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Regular meetings are on the 1st

& Board meetings on the 3rd

Thursdays' of each month at

7:00 pm.usually via this

Zoom Link when not in person:

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PERFORMANCE NIGHT

+ Initiation Ceremony for any new members

AND IT'S ALL

LIVE in person August 4th

Have your Magic Castle audition coming up and want to test it or a new effect or really just want to perform live then this is the night!

At a brand **NEW** secret place in Beverly Hills with lots of street parking and a bigger room, so R.S.V.P. Wendy wsobel@roadrunner.com for address. All welcome!

Looking Ahead...

Dues are due next month (September) as well as we have a brand new lecturer for RING 21 and a brand new President. The Board is also now planning the Awards & Installation Banquet which will be at another location due to their scheduling along with a magician entertainer that will likely lecture the month after (November).

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THE GREATS OF
MAGIC

by member
GERRY SCHILLER

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famous magician

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GLANCE

See magic live
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as well as member
performance links



RING 21 Past Year at a Glance

September- Elections, Salute to Caryl Fleming and Performance Night theme Vintage magic

October-The 83rd Annual Awards and Installation Banquet with Ben Seidman

November- Lecturer **BEN SEIDMAN**

December- Holiday Not Pot Luck Dinner Party

January- Performance Night, Favorite trick of 2021

February- Lecturer **SILLY BILLY**

March-Performance Night theme Romantic/St.Patrick Magic

April- Performance Night, theme Penn & Teller FOOL US

May-Lecturer **DAN HARLAN**

June-Lecturer **DAVID JOHNATHAN**

July-National Convention no meeting

August-Initiation Ceremony & Performance Night theme Open Mic Magic Night

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Recommended Slate for Executive Board 2022-2023

Any further nominations will be taken prior to the elections at the September meeting. We are open for more Members at Large.



The Greats of Magic

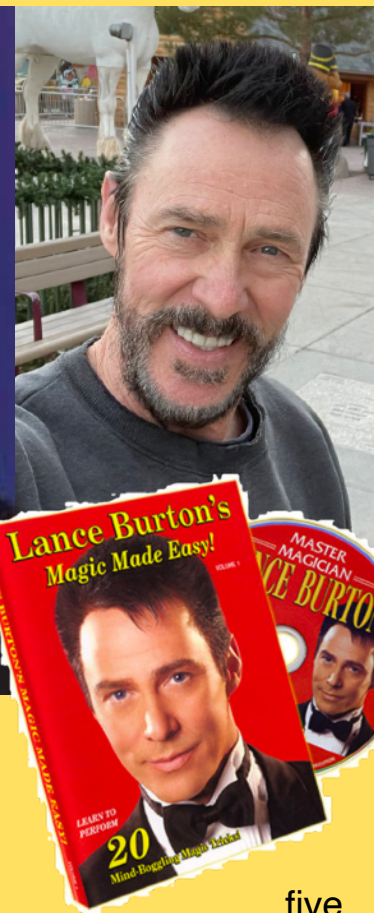
A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous

Magicians

by Gerald Schiller

**This Month
featuring...**

Lance Burton



five

Collins.

It is definitely hard to find another magician whose rise to fame was so amazingly rapid, whose achievements were so many, and whose skill was so deserving as Lance Burton.

He was born on March 10, 1960, in Louisville, Kentucky. While only years old, he was taken to a Christmas party that featured magician Harry

When Collins asked for a volunteer, young Burton (his real name was William Lance Burton) bolted up on the stage.

The magician performed “The Miser’s Dream,” and his young assistant was hooked.

A neighbor gave him a book called *Magic Made Easy*, and soon he could perform everyone of the tricks in the book.

In 1977 (he was just 17 years old), Lance entered a competition and won first prize. By the time he was 20, he had earned a “Gold Medal for Excellence” from the IBM.

He decided it was time to head west and moved to Southern California. When Bill and Milt Larsen saw his act, they immediately signed him up for their “It’s Magic” show; they also introduced him to Johnny Carson.

His appearance on the “Tonight Show” made Burton an instant success. He was quickly signed to an eight week contract at the “Folies Bergere” in Las Vegas. His booking there was extended ultimately to nine years!

In 1982 he was given a week off from his Vegas show to go to Switzerland to enter the F.I.S.M. magic competition—the “World Series” of Magic. At the age of just 22, Burton won the “Grande Prix” and became the first American and the youngest performer to win such an honor.

Over the years he has appeared on Carson’s “Tonight Show” ten times and when Jay Leno took over, was invited back five more times.

By 1991, he conceived his own show, and produced wrote, and directed a magic show at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas. The show was hugely popular and ran for five years.

Lance Burton’s shows frequently include a healthy combination of illusions and sleight of hand. It is very much a family oriented show and is generally well populated with children, and he uses young volunteers at almost every performance.

On occasion, however, he does attempt something risky. At Buffalo Bill’s Hotel and Casino in Primm, Nevada, he decided the escape from being tied to the tracks of a roller coaster. One of

the fastest coasters in the world, it climbs to the top in one minute, but descends in 3.5 seconds! He escaped a tenth of a second before the train reached his position. He admitted when it was over that, "That was really stupid!"

In August of 1994 he signed a thirteen year contract with the Monte Carlo Resort in Las Vegas. The hotel built a 1274 seat theater for him at a cost of 27 million dollars.

The theater opened in June of 1996 and it was predicted that over the life of the contract Burton would earn over 110 million dollars. In 2009 he re-signed for six more years. However, several years before the conclusion of the contract, because of disagreements with the new management of the hotel, Burton decided to walk away. His final show was on September 4, 2010.

Now in his sixties, Lance Burton continues to be an active magician and makes frequent appearances, but he has given up the rigorous life he maintained for so many years.



**Is today really August?
Or are Julying to me?**

**Don't June know it's August?
I can't December.**

**Why do cats prefer wizards to
witches?
Because sorcerers sometimes
have milk in them.**



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Note: See

www.westsidewizards.org for calendar of events

Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care
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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

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www.verticalwinebistro.com
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Magic and Wine – David Minkin

Bardot

1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028
www.MagicandWine.com
(800) 838-3006

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

The Magic Castle

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>

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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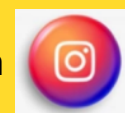
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