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Zoom Link when not in person:

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THE 84TH ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

JOHNATHAN LEVIT

Thursday October 6th!

From working as a consultant or in front of the camera for TV shows like The X Files, Celebracadabra, The Bold and the Beautiful, Masters of Illusions to movies

like Now You See Me, Control and The Incredible Burt Wonders and of course at The Magic Castle this night he'll present his full evening show for us! It's all at Taix Restaurant and it's not too late to get your ticket(s) (although the beef entree may not be available). There's raffle prizes and more fun guaranteed!

Lots more inside like links to pay ones annual dues as they are now due.

See info about our October banquet as well as a calendar for the rest of 2022.

Also photos from our last live meeting.

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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**

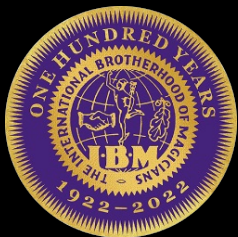
July-National Convention no meeting

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

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I.B.M RING 21 presents

The 84th Annual Awards and Installation Banquet



October 6th, 2022

Social starting at 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm, Show 7:30 pm



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Menu Choices are: Beef, Chicken, Trout Almandine or Mushroom Risotto *

Tix \$50 each **includes** parking, tax and gratuity. *Pays closer to event now can't guarantee entree selection

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include your annual membership of \$35. If you want to mail a check please [click here](#) to email

Treasurer Robert Thomas for address or any questions, we [Venmo](#) too.

i.e. one annual dues and one dinner = \$85. Add \$50 per each add'l dinner.

A bunch of **raffle prizes** and following dinner *from* **lots** of
TV shows, movies, and consulting work,
in his full evening show...

JONATHAN LEVIT

actor | magic consultant | magician | tv host | producer



ALSO SEE the [Magic Memorabilia Exhibit](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



**Renewing
members *or*
new members
Dues still only
\$35 per year!**

The easiest way to pay is PayPal using the link below. Add \$50 per person for the banquet (see those details elsewhere in this newsletter). In the notes/what's this payment for? section of PayPal include the name(s) and if attending the banquet your entree selection(s). If you want to mail a check please [click here](#) to email Treasurer Robert Thomas for address or any questions. We also accept Venmo, under the name Robert Thomas.
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includes The Linking Ring magazine
monthly and RING 21 on the right



Upcoming Scheduled* Events

Oct 6-Annual Awards and Installation Banquet

show by Johnathan Levit

Nov 5-Lecture by Kayla Drescher on Bar and Restaurant Magic

Dec 4-Holiday Potluck Dinner at the same August secret location



Congrats to member
and new board
member Raul
Fernandez on his
new position at The
Magic Castle (AMA)
revising their
Magic University.

Sad to report long
time member
Jim Militello has
passed away with
likely a Broken
Wand Ceremony
to come.

SEPTEMBER LINKING RING REPORT

BY GERRY SCHILLER

Ring 21 members tuned in (via Zoom) to connect for our September general meeting. Although we have had several “in person” meetings (and are still in process of looking for a permanent location) since our lecturer was from New Hampshire and was available this week, we chose to make the meeting a “virtual” one.

The lecturer was Adam Wilbur whose company Vulpine Creations has developed a host of new effects so having him do the presentation gave us a unique look at some highly inventive magic.

He began with some very effective card effects though (for many of us) the methods seemed to be rather challenging. One was a variation on McDonald’s Aces. And while he promised some less “sleight-heavy” card work later in the evening, the limited time did not allow for them. He did mention using a product called “Science Friction” which is a much less messy alternative to roughing fluid and hopefully one that works as well.

One of his very popular and commercial items is called “In Case of Emergency.” It’s basically a chosen-and marked- card that vanishes and ends up being found in a tiny box with a lever to pull that is marked “Use in case of emergency.” And pulling it opens the box and there is the chosen card. It certainly does provide satisfaction for those of us who have always had that secret desire to pull a fire alarm (!)—though never had the courage. Here we get the satisfaction of finding the missing card. And without getting arrested for it!

One of Adam’s future projects is a “Bonfire Deck.” This is a new marked deck of cards that has backs that when riffled produce a blazing bonfire. The prototype he showed us looked very effective, so we will be looking forward to seeing this deck on the market.

His “Color Psychology” is also currently being developed: a series of colored wallets (originally an idea of Martin Lewis) that gives the performer many “outs” in controlling the spectator’s choice.

Adam’s lecture gave us all a lot of ideas about his creations and real ingenuity. I did, however, feel there was (perhaps) too much to absorb in the time we had and many of those watching might have been happier with less magic and more explanation. Unfortunately this often seems the problem with many lectures presented on Zoom. Finding the right fit for a lecture can be tough with the restrictions of modern technology.

The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians

by *Gerald Schiller*

**This Month
featuring...**

P.T. Selbit



Though his name may not ring any bells of recognition to many people casually interested in magic history, Selbit was a most important innovator and was responsible for developing many amazing illusions. Some even give him credit for originating and popularizing one of magic's best-known effects: "sawing a woman in two."

Born in London in 1881, Percy Thomas Tibbles worked as a silversmith and later as a journalist. As a young boy, he had become interested in magic, and soon he developed an act doing card and coin manipulation. He decided to reverse the letters of his last name and drop one of the "b's" and he became known as Selbit.

He began to develop and perform effects for the stage, and these included "spirit paintings" in which colors materialized on a canvas and created a painting in the style of an artist chosen by the spectators.

His "mighty cheese" was a large circle of "cheese" that stood on its end and defied even the strongest spectator's attempt to knock it over.

He introduced "walking through a brick wall," an effect that Houdini would incorporate into his act and which was extremely popular.

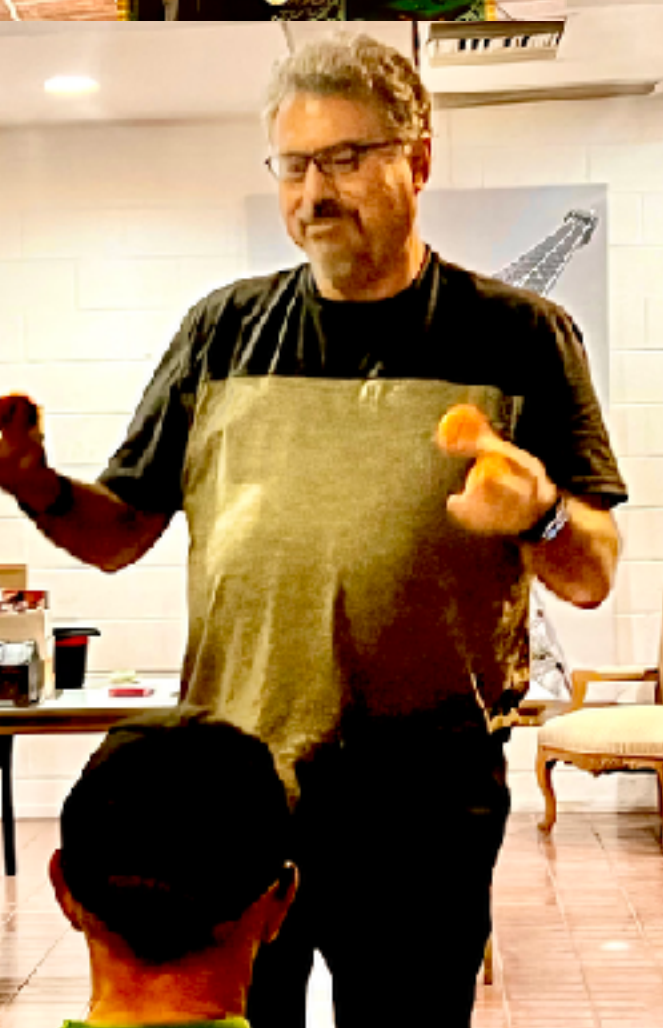
But Selbit's most famous creation was "sawing a woman in half." He first presented it to an audience in January of 1921 and it was a sensation. He promoted the illusion by having an ambulance parked in front of the theater and having assistants come out to the sidewalk between shows and pour buckets of murky red "blood" in the gutters!

Magician Horace Goldin quickly developed his own version of the trick and when Howard Thurston saw it, both were soon adding the illusion to their acts in the U.S.

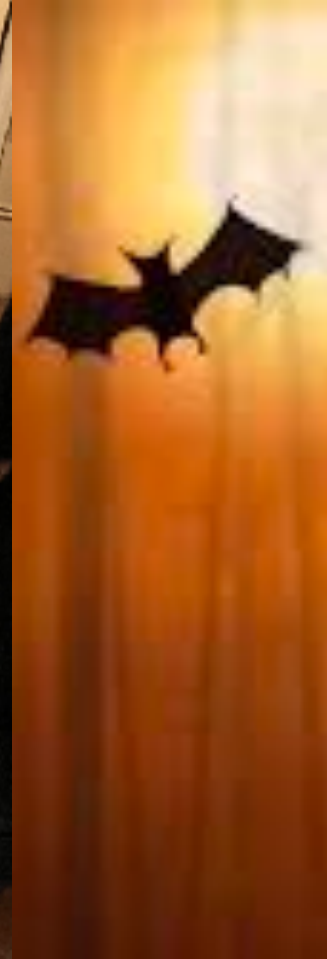
When Selbit arrived in the U.S. on a tour, many theaters blocked him from performing the effect since they felt Goldin was the "owner" of it. Selbit sued Goldin in 1921 for stealing his effect but lost his case when the court decided Goldin's version was based on an entirely different principle. In actuality, descriptions of the "sawing" trick had appeared in books many years even before Selbit performed it.

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but first here's some of our members & guests at a recent meeting



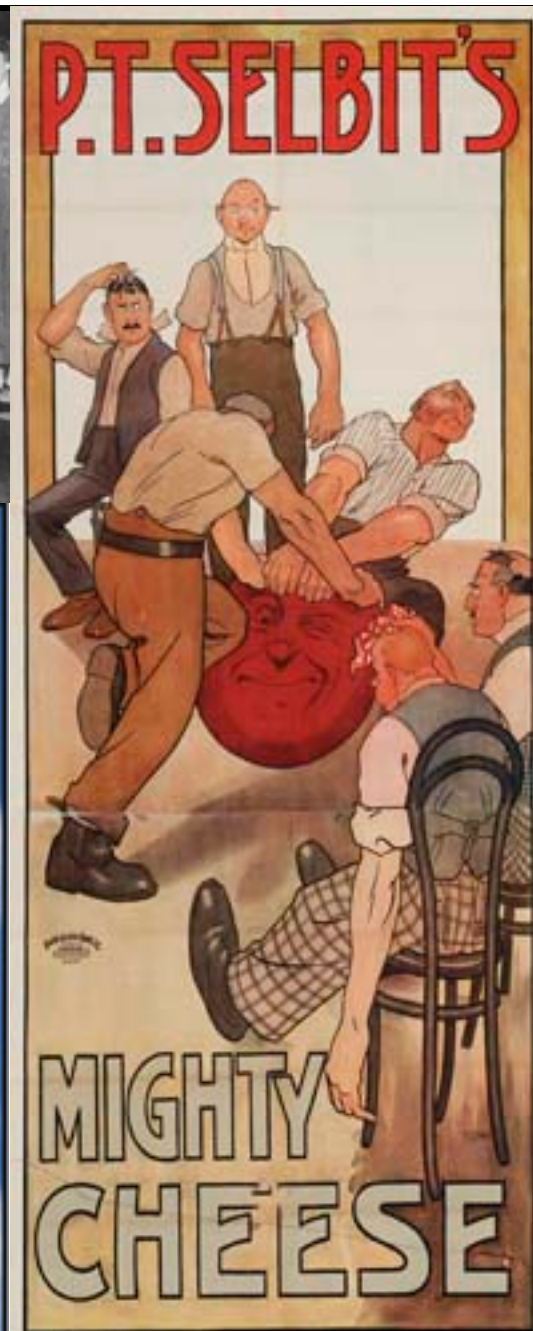




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Continuation of P.T. Selbit

By Gerald Schiller



Disgusted by losing the court battles, Selbit returned to England in 1922. He did develop a number of other fascinating illusions based on similar ideas: “destroying a girl,” “the indestructible girl,” and “crushing a woman.” In the crushing illusion, a girl lay in a large box filled with balloons. Another box (almost the same size) with two men in it was lowered from above to nest into the first box. As it came down into the box where the girl was, balloons began popping. Finally the first box was opened and the girl had vanished. When the second box was lifted from the first, she magically re-appeared!

Selbit died in 1938 at the age of 57. Horace Goldin died the following year.

However, the popularity of his “sawing a woman in half” continued to grow over the years—in many manifestations. Harry Blackstone performed a buzz-saw version for many years (as did his son), and numerous other ways of slicing, dicing, and mutilating assistants became popular as well.

Credit, however, for popularizing the original should go to P.T. Selbit, one of the very first to ever cut a woman in two—and then, fortunately, to return her to her original status.

MAGIC HAPPENINGS! links underlined

LINKS TO RING 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

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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-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://](https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42)

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4/18/2020: Jim Richardson: A fun card trick, and the longest card trick:

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

<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBck>

Westside Wizards Sam 291
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
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