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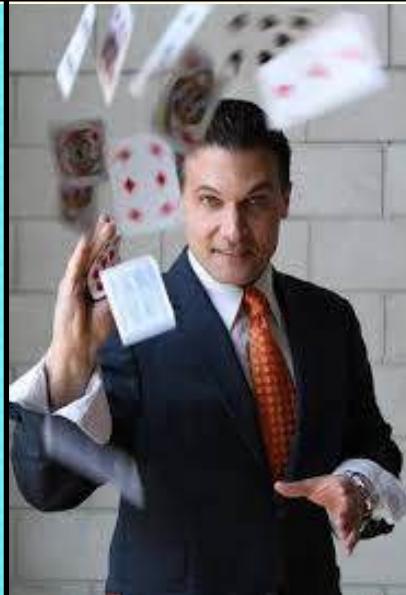
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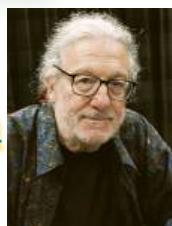
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Tony Clark Lecture



John Bannon Lecture



On a separate night

See inside for this **BONUS** lecturer FREE for RING 21 members on Thursday Feb 19th

Thursday, Feb 5th 7 p.m. at

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Tony Clark is a world-renowned magician, producer, and consultant with over 30 years of experience in the industry. He is best known for his modern takes on classic magic and his time as a student of the legendary **Tony Slydini**. He also fooled Penn & Teller on their show. FREE for RING 21 members.

Plus RAFFLE PRIZES

On Feb 5 RING 21 presents lecturer

TONY CLARK

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One of the elite Penn & Teller Foolers! Tony will be sharing his years of experiences with Slydini. Watch as he demonstrates and explains beautiful effects and routines with constant emphasis on timing, misdirection, and off-beat principles as taught to him by Slydini. Tony feels these priceless tools and techniques are sure to enhance your close-up, stand-up, or stage routines.

Some of the things you'll learn are:

- Jumbo Coin Routine
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- Coins Through Table Routine
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- Coins Across
- The one Coin Routine
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- Horizontal Pivot Transfer
- Melt Away Vanish
- Table Top Change



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RING 211 presents a Special meetup for lecturer

John Bannon

Thursday, Feb 19th

A legendary figure in modern card magic, celebrated for his "lean and mean" approach that prioritizes high-impact results with minimal or no sleight of hand as many of his effects are self-working.

You will likely add something from tonight to your repertoire!

John hit the scene in the early 90s with the smash hit books, *Impossibilia* (1990) and *Smoke & Mirrors* (1992), followed by his best-selling trick *Twisted Sisters* (1993). His book, *Dear Mr. Fantasy* (2005) is widely hailed as one of the best magic books of that decade. His collections *High Caliber* (2013), *Destination Zero* (2015), and *Mentalissimo* (2016), had enthusiastic receptions and quickly sold out.

In 2009, John teamed up with the stylish production company, Big Blind Media, to make the popular videos, *Bullets After Dark*, *Bullet Party*, *Fire When Ready*, *Fractalicious*, and the innovative *Sizzle*. Their epic, four-volume project, *Move Zero*, has set a new standard on self-working card magic.

Now ending its eighth year, John's cutting-edge *Genii* column, "Dealing With It," continued to highlight his streamlined, yet elegant card magic.

John's highly acclaimed 2023 card trick collection, *Very Hush-Hush*, sold out in a matter of weeks. Now in its third printing, it continues to captivate card aficionados worldwide.

In addition to his published collections, John has lectured throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia—achieving a truly international reputation. If you do any card magic, you most likely do at least one of his tricks.

John has been screwing around with playing cards for fifty years. He thinks he knows what he's talking about. And, he still has a few tricks up his sleeve.



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TESTIMONIALS:

I consider John Bannon one of today's greatest creative minds in magic. The thoughtfulness of the structure of all his effects is something to behold.—Howard Hamburg

The more I study card magic and mentalism, the more impressed I am with John Bannon. His "lean and mean" style of construction and execution inspires me. His routines are hard hitting and fun to perform. —Jeff McBride, Las Vegas Headliner

I've been a huge fan of John Bannon's magic since I bought 'Smoke and Mirrors' over 30 years ago. He is so so clever! Easy to do and utterly fooling - my kind of magic!—Andy Nyman

Sooner or later, everyone does Bannon.—Jack Carpenter



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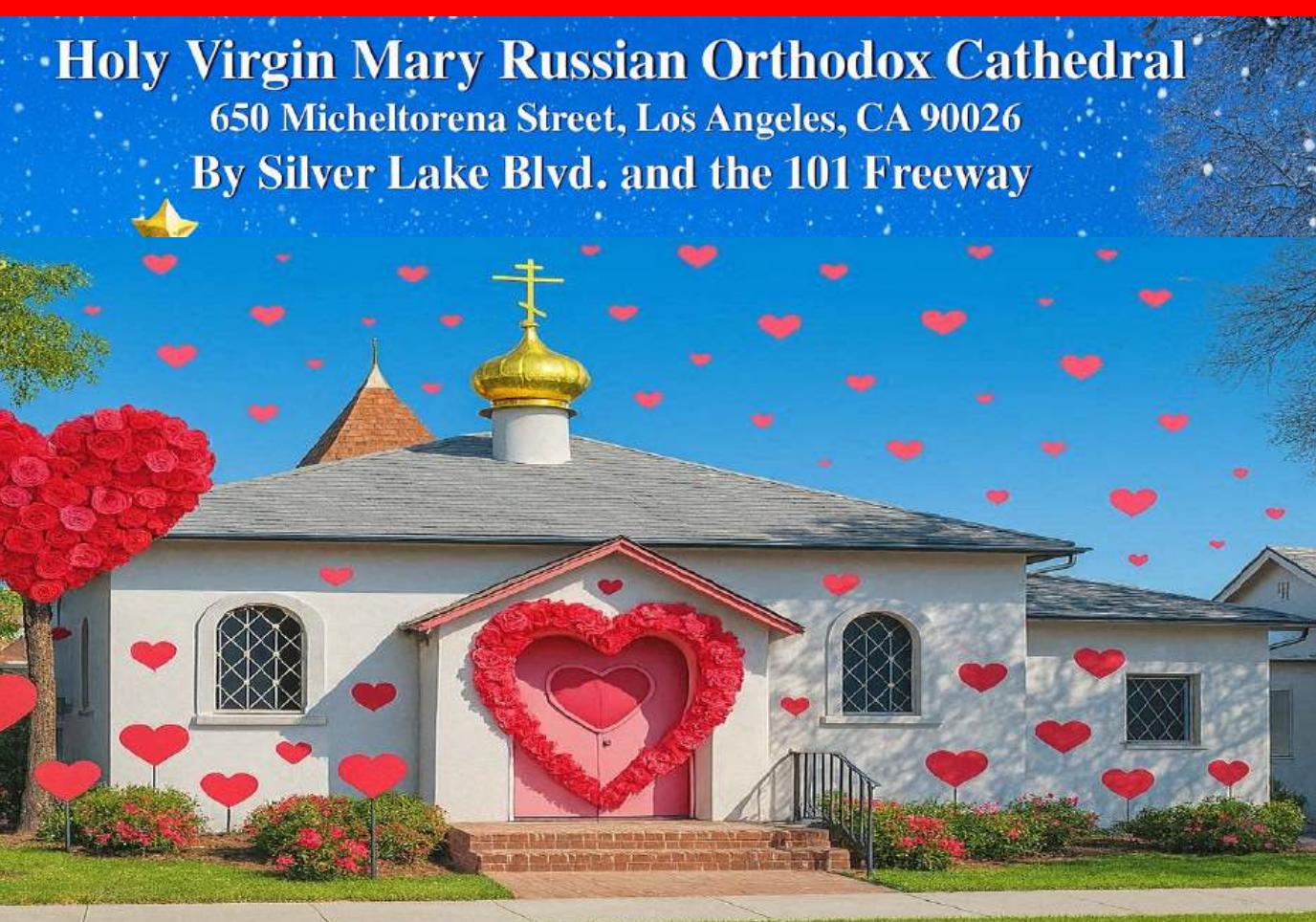
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THE PLAYBILL OF UPCOMING SCHEDULED * -EVENTS-

February 5-Tony Clark Lecture

February 19-John Bannon 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 with 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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Three brand NEW award categories to be awarded
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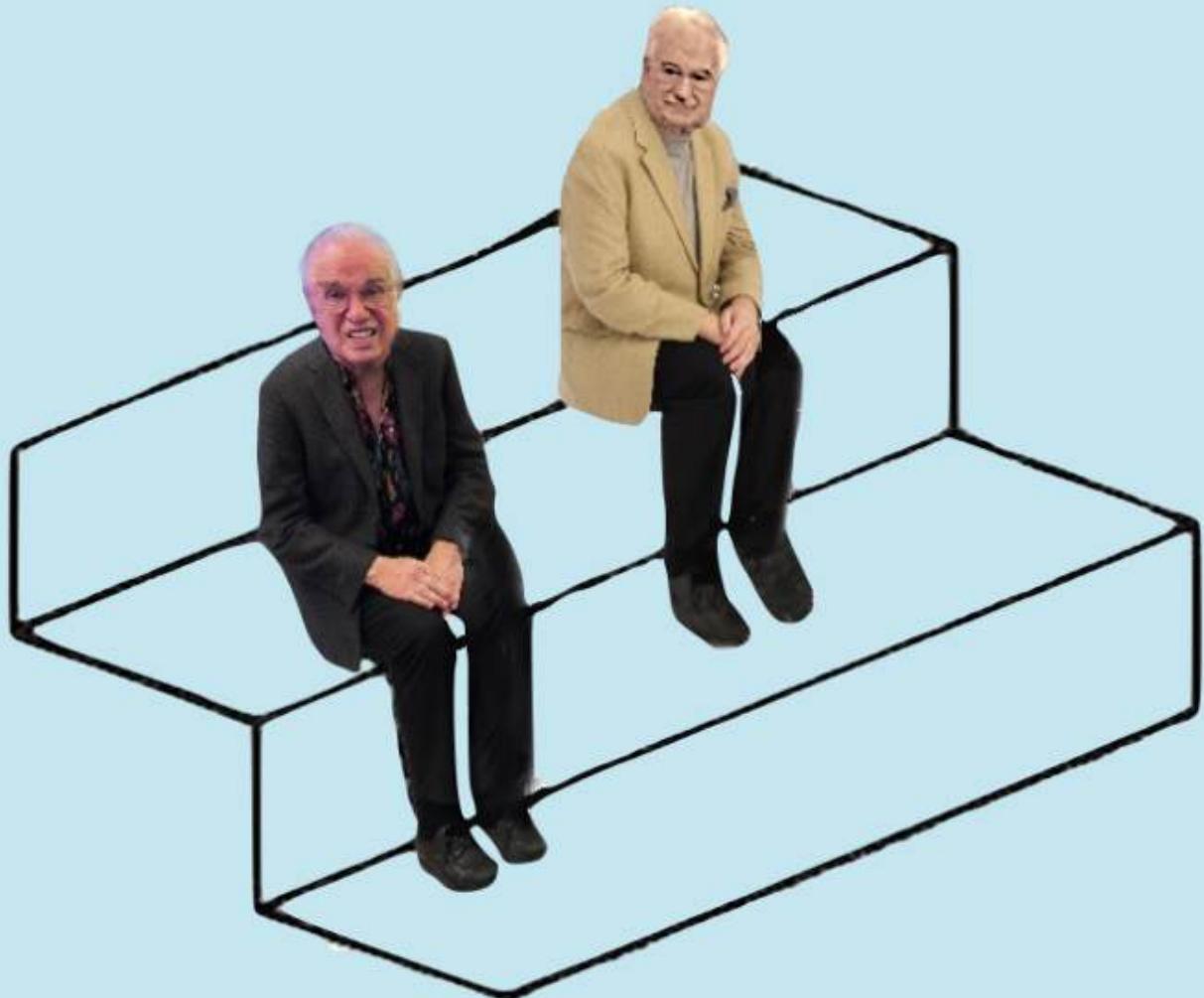
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STROLLING

Dates announced on previous page details forthcoming.

Optical Illusions

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JANUARY LINKING RING REPORT

BY MANNY D'MAGO

January's meeting was chock full of unbelievable announcements, lots of cool magic performances from our members and great raffle prizes. What do you expect from Hollywood's finest magic club, Ring 21 except the best?

Our President Bob Weiss, announced that our new performance nights will consist of a contest between our members, where they'll be going head to head with new themes!

Children's magic performance night, Bizarre Magic and Close-up Magic. Members will compete for an award to be presented at our annual banquet for 2026. It's definitely going to be an astonishing few evenings done in the style that only a Hollywood magic club can provide, truly worthy of the red carpet. Lots of originality so don't be shy and come on by!

In keeping the tradition of star studded evenings, legendary student of the great Slydini and Penn & Teller Fooler Tony Clark has been confirmed to give a lecture at our club meeting this February. You won't want to miss it!

Our January meeting started off with a bang, with performances from our members showing off their favorite magic from 2025. Our first performers for the night was Nicholas Garcia, showing off his skills with rope magic, tying knots, splitting ropes and vanishing knots and then making the rope whole! Wow!

Next up was our President, Bob Weiss and he performed very interesting trick involving pet adoption with a wide selection of animals on a poster board thought bubble. A volunteer and new member to ring 21, AJ Bernah picked a random number to count the animals, winding up with a random selection which was a snake. Turns out the choice was correct because Bob revealed a snake was what he was going to pick and pulled a snake out of the poster board. Sure beats the ol' rabbit from a hat!

Next up was Mark Anthony Petrucelli, performing a classy, stylized silk to tie routine, vanishing his black bow tie and replacing it with the produced from silk red bow tie. As the routine continued, red lights began to flash from his thumbs, disappearing and reappearing in various locations, ending with a fist full of confetti from nowhere for the finale!

Wendy Sobel was up next, performing a baffling walk through brick wall effect that was nothing short of incredibly fascinating, revealing a sun and moon on the other side of the brick wall! David Copperfield himself would be proud and fooled!

Gerry Schillers performance was something worthy of a romance novel; performing a new and updated version of the anniversary waltz with a reveal of the king and queen of hearts actually holding hands on the actual card, totally out of a Nicholas Sparks novel!

Next up was yours truly, Manny D'Mago. I performed an original routine ala chop cup style, with the balls, using instead dice and good ol' technical sleight of hand to create an elegant and classy effect, disappearing and reappearing from impossible locations. For the finale, the cup

was smoking hot, revealing from the smoke a giant die from under the cup to close out the performance. Luxury magic at its best!

Our new member AJ Bernah, performed a card effect with a volunteer selecting a card and having the volunteer lose it in the deck somewhere. He appeared to have fumbled the trick, however, he was covered...by the magicians insurance! He pulled out brochure lining out the details of coverage, revealing the correct selection from the volunteer being the the king of hearts. Crazy cool!

The always amazing Reid Eckman showed us a trick with newspaper clippings, all news from politics to entertainment, and then starts cutting them up into pieces. He chose me, Manny D'Mago, as a volunteer, asking me to stop where he wanted me to have him cut a piece of the clippings at a random word that was printed on there. Turns out, he revealed the word I chose and where it was located like a boss! My jaw dropped!

Lex Schwartz was up next, amazing the club with a card effect using two of our members as volunteers. 16 random cards were selected, then fanned out to have the other volunteer select a random card from the 16 cards. Then the 16 cards were split into two piles, including the selected card. This is the tricky part...not knowing where the selected card was since it was lost in the shuffle, the volunteers picked a pile at random, and after a single cut, the selected card was revealed at the top.

Ellen Stein stepped up to the stage with a card effect involving a story about her friends and her getting lost going out to the movies on the weekends. A new member, Brendy Mora, was volunteered to assist her in finding her friends, which were all the queens in the deck, lost in a shuffle, having them find their way back up to the top of the deck, reuniting with one other. No more wondering around ladies!

Next up, Allen Littenecker. He performed a unique illusion using Japanese art and a blank deck of cards. Brendy Mora was volunteered again, having selected a random card suit and another volunteer selecting a random number. Using the blank deck of cards, Allen began to reveal a "shiraku" painting revealing the randomly selected card, making for a truly spectacular illusion!

David Martinez closed out our performances with another unique piece of magic, and once again, Brendy was selected as a volunteer. David instructed Brendy to a designated website and David pulls out of his phone, a very teeny-tiny laptop computer while, mysteriously, a sharpie then begins to jump from his shirt pocket, which Brendy then uses to sign her name to a selected card. After David loses her card back into the deck, he then has her "type" on to the mini laptop her card and after some "tech issues" and "user error," David reveals the mini laptop was the selected, signed card. Geek squad would be out of business with that one!

All in all, it was a phenomenal experience, and as usual. A wonderful, magical evening. Stay tuned for next month's meeting, where I'll be reviewing my personal friend, mentor and legendary magician/Fooler, Tony Clarks' amazing lecture. Definitely going to be one for the history books, as the man has come out of retirement from lecturing as a special request from me, personally! Truly a treat you don't want to miss! Until next time, this is Manny D'Mago, luxury magician extraordinaire and secretary of Hollywood's Ring 21 signing off!



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Uri Geller

The man made famous for bending spoons on Johnny Carson (1973)

Uri Geller, the famous Israeli psychic, has indeed made some bold claims regarding Donald Trump's interest in Greenland. In early 2026, Geller even took the step of appointing President Trump as the

"President" of his own private island to help resolve the situation.

According to Geller, the motivation behind Trump's obsession is far more significant than just real estate or minerals. Here is the breakdown of his claims:

1. "Something Mind-Blowing"

Geller has stated that there is "something in Greenland that will blow your mind" and that Trump is one of the few people who knows what it is. While he hasn't explicitly revealed the secret, he implies it is linked to national security and ancient mysteries.

2. The "Key to Peace" on Lamb Island

Geller owns a small, uninhabited island off the coast of Scotland called Lamb Island, which he believes is a mystical site connected to ancient Egypt and hidden treasures.

- The Appointment: Geller "appointed" Trump as the leader of Lamb Island, suggesting it could become the USA's 51st state.
- The Logic: He argues that by establishing a U.S. presence on Lamb Island (which is 2,000 miles from Greenland), the U.S. could hold peace talks with Russia and China there, preventing a global war over Arctic territory.

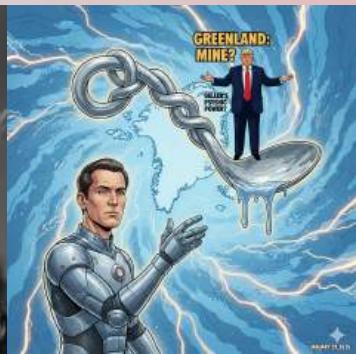
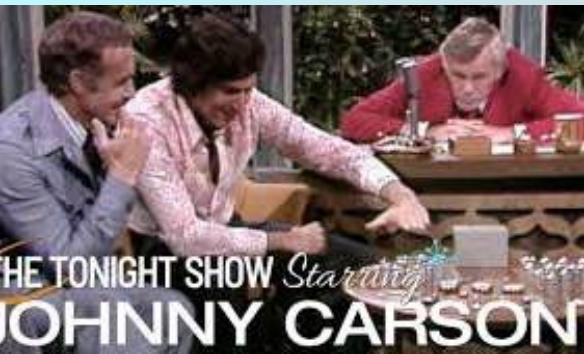
3. Preventing a Great Power War

Geller's "psychic" insight is that the fight over Greenland is a flashpoint for a potential world war between the U.S., China, and Russia. He believes Trump's desire to control the territory is a preemptive move to ensure "freedom throughout the world."

The Reality of the "Greenland Obsession"

While Geller focuses on the mystical, the official and geopolitical reasons for Trump's renewed push in 2025 and 2026 include:

- Strategic Location: Controlling the shortest air routes between North America and Russia.
- Rare Earth Minerals: Vast deposits essential for high-tech manufacturing and batteries.
- New Trade Routes: As Arctic ice melts, new maritime passages are opening that the U.S. wants to dominate before China does.



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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>

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