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The International Brotherhood of Magicians RING 21 Hollywood, California Newsletter

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### Meetings held 1st Thursdays'

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

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What I got for  
the holidays *or*  
My favorite  
effect from 2025  
Magic  
Performances

**Monday, Jan 5th 7 p.m. at**

Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Cathedral  
AUDITORIUM

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

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## Free parking in their lot

This holiday season,  
I unwrapped something  
truly enchanting and can't  
wait to show it *or* of all the effects  
I showcased in 2025, my favorite  
that always made audiences  
gasped; those are tonight's magic  
performance themes. Open to  
anyone who would like to perform.



**Plus RAFFLE PRIZES**

**Remember *not* Thursday Jan 1  
Meeting Monday January 5th!**



Showcase Your Skills After The Meeting!

# Calling all magicians!



After our meetings, Manny will be ready to record anyone who wants to perform a quick, 30-second or so magic effect/trick or illusion for a fun Instagram Reels video project.



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



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**Q: What do you call a magician who has lost his magic in January?**

**A: Ian! (Because he has lost his "magic," so all that is left is "Ian.")**

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By Silver Lake Blvd. and the 101 Freeway







## RING 21's Annual Spark of Love Tradition

In December, RING 21 members and guests came together with armfuls of toys and sports equipment, filling the room with holiday cheer and generosity. Thanks to everyone's contributions, we gathered a remarkable collection of gifts that were donated to the Spark of Love Toy Drive, organized by the Los Angeles Fire Department. These toys will brighten the holidays for underserved children and teens across Los Angeles.

This tradition has become a cherished part of RING 21's yearly calendar—reminding us that the magic we share extends beyond our meetings and into the lives of those who need it most.

A very special shout-out to our Secretary Manny D'Mago for delivering this to them.





**HELLO 2026**





# THE PLAYBILL OF UPCOMING SCHEDULED \* —EVENTS—

**January 5**-Performance Night-Your favorite trick from 2025 or what was a new holiday magic gift trick

**February 5**-Guest Lecture

**March 5**-Strolling Award Performance Night

**April 2**-Guest Lecturer

**May 7**-Bizarre Award Performance Night

**June 4**-Children's Award Performance Night

**July 2**-Picnic and either a theme (yet to be named) Performance Night or a Guest Lecturer

**August 6**-Initiation Night and a theme (yet to be named) Performance Night

**September 3**-Elections and Four Corners Night

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\*subject to change



# Happy Holidays from Ring 21

Wishing Everyone  
A Happy Healthy Magical New Year



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check out the all  
new and improved  
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website

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surprised and  
enjoy the all  
new resources

Three brand NEW award categories to be awarded  
at the banquet in October 2026 and they are:

**CHILDREN'S**

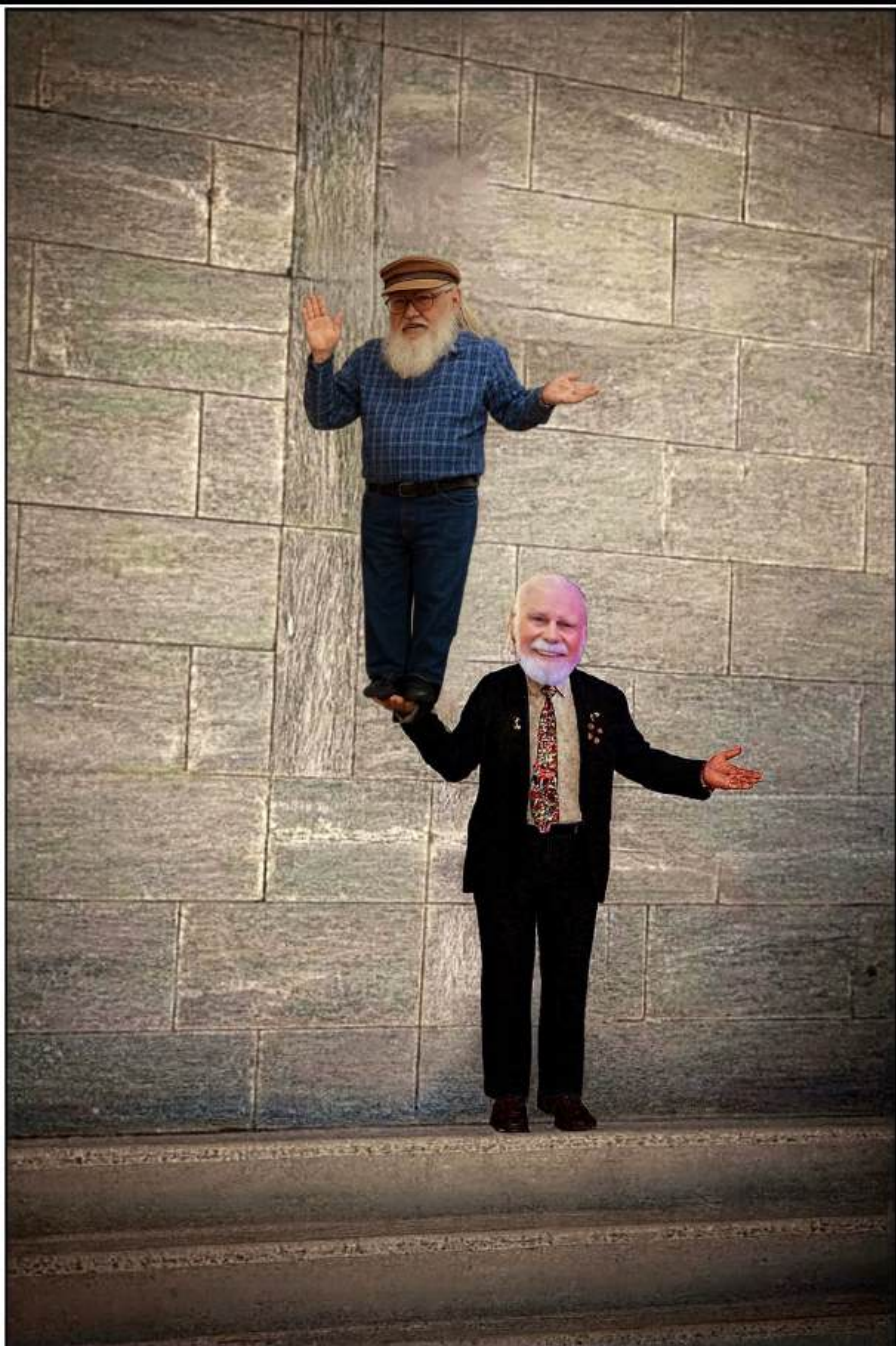
**BIZARRE**

**&**

**STROLLING**

Dates announced on previous page details forthcoming.

# Optical Illusions







DECEMBER

# LINKING RING REPORT

BY MANNY D'MAGO

This month's meeting was a year in review for Hollywood's Ring 21, as we celebrated the coming holiday season and said goodbye to 2025 with a wonderful club dinner the only way Hollywood knows how...spectacularly magical! Lois Lave provided an unbelievable spread of delicious food for our holiday dinner and many members also brought some yummy goodies pot-luck style. The celebrations were well under way with magic performances themed to whatever lifted your holiday spirits.

The night was full of the usual camaraderie as all of our members in attendance brought out their best to bring out the holiday spirit. Bob Weiss also announced the upcoming themes for our next year's performance awards competition which include children performances, bizarre performances, and strolling Magic. Our raffle was totally awesome as usual where I (Manny D'Mago) from brought the latest and greatest from Tenyo Magic as prizes which were super-duper hot and full of value! Needless to say, lots of members had to have a piece of that and the winners couldn't have been more thrilled.

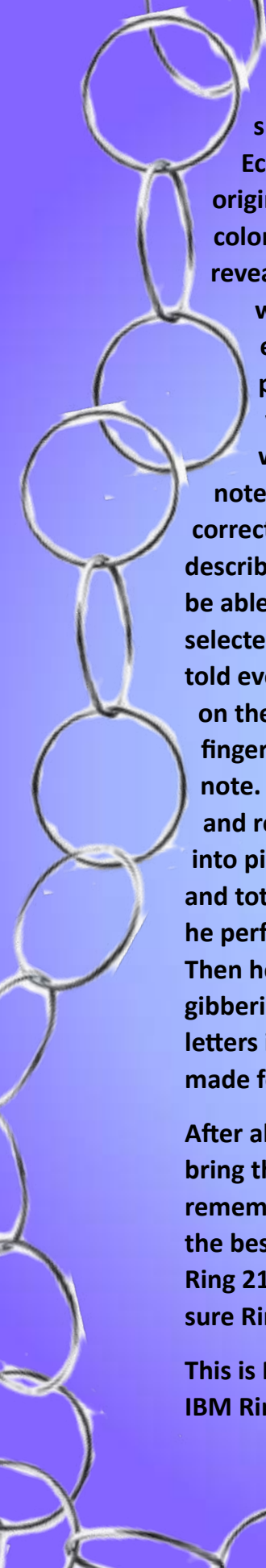
After our delicious dinner, some drinks and the recognition of some new members to our club, it was time for our holiday magic show. We presented some very original performances using lots of original and new stuff from the best Ring 21 has to offer.

The performances kicked off with the one and only Gerry Schiller, who performed a book test that had involved about 5 members' chosen words and he correctly named every word! A new member named Brandon performed a prediction card trick comprising of a business card reveal and a rising card effect that was very visually appealing. Our next performer, Elroy Conning performed a card effect with 4 kings, 4 aces and 4 queens that seemed to take a new twist on the Mc Donald's Aces. David Cotelesa performed a card trick with a selected card that was placed back into the deck and amazing revealed with the assistance of Mark Anthony Petrucelli and Rachel Slocombe.

Next up was The always graceful Wendy Sobel, who shared a wonderful story of an elderly lady with warm wishes and desires of dreams about

humbleness and peace using a special tube with pieces that did not seem like much until they magically connected with no way to see how they actually could stick together and connect. Maybe it was the love in her heart!



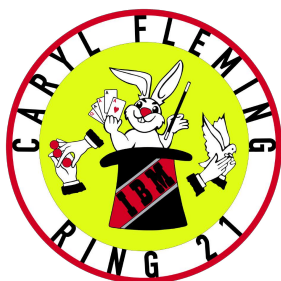


Next, another new member, AJ Berna, performed a mentalism type of card magic involving the 3 of hearts and somehow finding it in a shuffled deck with the assistance of the delightful Ellen Stein. Reed Eckman was up next to perform and as always brought something very original and always pleasing to the eyes which utilized a box with different color blocks and shapes presented as a game with a penguin being revealed fitting neatly inside from a randomly selected card. The finale was out of nowhere, as Reed gave the penguin a Rudolph red nose to end his performance with a bang. Our Vice President, David Martinez performed a very original routine using Christmas movies as cards with a prediction, asking the spectators, (us) to either 'stream or skip' with David correctly predicting the selected film as the Grinch from a notepad that seemed to melt away the incorrect guess written to the correct one, WOW! Next up was yours truly, Manny D'Mago in which I described the first magic trick I had learned and shared how grateful I was to be able to share my story and magic with everyone at Ring 21. A card selected by one of our audience members was correctly revealed after I had told everyone I would correctly predict 'your card' which is what was written on the post-it note pad...totally hilarious cheap gag! However after a quick finger snap, the selected card very visually appeared on the same post it note. Very cool!! John Engman was up next with his performance of a torn and restored newspaper which was held together by a rubber band, torn into pieces and then transformed into a paper mache ladder; very original and totally visual. Last but not least was our president Bob Weiss in which he performed a phone trick with his flashlight and using Harry Potter spells. Then he used his phone again, this time using 2 volunteers, one typing gibberish on his phone and the other thinking of a word between 4 and 8 letters in which the tech didn't seem to cooperate with him very much which made for more of a fun time than magic.

After all the formalities and magic performances, it was raffle time to help bring the event to a close. The holiday dinner spread was truly one to remember as more significant memories were made and without a doubt, the best for ending 2025! Tune in next month where I'll be bringing more Ring 21 shenanigans and entire routines, exciting raffle prizes and making sure Ring 2's new year of 2026 starts off with boom!

This is Manny D'Mago, signing off from the home of the stars, Hollywood's IBM Ring 21! Happy Holidays!





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

**Starting in 2026  
we will try  
with no  
venue  
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### **President-Bob Weiss**

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As of 12/31

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# Korby's at Town and Country

## Las Vegas's Magic Mecca



Have you ever heard of Korby's at Town and Country in Las Vegas? It probably has the world's largest magic museum where it's housed. The building and warehouse structure are a labyrinth of illusions estimated at 12,000 sq. ft. with three subterranean levels. The security supposedly has Houdini-level protection. Visible

doors lead to dead ends, while real entries are hidden. A false boiler room with steam effects, a misdirection hallway lined with over 100 ticking clocks to disorient intruders and laser grids that project fake shadows of guards. Not to mention biometric scans, pressure-sensitive floors, and even the Korby's building shell outside to thwart thieves. It is also stated to be staffed by a 24/7 team of magic historians and conservators.

If you haven't guessed it yet it's David Copperfield's private magic warehouse where the ultimate magic of legends secretly lies off Russell Road. Who knew? Well it's actually a secret that's been broadcast on CBS-TV, Oprah's Next Chapter as well as several newspapers so I don't feel I'm exposing anything, besides we're all magicians not just flicking channels. A very meticulously curated, climate-controlled vault housing what may be the world's most valuable collection of magic history.

So what's there? A lot. Valued in the hundreds of millions it spans roughly 150,000 items, including props, costumes, posters, and over 50,000 rare books, some dating back to the 16th century. The Collection's Crown Jewels is Houdini's Water Torture Cell (original 1912 unit) he purchased for \$300,000 in 2011; still fully functional and rumored Copperfield occasionally performs with it privately. He also has Orson Welles magic props including the sawing-in-half box from Welles' 1940s tours, The Dante Chair, The Billy McComb Collection, automata from Robert-Houdin and even Walt Disney's personal illusion sketches for Disneyland's magic-themed rides. Nothing leaves the warehouse—ever. Even his Vegas shows use replicas.

Penn Jillette called it the "Library of Alexandria of magic."

The rarest item maybe a blood-stained straitjacket from Houdini's final performance (October 1926), sealed in argon gas to prevent decay part of The Houdini Wing Also include handwritten notes from Houdini's last performance (with scribbled changes to his escape), the actual milk can from his 1908 escape, lockpicks swallowed during performances, supposedly recovered during his autopsy.



There's also The Blackstone Sanctum which has the original "Floating Light Bulb" (1920s) with \*\*Edison's signature\*\* on the base a Nazi-burning sword used to destroy occult props in WWII (char marks intact) and even Copperfield's own history with his first ever sawing-in-half box he built at age 12 (with visible bloodstains from accidents) and even his rejected illusions.

There's a Paranormal Corner where he claims some artifacts are cursed including Robert-Houdin's watch because it stops at the exact time of his death daily and a spirit cabinet that locked itself after a 2003 séance experiment.

He even completely recreated Louis Tannen's Magic Shop from New York City.

Insured for \$500 million, but uninsurable items include Houdini's "handwritten will" (penned in disappearing ink) and Leonardo Da Vinci's lost "mechanical magician" sketches.





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*You are invited ...*

*and your family and guests to attend*

# *An Afternoon of Magic*

*by the Society of American Magicians  
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**Saturday,  
January 10, 2026**

Doors open at 1:30 p.m., with “curtain time” scheduled for 2:00 p.m

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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-UGhGIw>

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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