

SEPTEMBER 2025

The Fleming Flashpaper

The International Brotherhood of Magicians RING 21 Hollywood, California Newsletter

Executive Board 2024-25

PRESIDENT

Bob Weiss 213-925-5757

magicRW@aol.com

VICE-PRESIDENT

David Martinez 714-336-0996

fanofchan@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Gerry Schiller 805-657-8921

geraldschiller36@gmail.com

TREASURER

John Kowalczyk 323-383-8874

john.kowalczyk.do@ugofsc.com

SGT-AT-ARMS

Louis Lave

LouisLave@gmail.com

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Wendy Sobel 310-753-5357

wsobel@roadrunner.com

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Rachel Slocombe 323-791-2227

rachelviola@yahoo.com

Ellen Stein 818-400-4398

ellensteinmagic@gmail.com

Manny Gonzales 424-653-7614

mannydmagoent@outlook.com

Roy Ball

dac909@yahoo.com

Erik Fritts 916-749-9750

erikfritts@gmail.com

Newsletter Writer/Editor

Bob Weiss

RING21Hollywood@gmail.com

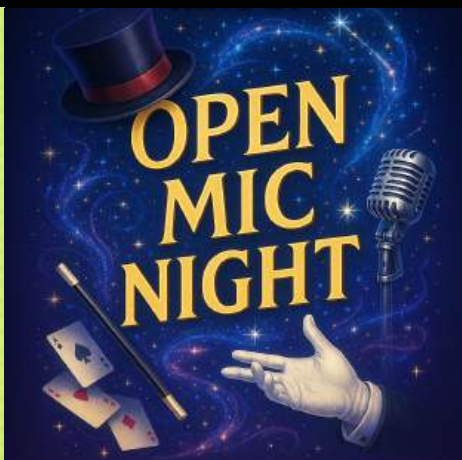
Meetings held 1st Thursdays' of each month & Board meetings on the 3rd Thursdays' via the link below all starting at 7 pm

[RING 21 Teams/Microsoft Board Meeting link](#)

All welcome



click logo
for website



Thursday, September 4th, 7 p.m. at

**Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Cathedral
AUDITORIUM**

[650 Micheltorena St, Los Angeles, CA 90026](#)

Click above for turn by turn driving directions

***A \$5 venue fee to be collected to help offset the rental fee but Free parking in their lot**

Tonight you can test new material, gain exposure, develop performance skills or just do your thing.

Please no more than ten minutes.

*Banquet Reservations are due
by the end of this month!*

See details inside.....

Plus Great Raffle Prizes!



BENEFITS OF PERFORMING AT AN OPEN MIC NIGHT

PRACTICE AND REFINEMENT:

OPEN MICS PROVIDE A STAGE TO TRY OUT NEW TRICKS OR ROUTINES BEFORE BIGGER AUDIENCES.

BUILD CONFIDENCE:

PERFORMING IN FRONT OF A LIVE AUDIENCE HELPS BUILD CONFIDENCE AND STAGE PRESENCE.

GAIN VISIBILITY:

IT'S A CHANCE TO GET YOUR NAME AND TALENT OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND OTHER PERFORMERS.

GET FEEDBACK:

YOU CAN RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK FROM FELLOW PERFORMERS AND THE AUDIENCE TO IMPROVE YOUR ACT.

CONNECT WITH THE MAGIC COMMUNITY:

OPEN MIC NIGHTS OFFER A GREAT WAY TO MEET AND LEARN FROM OTHER MAGICIANS AND ARTISTS.

IT'S A PERFORMING OPPORTUNITY!

ATTENTION!

**RING 21
MEMBERSHIP
DUES ONLY
\$35 FOR THE
YEAR
AND ARE NOW DUE
THANK YOU!**

[Click to pay](#)

For US Mail, [see page 13](#)

Or use the links below to pay. Please do NOT send immediate delivery as we incur a fee.

**Dues, Donations, Raffles,
Banquet payments and more,
RING 21 accepts**

PayPal Venmo ZELLE

I.B.M. Ring 21 Hollywood



[NEW EASY PAYMENT LINK](#) or [SCAN ABOVE](#)



[Click logo to join Hollywood RING 21](#)

[Click here to join I.B.M. International](#)

Check out our very own

Also Visit:

**RING 21 Hollywood Magic Club
Flickr Account & YouTube Channel**



@ibmring21



ibmring21.hollywood



ibmring21



And the internet **www.ibmring21.org**

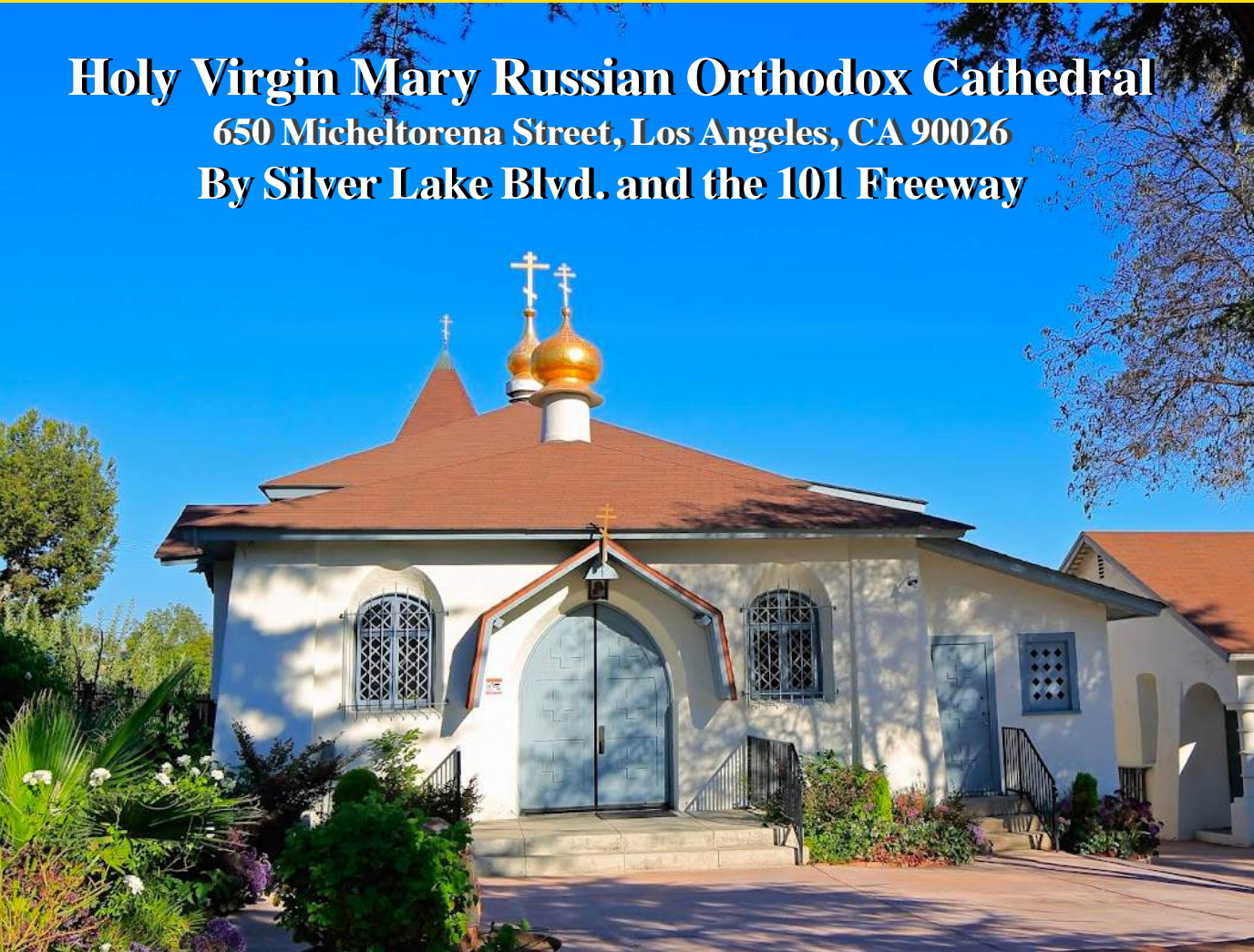
Follow Us On
Instagram & Facebook

Click here
For newsletter
Submission
Consideration

Holy Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Cathedral

650 Micheltorena Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026

By Silver Lake Blvd. and the 101 Freeway



International Brotherhood of Magicians Caryl Fleming RING 21 Hollywood
87th Annual Awards and Installation Banquet



October 9, 2025
6 PM, Thursday Evening
Happy Hour til 7 pm



El Mariachi Mexican Grill
15627 Ventura Blvd,
Encino, CA 91436

Featuring World Class Magician

Jay Scott Berry

A spectacular display of magical artistry



\$60 per person
Includes dinner and show

Event Highlights



Mesmerizing Magic
Show



Annual Awards
Ceremony



Exciting Raffle Prizes



Delicious Gourmet
Dinner



Installation of New
Officers



Networking with
Fellow Magicians

For reservations click to pay

Choice of entrees:

Carne Asada con Camarones-Served with
veggies, steak, and shrimp or

Arroz con Pollo-served on a bed of rice topped
with ranchero sauce, cheese, sour cream and
pico de gallo on the side or

Shrimp Veracruz-shrimp cooked with our
homemade Veracruz sauce (mild sauce) or

Veggie Fajitas- Veggies, onion & bell peppers
served with rice, beans, pico de gallo and tortillas
or

Fish al Mojo de Ajo-Fish served with butter
garlic veggies sauce.

Appetizer Platters on the tables with Beef &
Chicken taquitos, Buffalo Wings, Chicken
Quesadillas, Nachos, Guacamole, sour cream,
Pico de Gallo.

Also, chips, salsa, and bean dip.

Plus coffee, tea, soda and dessert!

Choose entrees at venue but must **pay** by 10/1/25
Each blue box above clickable www.ibmring21.org

Join The World's Largest Magic Club International Brotherhood of Magicians *And Join Local I.B.M. RING 21 Hollywood!*



- Linking Ring Magazine
- Monthly Meetings
- Conventions
- Lectures
- Contests
- Workshops

Contact:

Bob Weiss, President 213-925-5757
magicrw@aol.com

Gerry Schiller, Secretary 805-657-8921
geraldschiller36@gmail.com

Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

It's a double dose of Jay

Jay Scott Berry

When it comes to teaching the Art of Wonder, Berry is in a league of his own.

Inspiring thousands of magicians worldwide with Insightful Lectures, Hands-on Masterclasses, Digital Downloads & Private Mentoring.

The new Excelsior Lecture presents dozens of Original Effects, Moves and Routines, coupled with Performance Philosophy & Psychology.

● Professor Emeritus at The Magic Castle University.

● Headmaster at The Academy of Illusions.

Banquet

10/9/2025

Lecture

11/6/2025

Upcoming Scheduled* Events

September 4-Elections and Open Mic Night

October 9-The 87th Annual Awards and Installation Banquet

Starring **Jay Scott Berry** at The El Mariachi Mexican Grill

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE **SECOND** THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
(because of a holiday)

November 6-The **Jay Scott Berry** Excelsior Lecture

*subject to change

www.ibmring21.org



Letter from the President

Hello all. I just wanted to thank everyone this past year for supporting our Ring with your dues, coming to our club's meetings and also for those that performed. I know we also had some great lecturers and hope it helped you grow in our art. Here's to looking forward to more great meetings and magic!

Magically,
Bob Weiss

P . S. Don't forget your dues and banquet reservations for it's sure to be a fun night with Jay Scott Berry, the dinner, special raffle prizes and camaraderie.

Optical Illusions





AUGUST

LINKING RING REPORT

BY MANNY D'MAGO

Hollywood's Ring 21 for sure had something up their sleeve as the August 2025 meeting kicked off into the sunset (not the Blvd.) and ready to cruise into the Fall season.

Lots was happening at this meeting as the club discussed ideas for our next meeting, (including a tribute to our founder Caryl Fleming), and good times had by various members at conventions throughout the world. Raffles were of course on deck (no pun intended, or was it?) and included cool gimmicks and classic tricks ready to give away. I (Manny D'Mago) coordinated the raffles and included some stuff from my personal collection. Dr. John also brought forth a few goodies from Italy's FISM to include in future raffles...it should be quite interesting! We also had new member initiations and our annual "Fool Us" with President Bob Weiss and Member At Large Rachel Slocombe as judges. Ellen Stein talked about her experience at the IBM convention in Houston, Texas and how it was such a close knit and wonderful session filled with great magic, great shows and incredible networking. Lots of familiar faces and new friends were made making it a unique experience to be had with the IBM convention. Shifting gears and switching planes all the way to Italy, our Treasurer Dr. (Doc) John Kowalczyk talked about his experience with FISM 2025 and how all the magicians in attendance were more than humble and eager to teach their magic to any and all who desired to indulge in a personalized lesson. How cool is that?! Finally, one can surely bet that Magic Live 2025 in Las Vegas was ultimately very splendid this year. Our Vice President David Martinez and (Me) Secretary Manny D'Mago discussed our experience with the convention. David told the club that the experience is one of the most unique conventions the magic community has to offer, saying "where else can one rub shoulders with famous magicians?" He's not kidding, they were literally everywhere, from the bars, to the restaurants, to the casino floors, to poolside, you name it. The shows were breathtaking and Ring 21 definitely had a heavy presence throughout the convention. Three of our lady magician members Dana, Jazmine and Rachel Slocombe won 1st prize at the costume contest during the opening gala. They were dressed as the three fairy godmothers, Flora, Fauna and Merryweather from Sleeping



Beauty. Another one of our members, Mark Anthony, was a chosen volunteer during an evening show for the close-up magic performance and demonstrated his egg cracking skills during an egg bag routine performed by Tom Stone. Cara was out and about snapping pictures, collecting memories like Pokémon cards and showing everyone how awesome she really is! Finally, I (Manny D'Mago) couldn't get enough of the dealer room, constantly fighting the urge to not spend close to \$3000.00 worth of magic. I also couldn't help meeting and networking with many famous magic stars and legends of magic, and also connecting with old friends and making new ones with BIG NAMES!! All in all, a wonderful memory unquestionably worth its weight in gold. The Doug Henning exhibition was also a very interesting display I just couldn't say no to, I was in awe the whole time...what a legend!

Last but not least, our annual Ring 21 "Fool Us" went into high gear with unbelievable magic by some of the best performers our club has. Bob Weiss and Rachel Slocombe were the judges and couldn't be more excited to try to get fooled by our members. A new member Dylan performed a vanishing coin trick, I performed a one-of-a-kind mentalism routine complete with charm, class and a vanishing ring. David performed a splendid card trick where the selected card was always wrong, but somehow was right all along. Allan performed a card routine which involved looking for treasure like a pirate and had everyone in the club saying "arrrrrr!" Reid brought his exceptional take on a shrinking deck of cards and card box which was such eye candy. Mark Anthony performed a silk and knot illusion with a rose and sponge ball to some very cool Spanish music. Ellen performed a magical card trick which had everyone guessing how she did it, and finally Gregor performed some card magic that had the judges scratching their heads for a few minutes trying figure it out.

Whew, I told you there was a lot! In conclusion, stay tuned for our next exhilarating meeting where Ring 21 will hold a tribute to our founder, a vote for the change of the guard for our club and more about our annual banquet will be talked about. Also, a possible "show and tell" or "show me what you're working on" for our next meetings' performance...until then, see ya next time, same magic time, same magic channel! This is Manny D'Mago, coming to you live from Hollywood's ring 21, signing off!

Magical Outreach Program

Member and current treasurer and doctor has arranged a magical outreach program where we will be going to a section of skid row on Saturday, September 13 in the late morning with a few people to give out food, do some medical screening and pass out dollar bills via a magic trick. More details coming. And if interested make sure to see John at our next meeting.



Details

Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10 AM
meeting outside of the
[James Wood Community Center,](#)
[400 E 5th St, Los Angeles, CA](#)
[90013](#) (click for directions)



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

ATTENTION

ALL RING 21 Members & Readers of this newsletter...



GET 10% OFF !
by mentioning RING 21

Come Visit The Magic Apple!

*In the shopping center at the intersection of
Tujunga Avenue and Ventura Blvd in Studio City*

[11390 Ventura Blvd.](#), 2nd Floor Studio City
Mondays Closed

Tuesday - Saturdays 11am to 6pm Sundays Noon to 5pm
(818) 508-9921
www.themagicapple.com

RING 21 Past Year at a Glance

September- Elections, Salute to Caryl Fleming and
Music Theme Night-Performance Night

October-The 86th Annual Awards and Installation Banquet
with **Robert Baxt**

November- Lecturer by **Robert Baxt**

December- Holiday Party Catered/Potluck Dinner

January- Show & Tell Magic Performances

February- Comedy Magic Performances Night for Award

March-Stage Magic Performances Night for Award

April-Lecturer **Rafael Benatar**

May-Bizarre Magic Performances Night

June-Close-Up Magic Performances Night for Award

July- Picnic and Lecturer **Adam Wylie**

“The Second Annual RING 21 Night at The Magic Castle”

August- Initiation Ceremony and Rachel & Weiss Fool Us!



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

Add \$60 per person for the banquet. In the notes/
what's this payment for? section of PayPal include the
name(s) and if attending the banquet. If you want to mail
a check please [click here](#) to email Treasurer
John Kowalczyk for address or any questions.
We also accept Venmo and Zelle under the name
Bob Weiss 213-925-5757.

i.e. one dues and one dinner = \$95. Add \$60 per each add'l dinner.

[PayPal](#) and [Venmo](#)



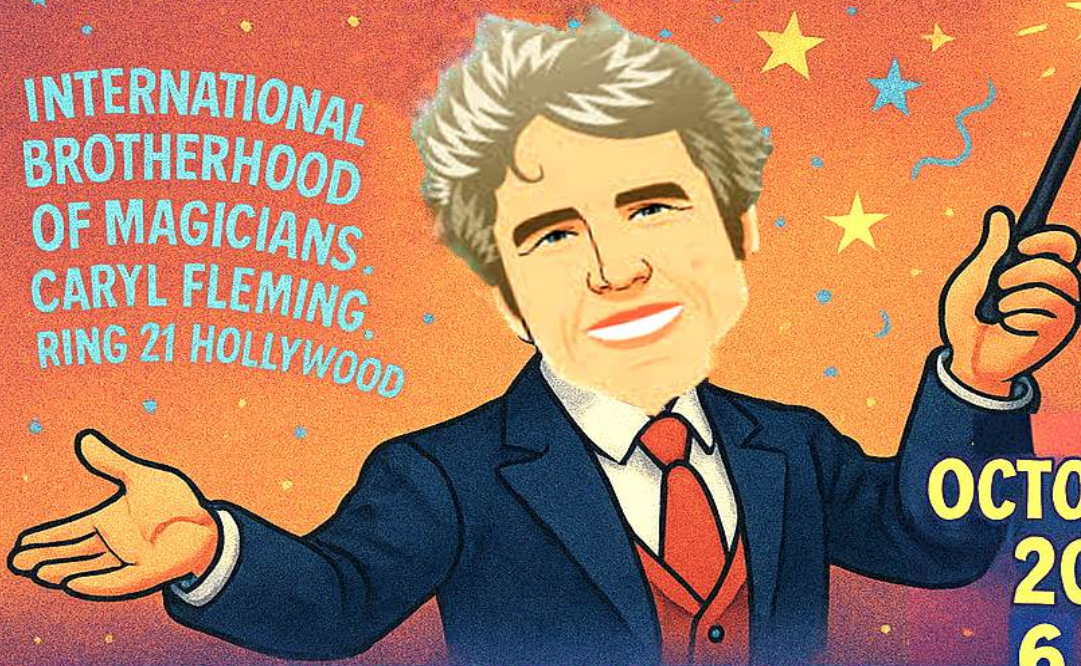
**Banquet payment is
needed by 10/1 for your
guaranteed reservation**



**When sending money PLEASE send regular delivery so we
do not have to pay the fee for immediate delivery,
thank you in advance!**

87TH ANNUAL AWARDS *and* INSTALLATION BANQUET

INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD
OF MAGICIANS
CARYL FLEMING
RING 21 HOLLYWOOD



OCTOBER 9,
2025
6 PM

EL MARIACHI MEXICAN GRILL
15627 VENTURA BLVD, ENCINO, CA 19436

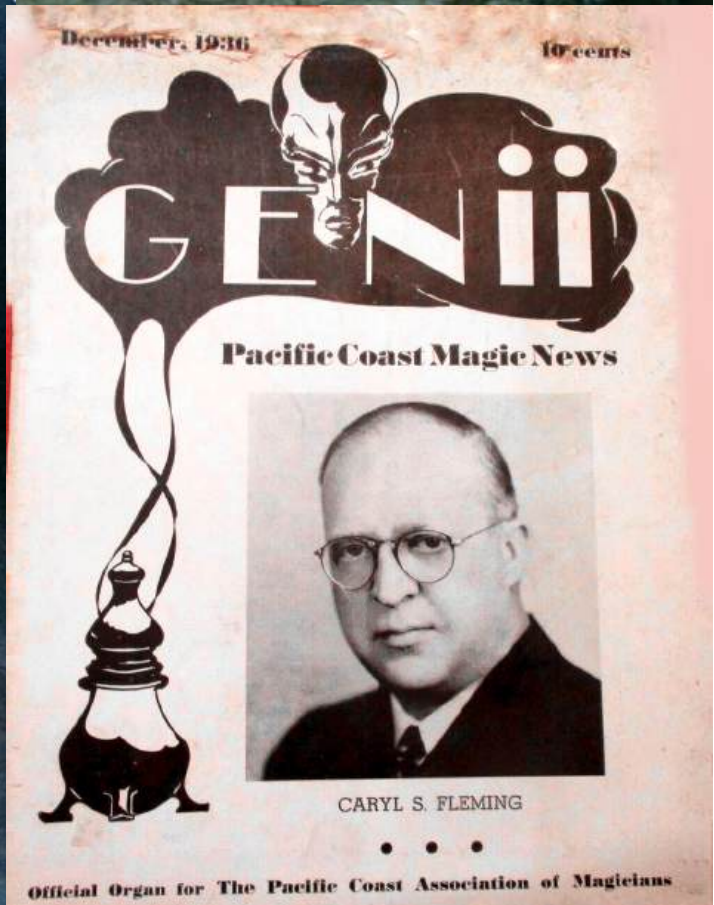
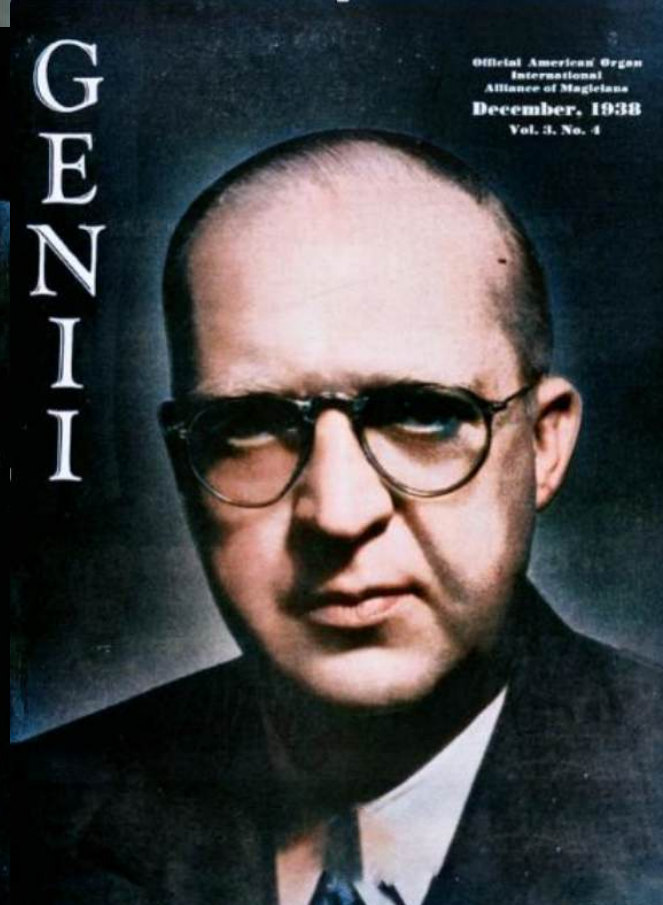
FEATURES: **JAY SCOTT BERRY**

Magic show, great food, fun raffle prizes,
and more

"No tacos here"



Mrs. Harry Houdini, center, Caryl and Larsens and many others

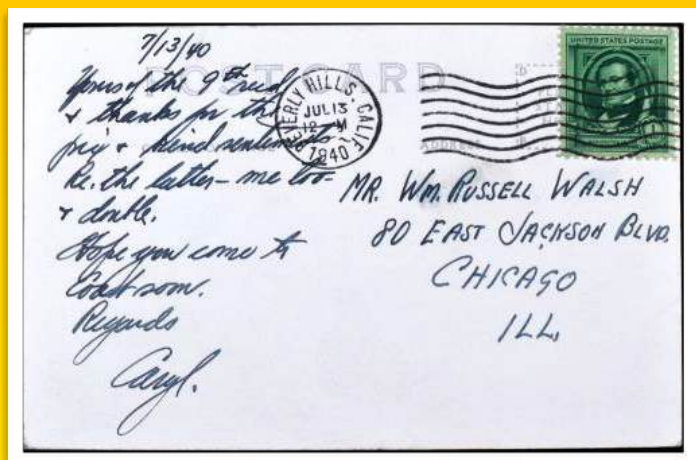


Caryl's house a 1926 masterpiece majestically sited on a 16,000+ sq.ft. lot with currently 6 bedrooms and 8 bathrooms on a 8000 sq. ft. located at 924 N. Beverly Drive, in Beverly Hills and below from the 1930's (not too much of a change in almost 100 years).

He had out of town magicians stay with him and sent them this postcard of his house afterwards. This particular one you can see is addressed to Russ Walsh, dated 1940, who invented among other things the appearing metal cane.



Residence of Caryl S. Fleming, Beverly Hills, California





Caryl Fleming was an actor and director, known for [Beating Back](#) (1914), [The Clouded Name](#) (1919) and [The Valley of Lost Souls](#) (1923), all silent movies.

He was at one time president of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians.

Fleming served in World War I and later married Constance Norton and settled in New York. A charter member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Fleming shared this honor with actor Chester Morris and writer Harold E. Robbins, all charter members of RING 21 Hollywood.

- And being a member of
- RING 21 also makes you a member of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians. (P.C.A.M.)



🌟 The Curtain Rises on FISM 2025: Magic's Finest Take the Stage! 🌟

The world's most spellbinding showcase — the FISM World Championship of Magic 2025 — has drawn its final curtain in Turin, Italy, leaving behind a trail of astonishment, innovation, and unforgettable artistry. From sleight-of-hand sorcery to mind-bending mentalism, here's this year's winners ...

🏆 Grand Prix Winners

- Stage Magic: Francesco Della Bona (Italy)
- Close-up Magic: Ibuki (Japan)

🎭 Stage Magic Categories

Manipulation

- 🥇 1st: Francesco Della Bona (Italy)
- 🥈 2nd: Ho Jung (Republic of Korea)
- 🥉 3rd: Shifu Huang (China)
- 🛠️ Invention Awards: Sergi Dolidze (Georgia), Tsiao Yang (Hong Kong)

Mental Magic

- 🥇 1st: Mind2Mind (Great Britain)
- 🥉 3rd: Niccolo Fontana (Italy)
- 🛠️ Invention Award: Alain Guerant (Belgium)
- 🥈 2nd: Not awarded

Illusions

- 🥈 2nd: Alberto Giorgi & Laura (Italy) — also received Invention Award
- 🥉 3rd: Mag Edgard (Spain)
- 🥇 1st: Not awarded

General Magic

- 🥇 1st: Lea Kyle (France)
- 🥈 2nd: Nikolai Striebel (Germany)
- 🥉 3rd: Calista (France)
- 🛠️ Most Original Act/Invention Award: Lucas Kaminski (Germany)

Comedy Magic

- 🥈 2nd: Artem Shchukin (Russia)
- 🥉 3rd (tie): Yannis Why (France), Juan Colas (Spain)
- 🥇 1st: Not awarded

🔍 Close-up Magic Categories

Card Magic

- 🥈 2nd (tie): Tino Plaz (Switzerland), Francesco Fontanelli (Italy)
- 🥉 3rd: Kimoon Do (Republic of Korea)
- 🥇 1st: Not awarded

Micro Magic

- 🥇 1st: Ibuki (Japan)
- 🥈 2nd: Duo (Spain)
- 🥉 3rd: Starman (Italy)

Parlour Magic

- 🥇 1st: Mortenn Christiansen (Denmark)
- 🥈 2nd: Piero Venesia (Italy)
- 🥉 3rd: Jonio (Japan)
- 🛠 Invention Awards: Nojima (Japan), Billy Hsueh (Canada)
- ✨ Most Original Close-up Act: Michael Bloemeke (United States)

🌐 Online Magic Awards

- 🥇 1st: Simon Pierro (Germany)
- 🥈 2nd: Luca Bono (Italy)
- 🥉 3rd: Dennis Kim (Korean-American)
- .

🚶 Street Magic Awards

- 🥇 1st: Eric Evans (United States)
- 🥈 2nd: The Charming Jay (Republic of South Korea)
- 🥉 3rd: Matthew Keys (Ireland)

📺 Special Recognition Awards

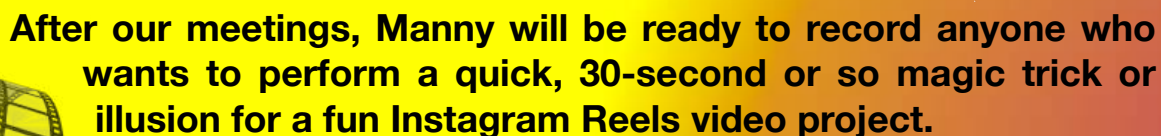
- 🎧 Best Magic Podcaster: The Magic Guys
- 💬 Best Magician Communication Platform: The Magic Café
- 📧 Best Magic Newsletter: The Daily Magician
- 🧠 Best Magic Creator: Suhani Shah
- 📖 Best Online Magic Magazine: Vanish
- 🚀 Breakout Creator of the Year: Jere Amy Tan

- **Truly the Olympics of Magic-**
- **Congrats to all the winners!**
- **Click to see all results**

July 9-14, 2028

Six days of magical competitions and performances





This is your chance to shine and share your magic with the world. Join in and let the magic happen!

**THE VOTES ARE TALLIED AND THE RESULTS ARE IN.
SEE WHO WINS PLUS A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR ANYONE THAT HAS
PERFORMED BEFORE OUR SEPTEMBER (STARTS FISCAL YEAR) MEETING.
ALL AT OUR UPCOMING 87TH ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION
BANQUET FEATURING JAY SCOTT BERRY IN OCTOBER!**

MORE Photos and Videos can be seen just [click here](#)







MAGIC RESOURCES AND MORE LINKS

OTHER LOCAL RINGS

RING 280 SANTA CLARITA
www.ibmring280.com

RING 313 ORANGE COUNTY
ring313.org

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

OTHER LOCAL MAGIC MEETINGS

SAM 291 WEST LA
www.westsidewizards.org

SAM ASSEMBLY 22. DUARTE
<https://sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home>

Orange County Magic Club
theocmc.com

MAGIC LEARNINGS

THE MAGIC APPLE-magic shop
11390 Ventura Blvd
Studio City, CA 91604
Also order online:
www.themagicapple.com

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

Free Lecturer
Reciprocation!

10% OFF
by
Mentioning
RING 21

SHOWS

The Magic Castle
7001 Franklin Avenue
Hollywood, CA 90028
www.magiccastle.com
(323) 851-3313

Illusion Magic Lounge -
[Santa Monica Click here for their website](#)

PERFORMANCES ONLINE

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

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

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>
<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBck>

More Photos and Performance Videos from our past Meetings
[Just Click Here!](#)

Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

I.B.M RING 21 HOLLYWOOD MAGIC CLUB presents
**The 87th Annual Awards and Installation
Banquet**
October 9th, 2025

Happy Hour starting at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm

NOW at **El Mariachi Mexican Grill**
15627 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436

Jay Scott Berry

*Featuring World Class Magician in a
spectacular display of magical artistry
You are cordially invited as this event is open to all!*

\$60 per person

Includes dinner and show
Tax and tip

Event Highlights

-  Mesmerizing Magic Show
-  Annual Awards Ceremony
-  Exciting Raffle Prizes
-  Delicious Gourmet Dinner
-  Installation of New Officers
-  Networking with Fellow Magicians

[For reservations click to pay](#)

Carne Asada con Camarones-Served with veggies, steak, and shrimp or

Arroz con Pollo-served on a bed of rice topped with ranchero sauce, cheese, sour cream and pico de gallo on the side or

Shrimp Veracruz-shrimp cooked with our homemade Veracruz sauce (mild sauce) or

Veggie Fajitas- Veggies, onion & bell peppers served with rice, beans, pico de gallo and tortillas or

Fish al Mojo de Ajo-Fish served with butter garlic veggies sauce.

Appetizer Platters on the tables with Beef & Chicken taquitos, Buffalo Wings, Chicken Quesadillas, Nachos, Guacamole, sour cream, Pico de Gallo.

Also, chips, salsa, and bean dip.

Plus coffee, tea, soda and dessert!

Choose entrees at venue but must pay by 10/1/25
www.ibmring21.org

