

The
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Little Rock Magic Ring 29
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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...



Thank you to Scott Davis, Blayk Puckett Mary Ann Campbell and Derrick Rose for a very fun and entertaining show Saturday, you did not disappoint.

For those not in attendance, you missed a great show with a twist to our normal format. Only three performers came on stage and each had thirty minutes to entertain. This allowed each to showcase their talents and provide the audience something very special. It appears this format will remain in place for future shows.

Mary Ann Campbell did an excellent job as the Emcee and even had an intermission go at magic which included everyone in the audience. Jim Henson had provided wands to all ticket holders and these wands were used to assist Mary Ann with the appearance of a box full of money.

There was certainly no shortage of talent and comedy. Derrick had his kid assistants laughing as they helped create the magic. Blayk had the audience on the edge of their seats with some fantastic and somewhat dangerous juggling all the while easing the tension with some fun magic sprinkled in between. Closing the show was Scott Davis with his never-ending humor and fast paced magic. The folks from Dallas did not know what had hit them! Funny, entertaining, From every performer, we all received nothing but a classy, and above all THE BEST show.

Meeting Information

Meeting
 February 1, 2024
 6:45
 Terry Library

Upcoming Events

Meeting March 7, 2024
 Meeting April 4, 2024

"When we think of misdirection, we think of something as looking off to the side when, actually, the things right in front of us are often the hardest to see: the things that you look at every day that you're blinded to. "

- Apollo Robbins -



President's Report

Dane Dover

Add – a – number and other Diversions

In our recent public show, with Mary Ann Campbell as our MC we had Derrick Rose, Blayk Puckett and Scott Davis who performed and one thing that I noticed is that they all had some classics in their performances. (I don't really know how to classify classics when it comes to juggling but I guess 3 ball juggling would be considered a classic). One of the classics that Scott Davis performed was add-a-number. Which can be found in most texts dating way back to at least Tarbell and probably further back than that (magic historians are shuddering right now).

I like math tricks but for most you, you need hide the math that is being done (Think the 9 principle). If you don't know what this is then Google math magic tricks and it will show up. I always liked the magic trick where you had someone open up a calculator and enter a number and multiply it by another single digit and then another, etc., etc., etc., until you have a 12 – 16 digit number. Have the spectator to choose one of the digits and then call off the other digits either from right to left or from left to right but not to call out their chosen number and you would reveal the number they were thinking of. The drawback was it always needed a calculator and the suspicion was that somehow the calculator was gimmicked in some way. Well, now everyone carries a calculator in their pocket and if they have an iPhone by turning the iPhone sideways they can generate the 12 – 16 digit number.

The method is simple, simple, simple, my kind of trick. As they call out the numbers you just keep simplifying the number down to a single digit for instance if they call 7 and then 4 you get 11 which when added together becomes 2 and then they call 8 which is 10 which gets simplified to 1 and so forth and so forth. When you get the final number let's say it is 7 then the missing number would be whatever number adds up to 9 so the missing number would be 2. I'm not a magic manuscript writer and I'm sure I made that as clear as mud. Here is a link to a much better explanation of the trick and the method. Enjoy.

<https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/blog/missing-digit>

Dane

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn



Ring 29 lost a valuable member this month. Gerry had been battling Cancer for some time and passed January 10, 2024. Gerry was a fellow Hoosier hailing not far from my hometown. Aside from magic, his interest in 3D printing brought our friendship much closer. From myself, my wife Tammy and Rings 29, 75 and 308...Gerry, you will be sorely missed.

Gerry Dee Bailey
June 26, 1941 - January 10, 2024



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 held its annual show on January 13th, 2024. The festivities began with President Dane Dover who spoke about the show and asked for Treasurer James Kinsey to the stage. James began by describing an award to be given to Secretary Marty Haughn. The award was for "Volunteer of the Year". Congrats to Marty and the Ring appreciates all your hard work.

This year the board decided that fewer performers would serve two purposes, the main one is to showcase three members stage work and perform for thirty minutes each. The second meant that six or so performers didn't do just one trick and leave the stage. This format made the show much more entertaining and enjoyable for everyone, including the performers. Looks like this will be the future of our annual show.

Dane took over again and started the introduction of our Emcee for the night, Mary Ann Campbell. Mary Ann carries the weight of women magicians in Arkansas and is one of, if not, the first woman magician in Arkansas. She graces the cover of the May 1979 Linking Ring magazine, worked as the state coordinator for David Copperfield's "Project Magic", and served as a full-time visiting professor at the University of Central Arkansas, where her students referred to her as "Dr. MAC." More recently Mary Ann was featured in a Texas online group called "New Magic Academy". Ring 29 is proud to have her as a long-time member.

Getting things started was local celebrity, Derrick Rose. Derrick got the "ball" rolling by walking on stage with a large drawing pad. He started with a circle calling it a ball. Next, three little circles making the drawing a bowling ball when suddenly, a bowling ball fell to the floor and the drawing was no longer on the page! Derrick followed with the classic, "when I was a kid" Five Card Repeat, then surprised everyone with his jumping stool. Next he talked of dressing up for a party and needed help from a young audience member in deciding what to wear. The selection came from a three sectioned page book of images. Derrick ended up as a fish-chicken-moose! The young man could not control his laughter and delight at the result.

Moving on with his show Derrick spoke about performing a classic of magic, the Egg Bag. With his finesse and banter, one audience member was baffled at the egg and its travels in and out of the bag. Derrick finished with another classic but in small form. From a clear box he was able to conjure up a ghostly presence under a cloth. Floating around the stage it seemed there was no controlling the entity and back into the box it went.

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Our second performer is also a bit of a celebrity, with the University Police in Conway. He is the only person I know of who was able to get out of a ticket with Juggling. His feat was captured on the dash-cam and was a huge hit online which eventually got to the show Inside Edition! Blayk Puckett entered the stage and wowed everyone with his juggling skills AND magic. Blayk began with some magic using a special version of Torn/Restored Newspaper. This paper was actually a junk mail flyer he began tearing into pieces. After some story telling the flyer was not only restored but had his name cut out of the center. Next, he performed his famous tennis ball routine flawlessly to some great music. It seemed the balls were moving in cadence with the song. A beautiful routine full of talent. Back to magic Blayk had a paper bag with an empty bottle inside. We know this because it was removed and shown to be real. He placed it back into the bag, asked for suggestions to what to do with it. Make it disappear was on tap but not what he was looking for. Fill it up was on point and that is just what he did, it came out filled with a blue colored soft drink and given to an audience member, that is, after the bag was wadded up to prove being empty.

Blayk brought out a lemon and knife and stated not to try at home. The knife went on his forearm, the lemon was tossed into the air with the knife, and Blayk caught the knife in time to allow the lemon to skewer itself onto the knife! Whew! He then worked with a single wooden ring where he placed a glass of water on the inner side of the ring and began spinning it around! You really had to be there to believe it. He closed with the glass of water on the top of the ring and balanced it on his chin. Good Greif! His finale was telling how Cigar Box Juggling began in a prison and commenced to showing how it goes. Again with music, those boxes jumped and hopped between each other and his legs, quite the spectacle. Great show Blayk.

Our final performer is also a celebrity from Hot Springs, Arkansas where he performs professionally on stage. Scott Davis has been performing professionally for more than thirty years. He had performed in all seventy-five counties of Arkansas, and for over one-million people nation-wide. Scott began with a cane and newspaper promising to make it change color without proving it! Before you knew it the cane was gone when the paper was unrolled. Followed by two short bits, sponge balls and an invisible deck. Scott's humor got everyone in an uproar as he joked with his volunteers and spouse. He followed these bits with a pretty convincing "Prediction" routine using collected numbers. His job was to correctly identify the total of the numbers and succeeded.

Another volunteer was brought on stage for yet another "mentalism" trick, this time with magazines. From a choice of two magazines the volunteer was asked to find a large word in the one chosen. In par with his humor, Scott was able to determine the correct word to the shocked look on his volunteers face. Scott wasn't finished fooling around with his volunteers, who, by the way, came in from Dallas! He asked for any type of animal and he would make it out of a balloon. Several unique and would be difficult to make suggestions were made. Finally, a giraffe was named. When he began twisting the balloon, it was obvious they were going to get a poodle! All the while, Scott opened up Pandora's Box of humor and had us all laughing.

Our show was over and we thank all those who braved the frigid weather to join us in the fun.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we take another look back 10 years to the Ring meeting of January, 2014. The President at that time was Jon Bucher and the Secretary was Bob White. The Ring met monthly at Shuffield Auditorium in Little Rock.

Our public show for 2014 was held for the third year at the Jacksonville, Arkansas community center. Even though held in January, it has been traditionally called our Christmas show. Our turn out this year was one of our largest and exceeded 100 guests.

The admission was only \$10, which included dinner. The bill of fare was barbeque catered by Corkys. Deserts were provided by members and family.

After the meal, President Jon Bucher, acting as MC, welcomed all in attendance and introduced TVP Larry Bean, who conducted a Broken Wand Ceremony for the late Sam Boyce.

Jon introduced the first performer of the evening, Scott Davis. Scott wowed the audience with his presentation of the Newspaper Tear followed with an add a number prediction. Bob Bullock performed a flawless "Jazz Ropes" routine to the delight of the crowd. Blayk Puckett combined his expert and comedic juggling skill with a bit of magic. Balls, rope knots, and even razor sharp knives all dance in his hands. Vice President Aaron Acosta amazed the audience with a great silk routine which included a visual 21st Century Silk ending. Jimmy Rhodes followed with his brand of comedy magic. With a helper from the audience, Jimmy vanished a bill, which appeared in a zippered wallet.

After intermission, Randall Eller performed an incredible time travel themed Book Test with the help of two spectators. He followed with a great audience participation "Super Hero" prediction effect. Kaley Crum performed an inexplicable celebrity prediction that had us scratching our heads. Don Baer used rope and balloons to entertain his young helpers, along with the crowd. For the finale, Dr. Chris Westfall performed as his alter ego - Phineus T. Beauregard, time traveler from 1893 and world's greatest magician (self-proclaimed). With the help of a group of young audience members, P.T. opened with a wonderful wizard and princess routine. Next he produced silks from an empty hat, and a live rabbit from the silks. P.T. closed the show with his rendition of the "Gypsy Balloon."

Thanks to all our performers and to all those members who worked behind the scene to make our 2014 public show an outstanding success. That Christmas show in January of 2014 was a real hit, as all of our public shows have been. What a bargain! A full barbeque meal from Corky's, supplemented by an extensive variety of deserts from our Ring families and a full evening show with top performances from our members for only \$10. The room was packed with over 100 happy attendees who experienced fine food, fellowship and a magical evening.

It's events like this that can stir the imaginations of the young and "young at heart" to appreciate the art of magic and further motivate some to dive into this wonderful world of wonder that we all enjoy.

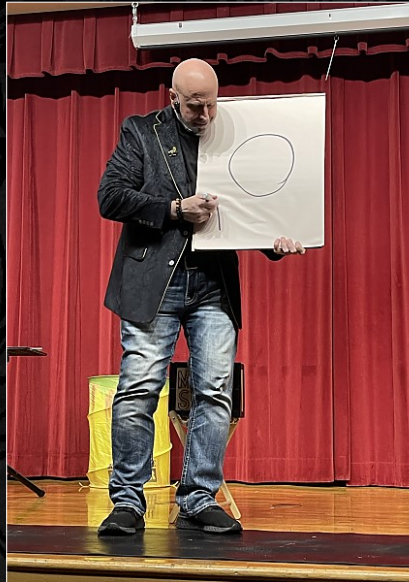
Until next time, remember, according to Ricky Maye, "The past does not define me, it ignites me. The past is not a piece of me, it has placed me."

Mary Ann Campbell

Emcee



Derrick Rose



Blayk Puckett



Scott Davis



Intermission





SCOTT DAVIS - BLAYK PUCKETT - DERRICK ROSE
EMCEE :MARY ANN CAMPBELL
SOUND ENGINEER: PAUL CARLON

Schedule of Events

2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 13, 2024	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show	N/A	Mary Ann Campbell
February	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Number Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Coin Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
April	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Liquid Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
May	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Classic Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	Rope Magic	N/A	
August	TBA	Card Magic	N/A	
September	TBA	Prediction Magic	N/A	
October	TBA	Mentalism/Halloween	N/A	
November	TBA	Escape Magic	N/A	
December	TBA	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

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

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.

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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.

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