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Meetings held 1st Thursdays'

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Children's Award Performance Night

Thursday, June 4th, 6:30 p.m. at

Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Cathedral
AUDITORIUM

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

[Click above for driving directions](#)

Free parking in their lot

We present our spectacular **Children's Award Performance Night!** We're pulling back the curtain for an evening of wonder, laughter, and mind-bending illusions designed specifically for our youngest fans. Bring the whole family, friends and neighbors for a magical experience, or just act like a kid yourself! Your votes tonight will determine who walks away with the prestigious Children's Award at our Annual Banquet on October 1st.

PLUS RAFFLE PRIZES

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CHILDREN'S AWARD PERFORMANCE NIGHT!

JUNE 4

6:30 P.M.

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!

THE AUDIENCE VOTES!

Your vote decides who's the best!

The winner receives the Prestigious Award
at our **ANNUAL BANQUET** on **OCT 1!**

JOIN US for an unforgettable evening
being amazed by talented local magicians!

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MAGIC SHOW!

BY PROFESSIONAL MAGICIANS
FOR CHILDREN!

PARTICIPATION
&
COMEDY
FOR CHILDREN!

THURSDAY
JUNE 4TH

— AT —
6:30 PM

★ FREE! FOR ALL AGES! ★

— AT —
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EVENT!

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EVENING OF MAGIC, LAUGHTER & FUN!

How our Awards will be Awarded

At the 89th Annual Awards and Installation Banquet set for October 1, 2026.

The judging shall be based on our Constitution and By-Laws on the following rating system:

Presentation: Includes continuity, costume if required, preparedness, applicability to performance night theme (ie. Approach to table/intro) and entertainment value.

Originality: Is the effect new, personalized or a different twist?

Effect: Skill level, was it magical? Did they accomplish their goal?

Each of the above 3 categories are to be judged on a scale of 1 to 5 in with the Maximum point award of 15 for any performer.

We're looking at rating sheets to be given out to each person in the audience that evening to vote in accordance with above, however only members in good standing are eligible to win.

Time limits may be imposed. For the Strolling Award night it will be 8 minutes with a timer going off prior to wrap-up. The results will be announced at our banquet.
Subject to changes.

RING 21 Hollywood presents another **SUPERSTAR★LECTURER**

Rob Zabrecky Thursday

July 2nd 7:30pm at

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\$25 for non-members

(applicable towards our annual dues of only \$35)

Free parking in their lot for all



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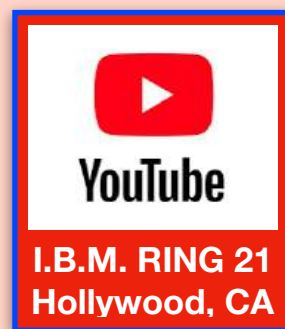
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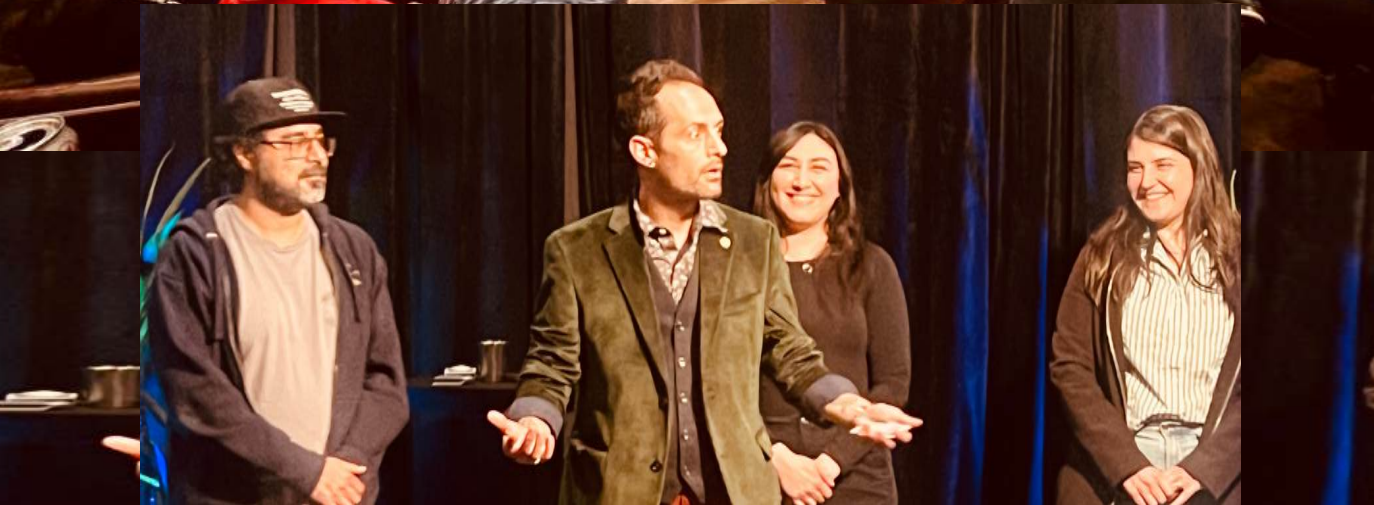
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MATT FELTEN

AT

THE GREEN ROOM

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Field
Trip!



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1 TICKET



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(\$5 A PIECE)

5 TICKETS



20\$

(GET 1 FREE!)

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MAY

LINKING RING REPORT

BY BOB WEISS

President Bob Weiss began our May meeting going over upcoming events like the John Gaughan illusion workshop tour later this month. Guests were introduced and then it was time for our performance night with the theme Bizarre Magic featuring nine performers all competing for the award trophy to be given out at our annual banquet in Oct. Voting rating cards were passed out and then the show began. Note as our secretary was away doing a gig what follows are from my memory.

Alan Litteneker performed a silent routine with an audience member that was given a lock and a bunch of keys of which only one opened the lock. After mixing and closing the only key left was the only one that opened it up again! Our president Bob Weiss performed an E.S.P. routine with comedy using an E.S.P. deck. A spectator had their free selection revealed and then using two sets of all five symbols they wound up matching with the spectator whatever card Bob put down first.

Brandove had the audience measure their arms against one's wrist and with some incarnations we all compared our arm lengths again and lo and behold it grew as Brandove told us it would, then he ate a lit match and made a mark appear on a spectators outstretched arm, all to eerie music.

Rachel Slocombe performed a different type of passe passe bottles while telling us about her young years.

Mark Anthony told us of a witch who took children's souls and put them into dolls. Then he showed us a doll that was able to show us magical things. Using coins that represented a crossover to the dead and some tarot cards, the coins began to move to other places and then the doll vanished all in a puff of smoke.

Nicolas Garcia did a rope routine that even had a knot eerily climb upward on the rope. He had some great moves all with just rope. A handkerchief even instantly appeared onto the rope.

Johnathan Cristall had a piece of paper signed, torn up yet restored inside out, then he drank a shot glass using a straw but it went up into his eyeball.

Reid Ekman told us of a great story and showed cards, wrapped into a glass that mysteriously and all by itself unwrapped revealing the chosen symbol that was also chosen by a photo he had shown us previously.

Bob Carroll performed a routine with lots of comedy and predictions as well as David Martinez put unfortunately don't have notes for these very entertaining acts.

Free Magic Show

Second & Fourth Wednesday

1 pm on Zoom

Go to <https://openmicmagic.com/> and get your free tickets. You can even perform or just watch. It's magicians from all over the world and quite entertaining!



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.

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HOUDINI

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Houdini's death

Ad for his last show

Ad for his last outdoor stunt, being buried alive in a coffin for over an hour, ironically a month later he was to be buried for eternity in the same coffin.

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NEXT WEEK, BEG. SUNDAY, OCT. 24

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2026 - The 100th anniversary of Houdini's death

The Unmasking of Robert-Houdin by Harry Houdini in 1908 remains one of the most controversial moments in magic history. It was a book born of obsession, ego, and a strange sense of betrayal.

When Erich Weiss (btw, no relation) was starting his career, he idolized **Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin**, the man widely considered the father of modern magic. He even added an "i" to his hero's name to create his stage persona.

However, Houdini eventually felt that Robert-Houdin had been given too much credit for "inventing" tricks that were actually centuries old. Houdini spent years traveling across Europe, buying up old magic books and interviewing aging performers to prove that Robert-Houdin had essentially plagiarized his greatest illusions.

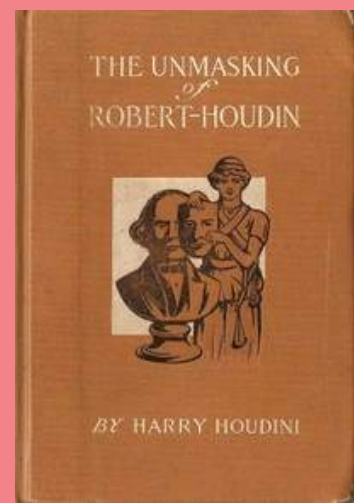
In the book, Houdini systematically attacked Robert-Houdin's reputation. He claimed: **The Orange Tree Illusion** was not Robert-Houdin's invention but a variation of an older mechanical trick, **The Aerial Suspension** was a rip-off of a trick performed by Indian fakirs and that **Robert-Houdin was a "pretender"** who relied on skilled mechanics rather than his own magical prowess.

The book was mean-spirited. Houdini didn't just critique the magic; he attacked Robert-Houdin's character, calling him a "braggart" and a "fraud." Actually Robert Houdini's dad was a watch maker and that is how he learned to develop a lot of his mechanical effects.

As Houdini matured and moved into his phase of debunking spiritualists, his perspective on Robert-Houdin softened, though he rarely admitted it publicly. The book caused a massive rift in the magic community. Many French magicians were deeply offended, and Houdini lost several close professional

contacts because of his relentless crusade. Later in life, Houdini realized that while Robert-Houdin may not have "invented" every mechanical gear, he *did* invent the modern **persona** of the magician. Robert-Houdin moved magic from the street into the drawing-room and traded the wizard's robes for a tuxedo—a legacy Houdini himself lived every day.

Friends noted that Houdini's obsession with the book had "poisoned" several years of his life. He spent a fortune on research just to tear down a man who was already dead, which he later realized didn't actually make his own fame any greater.



It's often said that Houdini's attack on Robert-Houdin was really an attack on his own insecurities. By "killing" his idol, he was trying to prove he was the greatest of all time, only to find that the magic community valued the history of the craft more than he anticipated.

Since Houdini's goal in *The Unmasking of Robert-Houdin* was essentially a character assassination of the "Father of Modern Magic," the book is filled with lines that feel incredibly dramatic and personal.

"He was a man who not only filched the inventions of his predecessors and contemporaries, but who had the effrontery to claim them as his own."

"Robert-Houdin never a single time in his life produced a new or original effect. His only claim to greatness lay in his ability to improve upon the work of others—and even then he failed to give them credit."

"I found that the 'Great' Robert-Houdin was but a clever mechanician with a flair for self-advertisement, and that the history of magic had been built upon a foundation of falsehoods."

For the magic community in 1908, reading this was like watching a modern superstar suddenly release a 300-page manifesto claiming their greatest inspiration was a fraud. It was a massive scandal that many magicians at the time found distasteful, especially since Robert-Houdin had been dead for decades and couldn't defend himself. Most modern magic historians agree that Houdini was incredibly unfair in the book, often ignoring evidence that Robert-Houdin actually did innovate the things Houdini claimed he stole.

By the 1920s, Houdini's tone shifted. He began to focus more on the preservation of magic history rather than its destruction. He donated a massive portion of his collection to the Library of Congress, ensuring that both his work *and* Robert-Houdin's would be studied by future generations.



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This is a real ad sized 18" x 12" for Houdini's book in 1908 except here it's colorized and cleaned up as the original is actually in pretty good condition being almost 120 years old and it's currently selling on a collectors site for only \$2950, so [click here](#) to buy or the book signed by Houdini for \$4750 [click here](#).



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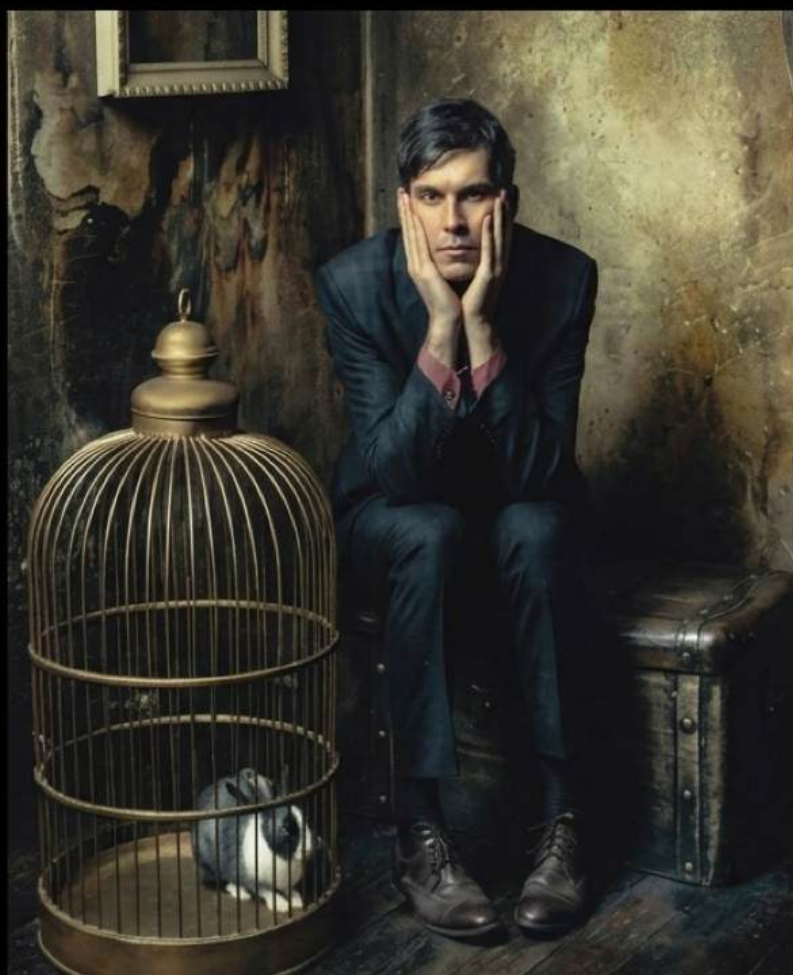


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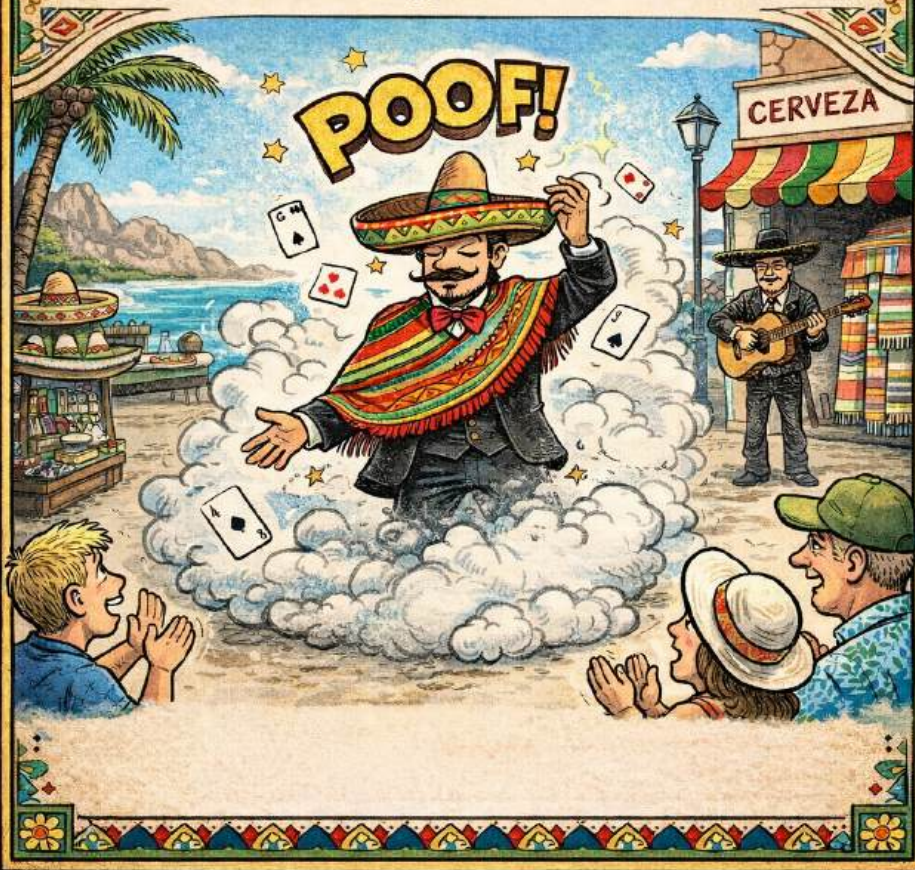
David's COMEDY CORNER



I once saw a Mexican street magician performing
for the tourists in **Baja California**.

He spoke good English, mostly because his crowd was
Americans. Towards the end of his routine he announced
at the count of 3 he would **vanish**.

He loudly counted, "**UNO!**, **DOS!**" ...
<POOF> he disappeared without a "tres."



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by David Martinez

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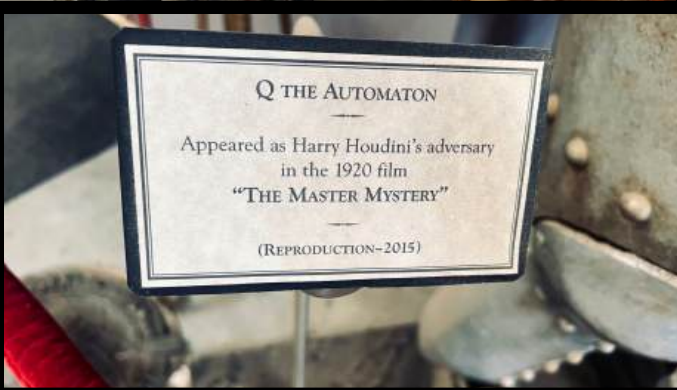
*KINDLY NOTE: IDENTITY TO BE UNVEILED LATER

BANQUET DATE OCTOBER 1, 2026

JOHN GAUGHAN'S WORKSHOP AND PERSONAL MAGIC COLLECTION







THE PLAYBILL OF UPCOMING SCHEDULED * —EVENTS—

June 4-Children's Award Performance Night

July 2-Picnic with Rob Zabrecky Lecturer

14-Third Annual Magic Castle Night

August 13-Initiation Night and Schiller & D'Mago
Fool Us! Performance Night

September 3-Elections and Four Corners Night

October 1-The 89th Annual Awards & Installation
Banquet

WWW.IBMRING21.ORG



*subject to change

Coming
August 13th!



He used to make me laugh. Now he just creeps me out.

Optical Illusions



One more flipping practice.

Our brain “thinks” light comes from above so in both of the photos below we interpret the image accordingly. For some people it’s the opposite and by focusing we can turn them over.



THE MAGIC CASTLE



We're off to
The Magic Castle!

Another RING 21 field trip!

COMING IN JULY!



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**Instead perhaps
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ticket or donate
a prize!**



FRATERNITY

PUBLICITY

MYSTERY

ORIGINALITY

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DIVERSION

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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

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>

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