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The Oakland Magic Circle  
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at  
Bjornson Hall, 2258 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602  
Doors open at 6:00 pm  
MARCH 2010

Tuesday, March 2, 2010:  
6:00 Doors open  
7:15 General meeting  
7:30 Open Performance!

### President's Message

The Installation banquet was a success! We sold in excess of 100 dinners and show only tickets!

Thank you to all who attended. And speaking of attendees, another big surprise was the attendance of Catherine Haskell, who is the great great grand niece of our first president, Professor El-Tab, a.k.a Alfred J. Battle.

The biggest thanks goes out to the donors of our raffle prizes. Gary Meyer donating posters, event tickets and collectors magazines from the Balboa Theater; Richard Tuck donating passes for Playland Not At The Beach; Mark Stock donating several Veronin posters, Byron Walker donating several fun and collectable books and Fred Casto for several fine items.

If you missed the show, here is the running order: Opening was Mike Stroud with his Change of Face mask act; Dan Chan and Kat with their OMC Stage competition act; Dennis Forel's Balloonacy; Farrell Dillon who culminated with a daring strait jacket escape while riding a roly bolla surfboard; and finally our headliner: Tom Ogden who really brought the house down with some of the finest comedy and magic only he can do.

I would also like to thank those who helped set up and clean up the room. This is our club and your help is essential in making these events happen as smoothly as they do. Another big thanks goes to our stage crew.

Manya, backstage making everything flow smoothly; David Fry making sure everyone is heard; and Fred on spotlight so our performers shine on stage.

For March we will have an open performance session. Close-up, stand-up or stage performances are all welcome. Please bring your favorite effect or routine, or something you are working on.

In April (is it that time already?) is Northern California's LARGEST AND FINEST magic flea market and auction. Start dusting off your unused props, gimmicks, books and multi media magic surplus. We had over 100 in attendance last year. Let's see if we break that record this year!!

Sincerely,  
Scott Alcalay

### Future Events

April - Annual OMC Auction and Flea Market  
May - TBA

June - Lloyd Jones Close-up contest for OMC Members

July - No Meeting, trip to Alameda County Fair

August - OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

September - OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.

October - TBA

November - Nominations for 2011 officers

December - Election of 2011 officers

If you have not paid your 2010 dues, please mail your payment made payable to The Oakland Magic Circle in the amount of \$20 (\$15 for Life Members) to Manya Casto, 1853 Lamplight Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

## Contest!!!

Do you recognize these teenage magicians performing *Zombie* and the *Floating Skull*? One is a Life Member of the OMC and the other is an Honorary Member. Their identity will be revealed at the March meeting.



## UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

The Balboa Theatre in San Francisco will celebrate its 84th Birthday in style on Sunday, February 28, recreating a night at the movies in 1926. The main attraction will be Paul Leni's *THE CAT AND THE CANARY* starring Laura LaPlante and accompanied live by Dave Miotke. Also featured are selected short subjects, a live vaudeville show featuring magician James Hamilton and singer Linda Kosut, the Premiere of the new silent short film shot at the Balboa and birthday cake by Diane Boate, who each year creates a themed and delicious work of art to eat. Everybody will win prizes.

The celebration is dedicated to the memory of Irma Levin, long-time Balboa owner and co-founder of the SF International Film

Festival, who recently passed away.  
<http://balboamovies.com/blog.php>

The show starts at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30. Jack Tillmany will be signing and selling copies of his books on the theatres of San Francisco and Oakland. Advance tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/99982>  
The Balboa Theatre is located at 3630 Balboa Street (@37th Ave) 415 2218184  
[www.BalboaMovies.com](http://www.BalboaMovies.com)

## IBM Ring 216, Lecture by FISM Champion Shawn Farquhar on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

Sponsored by IBM RING 216, the magic lecture by FISM Champion Shawn Farquhar will be held at the Yu-Ai Kai Center (588 N. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA), 7:30pm, Member cost is \$10, Non-Member Cost is \$25. The magic taught during the lecture will include many effects, techniques and ideas used in Shawn's award winning performances. This is a lecture of real material used in Shawn's shows that have made him his living for years! More information about Shawn can be found at:

<http://www.magiclecture.com/> For questions, please contact: Cal Tong, Vice President IBM Ring 216 Email: [ctong-dsl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctong-dsl@sbcglobal.net)

## The Magique Bazaar presents "A Night of Illusion Theatre"

"March 6, Saturday, 2010 at Senzala Brazilian restaurant 250 E. Java Drive in Sunnyvale, California [Senzalarestaurant.com](http://Senzalarestaurant.com)  
Doors open 6:30, dinner served until 8. Show 8-9:30 p.m. Show info (408)BIG\*SHOW \$10 for all OMC members  
See magic from around the world by award-winning Majinga the Magician and Magic Genii.  
Live music by Fontain's Muse.

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Please send submissions to either [scott@scottalcalay.com](mailto:scott@scottalcalay.com) or [byron.walker@comcast.net](mailto:byron.walker@comcast.net)