to revitalize the Jeff McBride RING 359, Riverside and he would like to invite RING 21 members to come to his ranch house for a reunion, some sessions with magic perhaps and of course food. The date discussed is Saturday, July 23, possibly around 2 pm. Since it is about one and a half hours to get there it was also discussed that members carpool.

We also have another great zoom lecture right after Dan Harlan and that is David Jonathan scheduled for our June 2nd meeting. Thanks to Bob Weiss for booking these magicians too.

August is typically our Initiation Ceremony for new members which should be quick. So we discussed having an Open Magic Night, likely this evening in August. So if you have your Magic Castle audition coming up and want to test it, or really just perform something as this August meeting is planned to be live again at our last meeting place, the North Hollywood Rec Center.

See more details in the upcoming newsletters and on the IBMRing21.org website!

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(Robert Thomas)

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Upcoming Scheduled* Events

May-Lecturer **DAN HARLAN**

June--Lecturer **DAVID JONATHAN**

July-National Convention

-TBA Picnic/Carls' Ranch near
Temecula

August-Initiation Night and Open Mike Magic

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

*subject to change

World Famous for his Unique Magical Creations and performing *Every Trick in the Book* from The Complete Tarbell Course in Magic, **Dan Harlan**

travels the globe performing and teaching incredible magic and tonight, May 5th he will be exclusively lecturing for RING 21.

One of the most innovative modern magicians,
Harlan's cutting-edge miracles are

coveted by discerning
connoisseurs of fine magic done
well. Harlan is also among a
select group of magicians who
have fooled Penn & Teller. Dan
Harlan created **Stash, Vortex,**

SpeakEasy, The Awakening, Card-

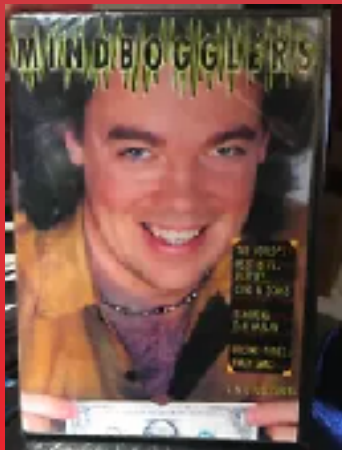
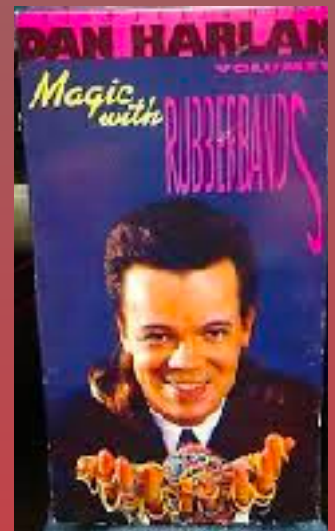
Toon, Hover-Card, Crazy-8, Color-Mixer, Hold

It Buster, Red Rover, Royal Oil, Switchblade, etc. His

**incredible routines include Cheez Wiz, The
World's Saddest Trick, Starcle, Tight Rope,
Burnt to the Core... and many more. Harlan**

has consulted for top professionals including:
Kevin James, Jeff McBride, Keith Barry,
David Copperfield, etc. Performing,
writing, teaching, consulting, creating
and lecturing, Harlan does it all.

Harlan's lecture brings your magic back to life with
simple, yet powerful techniques.



Learn how CREATIVITY makes better magic. Realize how PREPARATION leads to stronger performances. Discover how RELEVANCE forms an emotional connection. These vital principles will be illustrated and explained through



Harlan's original creations. As you know, Harlan has created and performed more original magic than any other magician ever, so his lecture is filled with an exciting assortment of his greatest hits, plus an amazing array of brand-new material. You don't want to miss this!

This lecture is FREE to RING 21 members only.

However open to all for the low price of \$10 per zoom account. We accept [PayPal](#) and [Venmo](#).

The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
by Gerald Schiller

**This Month
featuring...**



T. Nelson Downs

Perhaps one of the most influential pioneers in the development of coin magic and bringing it to the vaudeville stage, Thomas Nelson Downs was born in 1867 in Montour, Iowa. His first jobs were as a telegraph operator and railroad ticket agent in the town of Marshalltown, Iowa, and it was during this time that he began perfecting his skill with coins—especially during the long periods of inactivity between trains.

Downs made his first stage appearance when he was only sixteen. By the time he was in his twenties, he appeared at the Hopkins Theater in Chicago, and was billed as the “King of Coins.” Soon after, an opportunity presented itself for him to go to Europe and do a two-week stint at the Palace Theater in London. His presentation of the “Miser’s Dream” and other coin and card manipulation effects proved to be such a sensation that his engagement was extended to six months.

His success continued on the Continent, including long running appearances in Paris, at the Folies Bergere, and three months at the Wintergarten in Berlin.

Downs gave command performances for many royal families of Europe, including England’s King Edward, the Kaiser, Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, and the Czar of Russia. He was said to have commanded one of the highest salaries of any vaudeville performer of his time.

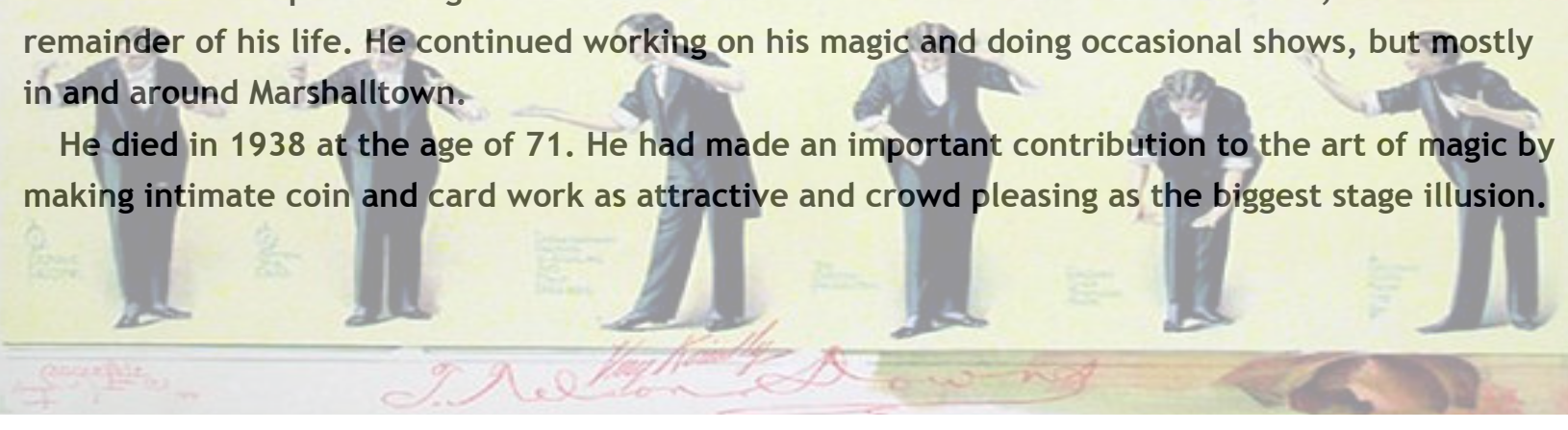
Downs’ performance of the “Miser’s Dream” was often done with a spectator’s felt hat (he probably put a plate inside it to create the clink of the coins). Coins appeared at his fingertips singly and in multiples and he would frequently pass them through the felt of the hat. He would have an audience member call out a number, and would proceed to produce that number of coins from the air.

T. Nelson Downs was the author of two classic works on magic: *Modern Coin Manipulation* (1900) with William J. Hilliard; and *The Art of Magic* (1909) with John

Northern Hilliard. Apparently, Hilliard did most of the writing on the latter book, and later put together a long work, the classic *Greater Magic*, which was published in 1938, three years after Hilliard’s sudden death.

T. Nelson Downs continued performing only until the age of 43. He had amassed a substantial fortune from his performing and decided to retire and settle down in Marshalltown, Iowa for the remainder of his life. He continued working on his magic and doing occasional shows, but mostly in and around Marshalltown.

He died in 1938 at the age of 71. He had made an important contribution to the art of magic by making intimate coin and card work as attractive and crowd pleasing as the biggest stage illusion.



Dan Harlan

5/5/22

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Pacific Coast Time



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SNAPS FROM OUR LAST MEETING-LIVE AFTER SO MANY YEARS




Rabbit or Duck??

Originally (right) published in 1892 anonymously in a German Humor Magazine









APRIL LINKING RING REPORT

BY GERRY SCHILLER

The evening of April 7, 2022 marked a landmark for Ring 21 since it was the beginning of our "Return to Reality."

Like quite a few rings this year, we met (after themany weeks of Zoom get-togethers) in one room with members sharing their magic "in the flesh."

We met in a room at the North Hollywood Playground and though (for some) it took a bit of a struggle to find the place, there were lots of smiles from all.

Taking our inspiration from Penn and Teller's TV show, we also called it "Fool Us." Our chosen "experts" were President Erin Kabbash and Secretary Gerry Schiller.

With lots of members eager to try to outsmart Erin and Gerry, the evening proved to be a lot of fun for all.

Raul Fernandez did a card trick inspired by a Dai Vernon effect called Think of a Card. It proved to be a genuine fooler for our "experts" and both had to admit defeat.

Elroy Coddling had riveted four queens at a corner and was able to make them change position. Our experts had a few ideas about the method but just couldn't come up with a definitive explanation.

Gregor Guzelion did an "acaan" involving two volunteers and a card turning up where one of them predicted. Once again the performer's method eluded the supposed wizards and Greg had to explain.

Since we had to close the meeting at 9pm Don Kenney did one of his favorite movie-related effects called: Cinema Verite. A volunteer chose a popular film from a group of movie posters and the magician was quickly able to pick his choice. Both Erin and Gerry were able to figure it out, though Gerry had to admit he had seen Don do it before and already had some ideas about the method.

Though a few more members had tricks ready to fool the "experts," we had to break up the meeting due to time constraints. But all the excitement guaranteed that our version of "Fool Us" would be making another appearance in the very near future.

MAGIC HAPPENINGS! [links underlined](#)

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Rabbit or Duck? illusions?

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

<https://youtu.be/PuAwD2PukLE>

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-UGhGw>

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>

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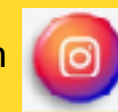
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