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The International Brotherhood of Magicians RING 21 Hollywood, California Newsletter

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& Board meetings on the 3rd  
Thursdays' of each month at  
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## David Gabbay

### Lecture Night

LECTURE NIGHT

**Thursday, March 7th**

**7 p.m.** back at the

## M.A.D. Acting Studio

[4741 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607](#)

(Click above for directions from your location using Google Maps)

**New Dedicated Space w/Stage Seating!  
Plenty of parking in back  
Open to all!**

*Only about a block North of the 101 fwy Laurel Cyn Blvd. exit*

A separate \$5 venue fee\* includes parking and a stage! No burgers as this new space is only ours!

**It's 1200 sq ft with a 46 seat stadium theatre**

## This is a lecture not to be missed!

See and learn new effects as well as his experiences on timing, misdirection, goal setting, connecting with the audience, tips on beginning and ending a show, and routining to keep audiences fully engaged with something for magicians at every skill level.

**Note we're allowed to bring snacks!**

Do You Recognize This Member?



**Member of the Month  
By Gerry Schiller**

Comic Strips, Lots of Photos, New Links, Roster & More Inside too!

**New lecture Information!**



# Upcoming Scheduled\* Events

**March**-David Gabbay Magic lecture

**April**-“Works in Progress” Performance Night

**July**- [I.B.M. Convention July 10-13, 2024 Tacoma, WA](https://www.ibmring21.org)



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\*subject to change



next meeting place



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

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# HAPPY MAGICAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY



What type of  
magic spells do  
leprechauns  
cast?  
**Lucky Charms**

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What's the difference between a magician and a leprechaun?

One does hat tricks; the other does pat-tricks.

What do you call a fake Irish stone? A shamrock!

How should you greet someone on March 17?

Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day.

What did one leprechaun ghost say to the other?

Top o' the moaning to ya!



## To make a payment to RING 21

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You are a very strange person. More please!"

-Tom Stone

David Gabbay takes dusty classics and gives them a fresh, young, entertaining twist that makes them not only watchable but HIGHLY entertaining!"

-Joe Monti

"David Gabbay is not only a great guy, but a very creative magician. Love his off beat magic."

-Dan Hauss

"David's magic is smartly constructed, visual and designed for the enjoyment of the laity. Watch him closely."

-Eric Jones

In "Noteworthy," Gabbay shows that he is not only an accomplished technician; he is creative and has a good sense for crowd-pleasing magic.

-Wayne Kawamoto

"David Gabbay likes magic to be fun, and all his tricks reflect that." -David Acer

"...interesting magic by a thoughtful young creator"

-Jamy Ian Swiss

"Intellectual, artistic, and "caring." Sign me up."

-Tony "The Cardfather" Picasso

**FREE for RING 21 members.....\$10 for guests**

*A separate \$5 venue fee includes parking and a stage!\**

## **THE DAVID GABBAY LECTURE EXPERIENCE**

*Award winning magician and creator of some of the most visual, cutting edge effects*

His abilities transcend the perception of what magic can look like performed on any stage or just inches away.

Through his lifelong devotion towards refining and perfecting every aspect of his art, David has received awards and recognition from the magic community. He is currently one of the Magic Castle's favorite performers and is in constant demand by seasoned veterans and members alike.

David's interactive lecture is meant to be an entertaining, informative discussion on some of his original effects and creative thinking, with something for magicians at every skill level.

♠ **David's Coin opener** - This original opener creates huge reactions right off the bat and is a mini masterclass in misdirection and deception. There is little cover, and once mastered, will give the performer confidence to perform other bolder effects. A must see!

♠ **Coins Through Silk & Sanchez Fly** - These two original coin routines produce a powerful one two punch. Spectators get up close and personal, seeing and hearing the coins melt, vanish, and reappear in these comedic yet daring handlings you will love to perform. (Demo only)

♠ **David's Topit** – Need to make something vanish fast? David's use of the topit enables different vanishes and switches, using a three coin routine as an example. He shows how to vanish multiple coins silently, with further thoughts on using a topit and sleaving sparingly but effectively.

♠ **Coin in Purse to Box** – Highly visual award winning effect, this is David's modern twist on Nest of Boxes that helped win first place at the 2011 TAOM Convention Close-up Competition. Also includes David's thoughts on how he masters his timing and misdirection that's his calling card.

♠ **Card to Impossible Locations (2 effects)** – A demonstration on being bold, taking chances, and most importantly, controlled timing with a clever close-up black art principle effect. Also includes a surprising pen from purse that can be used anywhere, anytime.

♠ **Coin in sugar packet** – A fully impromptu effect that has gained notoriety. This was originally featured in Genii Magazine and brought David well deserved national recognition.

♠ **Tic-Tac box and specially designed card case** – A solid original effect that will soon be part of your repertoire, complete with a chop cup-esque routine. For the first time, David reveals how to make his brilliant Tic-Tac box gimmick that even has real Tic-Tacs deceptively appear. The ingenious card case also allows you to steal objects even when it's closed.

♠ **Tossed Out Tech** – A new, original jelly bean effect based on "tossed out deck" that plays around with the sense of taste. A really cool, new concept in magic you won't see anywhere else.

♠ **Stitch** – Visually move your polo shirt's logo in full view. Ends by showing the logo is permanently stitched on, and is fully examinable. Crazy unreal!

♠ **Bounce/No Bounce Balls** – A really fun routine with bouncing balls where you finish up by bouncing the ball that just previously wouldn't bounce.

♠ **Bonus** – David presents a method that allows one to hand out their business card in the context of a card effect.

Throughout the lecture David will discuss his experience on topics ranging from timing & misdirection, keeping a magic journal, goal setting, blending techniques, connecting with the audience, managing the peaks and valleys of your performance, tips on beginning and ending a show, and routining an act that flows and blends to keep audiences fully engaged in this Tik Tok age.



RING 21  
MEMBER  
SPOTLIGHT

BOB THOMAS

*Member of the Month*

by Gerald Schiller

Like so many of us who first get attracted to magic at a young age, Bob Thomas remembers seeing a performer at a library show when he was just five or six. And he was interested enough to check a book out of the library (remember libraries??) on magic . It was probably the classic *Magic as a Hobby*, a book that started the careers of many of us.

It was only a few years later that he saw one of the “greats”— the Great Shimada and shortly thereafter the (now classic) Tony Curtis film about Houdini. Apparently this inspired him to try an escape—being tied down to a ping pong table by a friend—and it almost ended up in a disaster when he couldn’t get loose!

Although the “bug had bitten” it was not until many years later that he saw a friend doing some card tricks and getting great reactions from a crowd and he realized he could do them as well. He decided to try again perfecting his skills, joined several magic clubs (including Ring 21) set up his own performing web site, and developed a smooth 45 minute act.

Unfortunately, his timing—like so many performers—was a bit off. He was promoting himself as a magician just as the COVID pandemic was building up steam and work for magicians was dying. Bob got a job at Universal Studios Movie Tour and had the comfort of a regular dependable occupation. So he has put his magic on the back burner (at least for the present). But he keeps his hand (and thoughts) in the magic world. He has served in many capacities with Ring 21 and that includes president and (currently) Treasurer.

But in his own words “I still have that special place in my heart for magic and always will. I will continue to be an active member of the ring and who knows maybe one day there will be that spark to do it all again.”

And if Bob’s skills are as good as they were just a few short years ago, we may all look forward to seeing that skilled and funny Bob Thomas as we remember him.

**Don't forget, if given a name badge to bring and wear it at our next meeting and let us know if you need one.**

# FEBRUARY LINKING RING REPORT BY GERRY SCHILLER

With a great deal of optimism, members of Ring 21 met for the February meeting at a rehearsal room on Laurel Canyon Boulevard to see if it would be a good choice for regular meetings. As the members entered, it was apparent that all the vibes were quite positive: there was adequate parking, comfortable seating, a stage area for performing, and good lighting. And even though there was a fee for the use of the room, it looks as though we may have found a home.

President Wendy Sobel called the meeting to order, and even though we were starting late, there was a good feeling that the room would work for our group. Wendy thanked David Martinez for his hard work finding the room—as well as helping to set up and organize our website.

Wendy announced that our next meeting would be a lecture by Magic Castle performer David Gabbay and our April meeting would be devoted to new members and their “works in progress.”

The theme for this evening was “Silk Magic.” Bob Weiss felt that we should avoid the word “silk” since it’s a word only used by magicians—but we seemed to have enough magicians in the room, so we let it stick.

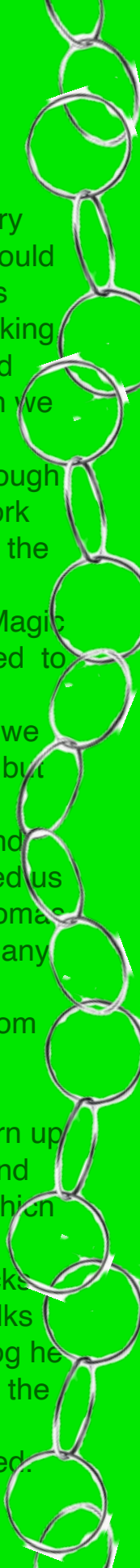
Wendy began the evening with some music—Ravel’s “Bolero” and produced lots of those colorful squares—in all sizes. Bob Weiss showed us a white silk with black spots, but soon all the spots fell off of it! Bob Thomas held up a wand with various colored hankies on it and was able to call any color—and it would fall off.

David and Adam did a duet performance with one silk popping from one hand to another, then in and out of their pockets. And David Condelessa made some coins penetrate right through a cloth.

Reid Eckman did a clever routine when he had a chosen card torn up and the pieces vanished from under a silk except for one. Then he found the pieces inside an orange—except the one held by the spectator—which was a perfect match.

Gerry Schiller was the final performer and had a whole raft of tricks that involved silks but he kept trying to find a chosen card but all the silks he used didn’t seem to work. Finally with a bit of help from a puppet dog he found a huge silk in his pocket with the image of the chosen card on it: the queen of hearts (naturally).

It was definitely a fun evening and had a lot of performers involved. Maybe having an ideal location is conducive to getting more members involved. We can only hope so.







# MAGIC RESOURCES AND MORE LINKS

## OTHER LOCAL RINGS

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[ring313.org](http://ring313.org)

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[www.westsidewizards.org](http://www.westsidewizards.org)

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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>

Karl Johnson and daughter give a fun performance: [https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB\\_Q](https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q)

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

Jim Richardson: A fun card trick & longest card trick: <https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>  
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