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International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meets 1st Thursday of nearly every month, Baptist Medical Center



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Mentalism is theme for June 5, back at Baptist; ballots due then.

For the regular June meeting of Ring 29, we will be back in our usual location -- **Baptist Hospital**. The meeting theme is **MENTALISM**. So pick your best mental effect and show up ready to perform at **7 p.m.**

If you plan to perform, please E-mail Bill Fulton:

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• The **BALLOT** for the **annual Ring 29 election**, is enclosed for club members. Mail it to Mr. Magic, or take it to the store, or bring it to the June 5 meeting. The deadline is 6 pm to Mr. Magic, or 7 pm at the meeting.

A THANK YOU FROM PRESIDENT DAN:

As we elect new officers for the coming year and my term of office draws to a close I just want to take the time to say to every club member, Thank You! Your support and enthusiasm for magic have been greatly appreciated these past two years. There are many great things in store for Ring 29 in the immediate and distance future. Your continued support for your new slate of officers will help Ring 29 continue to grow and expand. I wish all the best to our new officers and pledge my continued support of Ring 29 and its officers. Ring 29 is absolutely the best magic club I have had the pleasure to be associated with. Once again, "Thanks!"

-- Soon to be Past President Dan Hecke

REPORT FROM RING 29 SECRETARY, MAY 30:

• On April 3rd the annual auction was held. This is an opportunity of members and guests to buy props and magic paraphernalia that is no longer treasured by some but becomes new finds to others. This event benefits the Ring financially by charging 10% of each sale for handling the event.

• On April 5th, 2003 at 7 pm it was once again proven that for Arkansas the MAGIC does begin with IBM Ring 29. "Where the Magic Begins" was the theme of this the second annual public show. This year at the 2nd Presbyterian Church, the program featured Larry Roberts (also the sound-lighting-stage man), Andy Stirman, Jimmy Rhodes, Jr., Rebecca Roberts, Sean Westbrook, Paul Carlon with Collin Cheesman, and Gerry Bailey as Master of Ceremonies.

A crowd of about 90 people came out to enjoy an evening of illusion, comedy and magic. Of special note was an opening opportunity for each performer to produce a silk.

This ended with a silk streamer coming from Sean Westbrook's pant leg where boxer shorts magically appeared. A closing bow was followed with distribution of wands to children in the audience. These wands, as souvenirs, were a great hit with all that received them.

The combined efforts of the Director Bill Fulton, Stage Manager Dan Hecke and assistants, Joey Williams, Patrick Crabb, Don Thompson, Margarett LeClair, and Richard Knoll helped make the evening a success. Ring 29-Where the Magic Begins!

Richard Knoll

NEWS FROM RANDALL FOR JUNE:

I have been very busy. I performed for 1,000 3rd graders in Biloxi, MS in April, my sixth or seventh time to do this. They just keep asking me back. Have performed for Levi Strauss, Jacuzzi Brothers, Arkansas Association for Medical Engineers, Emmanuel Baptist in Piggott, AR, University of the Ozarks, and a couple of others. For my church's Easter celebration, I created an ascending and vanishing Jesus. It went over very well.

I will be back at the Music Mountain Jamboree in Hot Springs this year with my own two-hour show on Wednesday nights at 8pm starting the first Wednesday in June. I will perform by new "Blamo Box" on the show, and close the show with my water escape. In addition to my Wednesday show, I will perform at the same location, performing as emcee and doing magic on the regular music show there nightly.

Randall

PS. My new address is Randall@randallell.com

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OCTOBER PERFORMANCES NEWS:

Bill Fulton wrote, on May 27:

1. **DISCOVERY WEEKEND:** Lots of members signed up for the Museum of Discovery on **October 3-4** and I no longer need magicians for that event. Thanks!

2. **BOO!** I am still looking for performers at **Boo at the Zoo on October 23-26 and October 28-31**. I would like to be able to team two Ring members up for each night at a booth with our name on it. I have had a very low response to this

event (the Ring will get paid!). I realize it will be hard work, but it is great exposure.

I will be requesting a table and awning like the other groups. I think we would be better off at a table where we can keep our props under it while we demonstrate one effect after another and perhaps give candies and advertisements out. To be frank, I am concerned about kids snatching at your stuff.

It would be nice to be able to have two magicians per night that worked as a team to protect ourselves from kids that invade our space. Sounds like I don't like kids, but the truth is they do need to be watched.

All that said, a huge volume of people come through the Zoo and it is an excellent way to get our individual names out to the public and perhaps pick up a job or two. Also, of course, it is good publicity for the world of magic as well as our Ring.

Looking ahead:

July 3 - Ring Meeting, Close up Magic: Open performance by members

July 1-5 International Brotherhood of Magicians annual convention in Kansas City. Who's going?

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FROM LARRY ROBERTS, March 24:

My son, The Amazing Andrew (Andrew Roberts) had a full page feature article published on him in the local paper, (*The Courier*, Russellville) two weeks ago. In this feature several pictures were reproduced as well as three columns of text. The piece reviewed his career over the past three years. Andrew just had his 11th birthday and is embarking on his first job venture which will consist of Magic and Illusion for events and parties. His family will be in on the action...Father, Larry Roberts; Mother, Tracy and Sister MacKenzie.

Drew will also be appearing at several local schools toward the end of the school year to help in award and promotion assemblies.

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FOLLOW-UP ON THE PUBLIC SHOW:

FROM DERRICK ROSE, MARCH 17:

First let me say that if I were performing in the pub-

lic show, I would probably need every bit of two rehearsals. I don't believe that is true of everyone. I think the club should attempt to have the best performers possible on stage for a public show. If you have absolute rules about rehearsals and time requirements, then you are going to limit or even eliminate the professional and part time professional magicians out there who would like to participate in the show. If you are working, even on a semi-regular basis, your shows are going to be in the evenings and on the weekends. I think there needs to be more flexibility, not less.

And since you asked, I am wondering why we have limited our audience by promoting our public show as a "Children's Magic Show?" It seems to me we should be attempting to reach as broad an audience as possible. Shows (magic shows and others) in Branson, MO, are entertaining, and while they are certainly appropriate for children they don't promote them as kids shows. I don't think we should either.

Hope I didn't step on anyone's toes or feet and I should probably go ahead and chew on my shoe.

FROM JON BUCHER:

Good thoughts.....and every performer needs to know how long their act runs.....down to within seconds.....and a program committee needs to have a list of effects that are planned by a performer so duplication is kept to a minimum or cut out entirely. In case of duplicate effects, we have worked on a first come-first serve basis; i.e. the first performer to respond with a list of effects gets priority for an effect if someone else wants to perform it also. Most of us have effects we perform that no one in the club have ever seen so maybe a committee wanting to plan a program might poll the membership to see if any particular type of effect/act is available and ready to go. Just some ramblings from an old codg....(I'm not old enough to be a full blown codger yet!)

MORE FROM DERRICK ROSE:

Here are some of the events I have been involved in recently:

- Regularly featured as part of Breakfast with Tom on KTHV Channel 11 on most Friday mornings.
- March 3, I was the co-master of ceremonies for the Saline Memorial Hospital Easter Fashion Show titled "A GIRL THING".
- April 5, Was at Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista Hilton in Orlando, Florida. I performed for the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies.
- April 19, I performed at the Saddle Creek Church Easter Event located off Highway 10.
- May 2, Worked at the Therapeutic Recreation Arts Festival at the Little Rock Rivermarket. I entertained with walk around magic.