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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:

**[RING 21 ZOOM Meetings](#)**



# JAM

Just  
About  
Magic

Our regular meeting will be on Saturday, April 8 from 11 AM to 6 PM for this FREE four lecture scheduled event we are sponsoring at:

**Cecile & Mighty 1810 Magic & Dance Studio**  
2383 Lomita Blvd, Lomita, CA 90717

**[CLICK HERE FOR DIRECTIONS](#)**

**Note: No regular first Thursday meeting for April**

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## *The Greats of Magic*

*A lost & new found file*

by Gerald Schiller



# HAPPY APRIL FOOLS

**Babies born on  
March 31st are the  
easiest to prank  
on April Fools'.**

They were literally  
born yesterday!



**Believe nothing and trust no  
one this April Fools' Day.**

*So it's just like any other day.*

**April Fools' Day is like a huge  
open mic night.**

*Millions of people go out of their  
way to demonstrate how unfunny  
they are.*



**A and C were going to prank  
their friend...**

*But they just letter B.*

**Which day is the worst to  
propose on?**

*April Fools' Day.*



**Keanu Reeves lost all the April  
Fools jokes!**

*Luckily he found the May tricks.*

## HERE'S AN APRIL FOOL'S PRANK...

Grab an Oreo or other sandwich-style cookie and slowly twist the cookie so that they come apart. Use a butter knife to scrape off the icing, then replace it with white toothpaste. Carefully put the Oreo back together, offer it to your prankee, and watch them react to the minty surprise!

# Upcoming Scheduled\* Events

**April-** I.B.M. JAM Just about Magic—NO Thursday meeting but  
Saturday, April 8 11a - 6p at:

Cecile & Mighty 1810 Magic & Dance Studio 2383 Lomita Blvd,  
Lomita, CA 90717 [CLICK HERE FOR DIRECTIONS](#)

**May-**[Los Magicos](#) Night-Performance Night  
Magic Castle Swap Meet

**June-**Lecturer TBA

**July-**I.B.M. Convention—Pittsburg [ibmconvention.com](http://ibmconvention.com)

**August-**Initiation Night and ???

**September-**Elections and 1930's Theme Night-Performance Night

**October-**Annual Banquet

**November-** [PCAM 2023, San Diego Nov. 9 - 12, 2023](#)



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These steps are listed on our Membership Charter,  
representing our Goals and Accomplishments.

I.B.M. RING 21 proudly hosts this **Saturday April 8th 11am-6pm**

# I.B.M. JAM 2023

**FREE TO ALL I.B.M. MEMBERS!**

# HOLLYWOOD

**JUST ABOUT MAGIC**



**BILLY HSUEH**  
International President

**Plus His  
Special Guests**



**STEVEN BRUNDAGE**



**SURPRISE  
GUESTS!?!  
GUESTS!?!**



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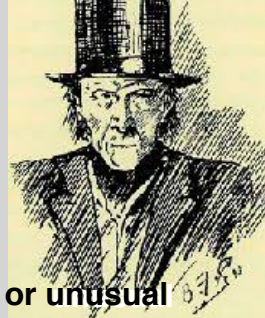
# The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of  
Famous Magicians

by Gerald Schiller

This Month  
featuring...

Charlier



Many magicians change their real name to a more dramatic or unusual performing name: Ehrich Weiss became Harry Houdini; Harry Boughton adopted the name he would use for most of his performing life: Blackstone and more than one magi used the name Dante.

But what was the real name of Charlier? No one knows.

And what's more, no one knows where or when he was born, when or where he died or what his nationality was.

He rarely (if ever) performed publicly, yet he was said to be quite possibly the most skillful card magician of his time.

All we know of him we know from accounts of other magicians. And all who met him agreed that he was the greatest card manipulator they had ever seen.

His name lives on in magic history because of a one-handed cut called the "Charlier Pass" and a false shuffle

often called the "Charlier Haymow Shuffle." He is also said to have developed an ingenious method of marking cards with pin pricks—almost invisible to the eye but able to be felt by the magician (or gambler) with his fingers!

However, to compound his mystery, no one knows for sure if he actually developed these moves or this marking system.

In T.A. Waters' valuable (though now outdated) book, *The Encyclopedia of Magic and Magicians* there is a very brief listing about Charlier. He is called a French amateur magician of the late 19th century who "seems to have disappeared in 1894." However Waters devotes substantial space to explanations of his moves and his card marking system.

While there is no authentic picture of Charlier, Charles Bertram describes him as being 70 or 80 years of age and with a thin, wrinkled face, unkempt hair and piercing eyes. Though very poor, he never accepted money, only an occasional meal.

Speculation about him was that in his early life he may have been a professional gambler and card cheat. His marked cards and sleights may well have been used to swindle unsuspecting players.

Many well-known performers of the time did witness his skills including John Nevil Maskelyne and Angelo Lewis, the writer of numerous books including *Modern Magic* and *More Magic*, who wrote using the name Professor Hoffmann. In the latter book, he gives a detailed explanation of the Charlier card-marking system. It involved peeling apart each card, placing pin pricks in a spot to indicate value and suit, then re-gluing the pieces together. The card face remained smooth but the back with the tiny "bumps" could be felt by a skillful card cheat to know the card without even looking at it!

Some people have theorized that Charlier was a myth and never really existed, but Will Dexter definitely believes he was real and states in his book, *Secrets of the Conjuror's Craft*, that "from 1873 until 1884 this mysterious man lived in London and met many of the great magicians of the time."

What happened to Charlier, no one knows. The small group of performers who met him and watched his card work knew he was brilliant. However, he does remain as undoubtedly the strangest and most mysterious of magical geniuses.

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dedicated to  
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magic history. See what's being  
shared **each Wednesday**.

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[www.ibmring280.com](http://www.ibmring280.com)

RING 313 ORANGE COUNTY  
[ring313.org](http://ring313.org)

RING 96 LONG BEACH  
<https://www.ring96.com/>

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SAM 291 WEST LA  
[www.westsidewizards.org](http://www.westsidewizards.org)

SAM ASSEMBLY 22. DUARTE  
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Orange County Magic Club  
[theocmc.com](http://theocmc.com)

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[www.themagicapple.com](http://www.themagicapple.com)

MAGIC ON THE GO  
Magic instruction by Steve Valentine  
<https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/>

## **SHOWS**

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Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire  
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The Magic Castle  
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Hollywood, CA 90028  
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## **PERFORMANCES ONLINE**

Lex The Illusionist performs an excellent Anniversary Waltz: <https://youtu.be/PuAwD2PukIE>

Bob Thomas: FUNNY book test with Lex participating:  
<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

Michael Larkin: Ninja ring Daryl coin routine  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGlw>

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[https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB\\_Q](https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q)

Don Kinney: Short hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor.  
<https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>