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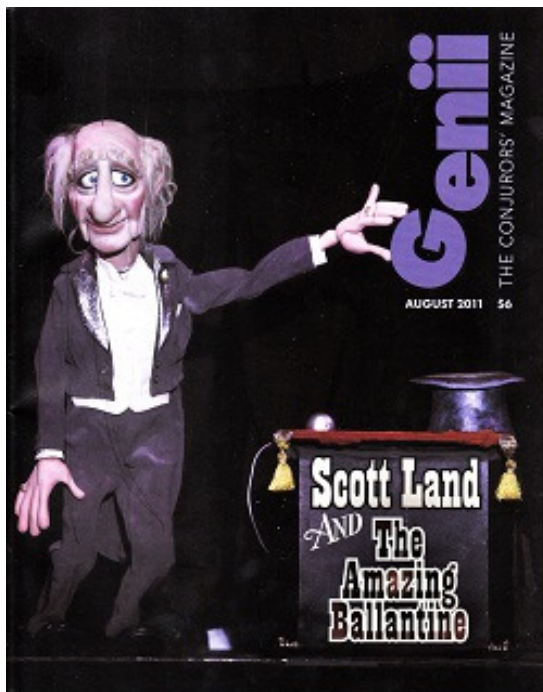
The Oakland Magic Circle
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at
Bjornson Hall, 2258 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602
Doors open at 6:00 pm
FEBRUARY 2012

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
Installation Banquet and Show!!

President's Message

It was great to see such a fantastic turnout for Daryl's lecture for our first meeting of 2012.

Our next event is the Installation banquet and show. As I write this column, I see there are only 14 tickets left for sale. This is going to be a great show. Our featured performer is Scott Land and after the show, you can have your picture with "The Amazing Ballantine" and Scott Land.



One thing I need to ask is to see if a few of our members can show up at Bjornson Hall

around 4:30 pm on the day of the banquet to help set up. Byron plans to be there at 4:30 to set up chairs. I personally won't be able to get there until about 5:30. So we need all the help we can get. We will also need help at the end of the show to assist in clean up. One of the things that make our banquets extra special is our raffles. Once again we received a very generous donation of magic from Paul Gross of Hocus Pocus Magic in Fresno (www.hocus-pocus.com) and this year we also have a \$25 gift certificate from Mark Stevens at Stevens Magic Emporium (www.stevensmagic.com), and, YES there will be a Mark Tarses Chocolate Pizza as one of the prizes. This raffle is going to be conducted a bit differently this year so it will go a little quicker. The prizes will be displayed on a side table with a bag behind the prize. To get in the draw for that special prize, you will want to drop one side of the coupon in the designated bag. This way, you can be in the draw for the prize you want to win.

In conclusion, I want to personally thank our out-going officers Many Casto, our out-going treasurer; Fred Casto, outgoing Historian; and finally, Mike Della Penna, our out-going President. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Oakland Magic Circle board of Directors. Your service has been invaluable to the membership of the club.

Sincerely,
Scott Alcalay

Minutes of Meeting 3 January 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by incoming president Scott Alcalay. First readings for membership were given for Mike Toy, Fred Anderson and Alan Sands. Scott announced that Phil Ackerly and Dennis Fox will each give a 30 minute lecture at the March meeting. and at the May meeting Tobias Beckwith will give a lecture on creativity. S.A M. Assembly 112 President Doug Kovacich announced that their Installation Banquet and show will be held in Concord 21 January. S.A.M. Assembly 94 President Kim Silverman announced that they are now known as the Silicon Valley Assembly and are meeting at the home of Alan Leeds. Jack Browne gave a high recommendation to the movie Hugo, which has much to interest magicians. Gary Meyer discussed his Balboa Birthday Bash, to be held on Sunday 4 March, in honor of the theater's 86th birthday. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 for the lecture by Daryl. Byron Walker, Secretary

Future Events

March – Special lectures by Phil Ackerly and Dennis Fox
April – The LARGEST and FINEST Flea Market and Magic Auction in Northern California
May – Special lecture by Tobias Beckwith plus open performance.
June – Lloyd Jones Close-up contest for OMC Members plus open performance
July – No Meeting, Annual 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

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

Balboa Birthday Bash

Gary Meyer's Balboa Theater in San Francisco will feature an evening of interest to all magicians on Sunday March 4th. In honor of the theater's 86th birthday he will screen the Harold Lloyd classic silent film, *Safety Last* (which you remember from Hugo). This will be preceded by short films by Georges Melies (who you remember from Hugo). Included will be a live vaudeville show, including James Hamilton performing magic as Georges Melies did early in his career. Prizes will be awarded, birthday cake and libations will be served. Doors open at 6:45, show at 7 PM. For information go to balboamovies.com.

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please send submissions to either scott@scottalcalay.com or byron.walker@comcast.net

