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Little Rock Magic Ring 29
Newsletter

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...



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Next Lecture: TOM BURGOON
 April 6, 2023



BELIEVE IN MAGIC!

**RING 29 MAGIC
 CHRISTMAS SHOW
 JANUARY 14, 2023
 JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Al Henager
 Blayk Puckett
 Derrick Rose
 Jimmy Rhodes
 Scott Davis
 Joey Williams

Marty Haughn-MC
 Bob Bullock-Close up
 Chris Thompson-Close up



Meeting Information

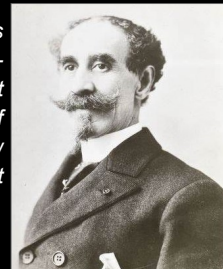
February 2, 2023
 Markham Executive Center
 10201 W. Markham, Little Rock
 6:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Tom Burgoon Lecture with
 Todd Lamanske
 April 6, 2023
 Henson Spring Estate Sale
 Date: TBD

"The magician must expect the exposure of his tricks sooner or later, and see what it has required long months of study and time to perfect dissolved in an hour. The very best illusions of the best magicians of a few years ago are now the common property of traveling showmen at country fairs."

- Alexander Hermann -



Current/Past Events

February Meeting Info

Our meeting for February 2 will be held at the Markham Executive Building in Little Rock at 6:45 p.m. This meeting will be a Magic Workshop providing an opportunity for those who are working on a particular trick and would like to be critiqued or advised on for improvement. If you have nothing you are working on bring in something fairly new to perform.

Feed the Vets

The board is working on presenting a public show fund raiser for the Feed the Vets food pantry. They are still in the planning stages and will be looking for some performers to volunteer their time and magic skills to help raise money.

If you are interested in performing, helping back stage, as a close up performer or back room please let one of the officers know.

Christmas Show

The 2023 Christmas Show was a huge success thanks to the performers and all who assisted in making the show possible. If you missed the show there are some video clips on the website for you to check out. The link to them is on the front page of website and in the white stripe under Ring 29 Video Archives.

Cavalcade of Magic 2023

Greetings Magi,

2023 is here! I hope it finds you doing well. I also hope you are making plans to attend the Cavalcade of Magic 2023! It will take place March 24-25th at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. We will meet for an auction Thursday the 23rd at about 8pm. We are finishing up the schedule and are looking forward to seeing everyone and learning,

and experiencing magic and illusions. So plan to be there early enough to get your items ready and look over what others have to sell at the auction.

Be sure and take advantage of the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks discounts for the Cavalcade. Make your room reservations by January 31 to get them. \$89 for 1 King or 2 Queen beds, and \$145 for Suites. Prices are good through February 23rd, but you must call the Inn of the Ozarks directly at 479-253-9768 and mention that you are with the magicians group.

Preregistration and entry for next year's free registration can be made on PayPal to ibmring75@att.net. This year, please add \$5 to your amount to cover the new fees that are being charged. Or you can send a check by mail to Clyde Hayre at 10813 Hunter Point Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903. There is no extra fee for checks. You can still pay at the door with cash or check, you just don't get in the drawing.

Also, we have made a couple of changes to registration fees for the first time in 40 years! The fee is still \$75 for a magician for the convention. But we have added a single day fee of \$50 for those who can only make one day. Also, we have raised the magician plus family fee to \$100 per family. If only the magician is attending events and family is only attending the evening shows, you still pay the magician only rate. The evening shows are still free! If that doesn't make sense, use your favorite method to contact me or one of the committee members for clarification. We have resisted doing this for some time, but can't put it off any longer.

We have a great lineup of lectures for you this year and the shows are filling up as well. If you would like to perform on one of the evening shows or the matinee, please let me know by reply to this email. Don't forget you can also participate in the Open Mic session on Friday afternoon.

Ron Ingram

President's Corner

Dane Dover

Happy New Year

Wow it is hard to believe that it is 2023, time marches on. Do you make New Year's resolutions? As I write this, we are past the first half-month of the New Year. Most people that have made resolutions have already broken them (You know work out every day, eat healthy, and don't get annoyed with "that" person I work with. The type of resolutions that are almost impossible to keep. I go to a gym, and I usually hate the month of January as it is really busy. I know that it won't be long until it is just the regulars again.

My challenge to you, as it concerns Magic, is not to make a resolution that can be easily broken but rather to make a SMART goal. SMART is an acronym for a goal that is Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Bound. So here are some examples of a couple of my Magic goals this year.

1. Perform a specific card routine that I found in ("My Best" a magic book that I have) at the Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs. If you want to see it you have to be there. Notice that it is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and Time-bound. (Notice I didn't say I would back-palm a half a deck of cards at the Cavalcade (while specific and measurable for me it is not attainable). My goal is relevant, this year I am also going to build a cigar-box guitar but that is not relevant to my Magic Goal. My goal is Time-Bound it is not open ended that some day I would learn and work on this routine. The day is approaching so I better learn it, practice it or fall on my face.

2. Work on a cups and balls routine. While I am still in the exploratory stage of this goal (Have to decide on a routine) I am planning to perform it at the Cavalcade in 2024. I liked Suzanne's routine and purchased her routine but I also like a routine that I have read in Tommy Copper's short book so decisions, decisions.

So, for 2023 what SMART goals will you make for your Magic?

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 did not have a meeting this month as we enjoyed our annual Christmas Magic Show on January 14th. What a show it was! Many thanks go out to the two close up magicians, Bob Bullock and Chris Thompson for entertaining guests as they waited for the show to begin. Of course, we cannot forget the six magicians who had our audience laughing and mesmerized, Al Henager, Blayk Puckett, Derrick Rose, Jimmy Rhodes, Scott Davis and Joey Williams. These fine entertainers gave us all a fantastic show and as a result we will have some of our new guests returning for next year.

The following is a short description of the acts. To see entire individual performances, please go to our Video Archive on the website.

In brief, the show kicked off with a bang as Master of Ceremonies Marty Haughn got the audience worked up with some entertaining music. Sporting orange framed sunglasses and a flashing hat Marty headed into the audience and started dancing with Molly Jones.

First on board was the dapper looking Al Henager. Al brought a sense of class and elegance demonstrating complete control over his routine. Al's script is his original writing which had the audience captivated throughout his telling of a story from his childhood called "Mystery of the Guitar Mansion", a version of "Copentro", while coins magically moved from one location to another. It seemed that every time a bell was rung one of his coins had left and appeared in a silk covered glass.

Al was followed by Blayk Puckett who started with a unique newspaper tear then moved into a "High Gravity" sort of juggling or spinning or try not to spill the milk routine. Blayk had the audience in a frenzy of entertainment and excitement. His skill and talent seems limitless for every show I see him in.

Derrick Rose was introduced next and began talking about, of all things, a "Blind Date". Several questions were asked of an audience member regarding a month, day and through a chosen name from cards, her date's name. Everything stated ended up being on the prediction sheet pulled from a large envelope he had on stage.

We took a short fifteen minute break then moved right into the transferring of Rabbit E. Lee to yet another home. The previous guardian was Joel Nicholson who, by tradition, added a COVID home test to the traveling rabbit. The lucky guardian this year was Dan Hecke. I wonder what will be added for next year.

The second half of the show was kicked off with Jimmy Rhodes. Jimmy always seems to have a lot of fun while on stage and includes an audience member. This time was no different as he needed some money. A young volunteer came up with three dollars which started the comedic run of jokes and fun.

All the way from Hot Springs, Scott Davis spun the audience up once again looking for a woman to volunteer her wedding ring. She obliged and then a young volunteer came up to assist in not only losing the ring but finding it coming from a bubble gum machine.

Our closing act was from Joey Williams. He provided a lengthy introduction which explained not only the music but a short story behind the performance. Joey has been known to make a mess on stage and was banned from repeating...the ban was lifted and a snow storm hit the stage. Great music and great finish for the show. It was clear the audience had a great time and was highly entertained thanks to our performers.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report looks back just 10 years to the January, 2013 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jon Bucher and the Secretary was Robert (Bob) White. The Ring met monthly at Shuffeld Auditorium in Little Rock.

Ring 29 gets to celebrate Christmas twice a year. In December we have our club party and then in January, instead of our regular meeting, we put on our annual public show, which has traditionally been called our Christmas party show.

The gala event was held again this year at the Jacksonville, Arkansas community center. Included in the \$10 price of admission was dinner. The bill of fare was barbecue with all the fixin's – catered by Corky's along with deserts provided by club members. After the meal, TVP Larry Bean acting as MC for the evening, welcomed all and introduced the first performer.

President Jon Bucher opened with an attempt to pull the proverbial table cloth from under a spread of his wife's Christmas China. Amazingly it worked, to a round of applause – plus a standing ovation from Susan Bucher who had loaned the china. Webmaster Bob Bullock channeled his Italian tomato farmer character to perform a wonderful Benson Bowl style routine with sponge tomatoes. The routine ends with the bowl wondrously overflowing with the ripe sponge tomatoes. Local favorites, Joey Williams and Jimmy Rhodes, teamed up to take the stage next. Joey performed a Silk to Egg routine followed by Jimmy, who did a Card Sword routine using a rubber chicken for a sword and what looked like one of Col. Sanders' chicken buckets. The pair worked in unison for their finale with Joey presenting the "Snowstorm in China." The storm part was provided by Jimmy manning a home leaf blower. Zany and entertaining!

During intermission, Jon Bucher returned to the stage to conduct our perennial favorite quiz contest: pitting a selected group of kids against a group of adults. Of course the quiz was rigged, and the kids proved smarter than the adults, as usual.

Between the acts, MC Larry Bean would attempt to vanish a silk with the aid of a young assistant. When the trick would not work, Larry kept trying with a larger wand. Of course this was the "Bigger Wand" effect, ingeniously staged in steps throughout the show.

The second half was led by the Hensini brothers (Dan Hecke and Jim Henson) who did a great skit on stage to the soundtrack of the old 1950s novelty song, "Beep, beep!" by the Playmates. Dan had created a wonderful cardboard Cadillac and Nash Rambler for the duo to race around the stage. Their antics of course ended with a crash – thankfully off stage.

Paul Carlon followed with a perfect performance of the Anderson Newspaper Tear, much to the delight of the crowd. Illusionist Randall Eller provided the grand finale for the show. He first performed his version of the art pad card rise. He was then joined on stage by his assistant Casey, and together they performed one of the fastest and cleanest "Metamorphosis" routines anybody had ever witnessed.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

Thanks to all our performers, plus special kudos to Aaron Acosta, Bob Bullock, Col. James Kinsey, and all who worked behind the scene to make the evening a success.

And that was the 2nd Christmas party for the Ring in less than a month. It was held in January when stage venues were (and still are) much easier to reserve. The late Christmas party and show tradition has worked well for the Ring and it always delivers great evening performances that are exceptionally magical and memorable. It's a time when select members can perform their best acts for families, friends, fellow Ring members and a sprinkling of regular public folks who like to be entertained. As evidenced by that write-up, the show was packed with some dazzling magic. If you attended this year's show, you were even treated to a repeat version of Joey's memorable "Snowstorm in China". What a great way to close out one year and "kickoff" a new one. Let's all look forward to a great, magical 2023 ahead! You can make it happen!

Until next time, remember, The future welcomes those who honor the best of the past.

BELIEVE IN MAGIC!



Magician
Jimmy Rhodes



Magician
Scott Davis



Magician
Joey Williams



Emcee
Marty Haughn



Magician
Derrick Rose



Magician
Blayk Puckett



Magician
Al Henager



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WHERE THE

MAGIC BEGINS

IBM Ring 29

2023 Christmas Show



2023 Christmas Show



Master of Ceremonies

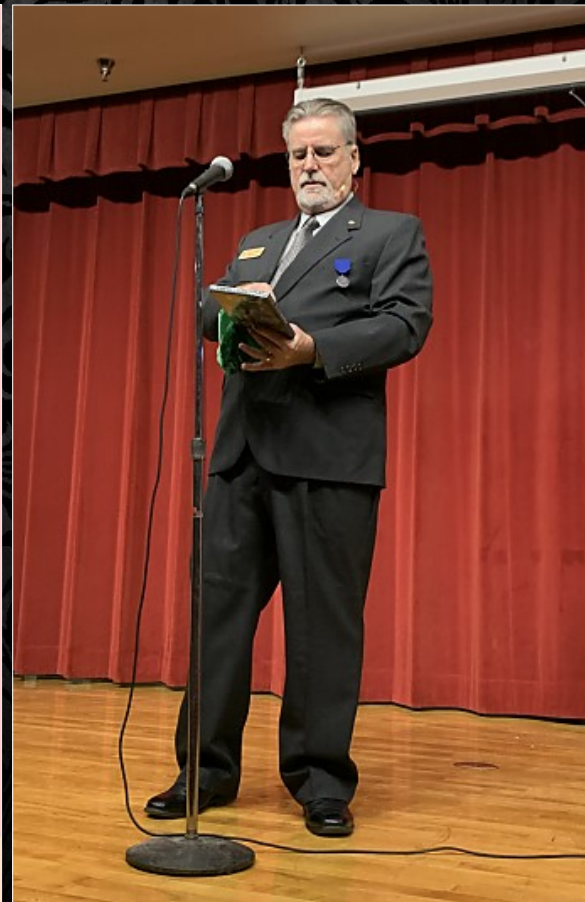
Hello everyone! I'm Joel Nicholson, current Vice President. Welcome to Little Rock Magic Ring 29's annual "Christmas Show". We are happy you came and hope you get some laughs as our magicians entertain you.

Our Master of Ceremonies tonight has been performing magic since he was 12 years of age. As he grew in his craft, he performed his first stage show at the age of 25. Since then, he has performed at the annual Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs and at our annual Christmas show.

He is a past president of the club and led us expertly as COVID arrived and wrecked our scheduled plans and meetings, yet we still had a get together like this one tonight.

We club members really appreciate him for what a hardworking, talented and valuable member of our club that he is. By the way, he didn't write this!

He has been a blessing to us all ...so ...will you please... give an appreciative welcome to tonight's emcee ... Marty Haughn!



Al Henager

Act 1 - Al Henager

Emcee: Our first entertainer has been involved in magic for over 25 years, performing for civic groups, youth organizations, schools, retirement communities and churches. As a retired Minister and Chaplain educator, he brings empathy and compassion to his programs. By using inspiring stories, sprinkled with mystery and sparkling humor, he aims to not only entertain but also go Beyond Illusion to explore truth from the supernatural world. Please, let's start off with a loud and exciting welcome for Al Henager!



Blayk Puckett

Act 2 - Blayk Puckett

Emcee: I have attended these shows since becoming a member of Ring 29 and have found that our next entertainer is one of my favorites. He is a fun and exciting performer who has entertained thousands of people with his unique blend of juggling, magic and comedy. He has spent years sharpening his skills so he can delight and amaze you with his hilarious, interactive and incredible show. Please, welcome to the stage, the very multi-talented, Blayk Puckett!



Derrick Rose

Act 3 - Derrick Rose

Emcee: Tonight we are fortunate to have Arkansas's favorite party entertainer. Amazing, hilarious and mind blowing are just a few of the things you'll hear in the audience of a magic show performed by the next magician. His resume states he is an incredible balloon artist that can add an entertaining twist to any event. He is a local celebrity due to his regular TV appearances, a well-loved family show and corporate entertainment. As an award-winning magician and balloon artist he was voted Little Rock Magazine's favorite party entertainer. He has over 30 years of experience entertaining audiences and wants to share his style of magic, comedy and illusions with you tonight. Put your hands together and welcome the amazing, Derrick Rose!



Jimmy Rhodes

Act 4 - Jimmy Rhodes

Emcee: Ladies and gentlemen, you are in for a treat tonight as our next entertainer is an award-winning magician and member of the Arkansas Masters of Illusion who will be featured at the Cavalcade of Magic this coming March. His hilarious antics and magical surprises make our next magician one not to missed.

A man from a planet much like your own...let's welcome...the one and only, Jimmy Rhodes!



Scott Davis

Act 5 - Scott Davis

Emcee: Our next entertainer has been performing magic professionally for the past 25 years. He has performed in every county in the state of Arkansas. From the stages of Las Vegas casinos to resorts nation wide, his unique blend of comedy and magic has been seen by over a million people from across America. Additionally, he has been featured on television affiliates for ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX. This magician has even opened for comedian Jay Leno.

Put your hands together for the very funny and talented, Scott Davis!



Joey Williams

Act 6 - Joey Williams

Emcee: In March of 2018, The Arkansas Winds Community Concert Band presented "The Magic of Music". The concert included a mix of magical music from genres including classical, film, and jazz. The Arkansas Winds featured the magic of this award winning stage and close up magician and member of the Arkansas Winds saxophone section.

The Arkansas Winds arranged a piece entitled "In the Bleak Midwinter." The Arkansas Winds tailored "In the Bleak Midwinter" specifically for the performance that you will see this evening.

The curious comfort of "In the Bleak Midwinter" was written by the English poet Christina Rossetti. The poem was published under the title "A Christmas Carol" in January 1872. Few Christmas songs temper the joy and light of the festive season with the dark realities of modern life. Most "wish it could be Christmas every day", or point out "what fun it is to laugh and sing a sleighing song". "In the Bleak Midwinter" is rather different; somber and earnest in tone, it offers themes of hope and strife in equal measure.

Our next magician presents this classic tune with interpretation of illusion and magic to the music from the Arkansas Winds. Please welcome to the stage, a very clever and talented entertainer, Joey Williams.



Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 14, 2023	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Christmas Show	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	TBA	TBA	N/A	
March	TBA	TBA	N/A	
April	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Dane Dover
May	TBA	TBA		
June	TBA	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	TBA	N/A	
August	TBA	TBA	N/A	
September	TBA	TBA	N/A	
October	TBA	TBA	N/A	
November	TBA	TBA	N/A	
December			N/A	

* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the month will be listed on the website beginning in August.

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All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained from http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf.

Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Mailing Lists

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact *Treasurer Col. James Kinsey*.

www.littlerockmagic.net or www.littlerockmagic.org

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members. New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

Using Ring 29 Email Group

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "Mr. Magic"
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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