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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
SEPTEMBER 2010

OMC INTER-CLUB STAGE COMPETITION

Tuesday, August 7, 2010

Doors open: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Show: 8:00 pm

President's Message

It is on! The Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti dinner, the Bay Area's most popular magic club event returns to Bjornson Hall on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. This year we have received confirmations from 6 clubs that they will be represented by their most popular performers. I will not divulge who will be entered in the contest, but each performer in his own right is top-notch and it will be a very difficult decision for the audience to choose their favorite! Please buy lots of tickets and bring your family and friends for one of the best shows ANY magic club will be presenting this year!

Prices for tickets will be same as last year: \$15 adults and \$10 children under 12. Tickets will be again available through Brown Paper Tickets. Call them at 1-800-838-3006 and ask for The Oakland Magic Circle show. We are limited to 100 dinner tickets, so do not delay!. This event is one of our largest public events and we show off our club to the fullest!

Each one of our banquet shows always features a raffle. This year we are privileged to have a very generous donation made to our club by Paul Gross of Hocus Pocus Magic Shop in Fresno. Paul has donated several hundred dollars worth of magic merchandise to our club to be used as raffle prizes. In fact, his donation was so great that we can split it up between this show and the installation banquet show and our magician members will not be disappointed with the abundance of great effects which will be given away. If you are

looking to make any magic purchases in the near or distant future, please check out www.hocus-pocus.com. This shop has many exclusive tricks and effects not found in any other shop. He also features estate sales of magic. I have done business with his shop for several years and have never been disappointed with the quality and service which I have received from Paul and his staff.

A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE!!

This year's Inter-club dinner and show will be suffering a couple of set backs. Two of our most diligent and hard working members are out on sick leave. We will not have the assistance of Mark Tarses or Dagmar Theison this year. Both are having some medical setbacks and we wish them both a very speedy recovery!

I am requesting that several members of our club arrive early to help set up or stay a bit later to assist in the clean up of the hall. I know, even without asking there are many members who put in the extra effort to assist in this task. To those of you who do go the extra mile for the club, I want to thank you for all your assistance both for past and future efforts.

Once again, this is going to be an awesome evening of magic!

Discussion has been done with the first Bay Area all magic clubs family picnic. The location is Lake Temescal in Berkeley. The date is September 6 (Labor Day) and the clubs will be providing the beverages and picnic supplies. We ask that you bring a dish to share (salad, dessert, or side dish) and your own main course. There will be a BBQ set up for grilling. Roy Porfido of S.A.M. 112 is the main contact for this event and he can be reached at 925-455-0600 or roy@magicshows.org. We also sent out an Evite to get a count on who will be attending.

We still have not heard from many of our club members. Please reply to the Evite so we can get a count on how much to buy and the size of the space we will be reserving. Roy has planned some picnic games and we will have an area set up for performing. The lake area will also be open for swimming. Let's make this a fun and annual family event for our magic fraternity.

In October we will be having a lecture presented by James Ridner a.k.a. Sabretooth. This should be a very informative lecture which will assist the attendees in improving their performing skills. This lecture is free to all paid up OMC members.

Planning ahead, November we will be having nominations for the 2011 OMC Officers. Start thinking now about being part of the Oakland Magic Circle decision makers. This is your club.

Magically yours, Scott Alcalay

Minutes of July Meeting 2010

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:20 PM. Scott discussed the annual OMC outing to the Alameda County Fair on Fireworks Night. The magician this year was Frank Thurston, a descendant of the famous Howard Thurston and his less famous older brother, Harry Thurston. Frank gifted each of the OMC members attending his show with a V.I.P. Backstage Pass. Scott mentioned that our superb Sergeant At Arms, Dagmar, recently had surgery but is now recuperating at home. The first Inter-Club Picnic sponsored by the OMC and the Pleasant Hill S.A.M. Assembly is scheduled for Labor Day, Monday Sept 6th, with details to follow. Mark Tarses was one of the eight OMC members to attend the Fourth Annual Golden Gate Gathering and he discussed the event. Manya Casto delivered the Treasurer's Report, showing the OMC to be in solid financial shape due to the increase in membership and large attendance at the Auction, Inter-Club Contest and Installation Banquet. David Sament announced that dinner ticket sales for the Sept 7th Inter-Club Contest and Spaghetti Dinner will cut off late Sunday evening Sept 5th or at 100 dinners, whichever comes first. However, show only tickets will be available between 7:30 and 8 PM the evening of the contest. Ric Ewing and Doug Kovacich discussed the S.A.M Assembly 112 "Rock & Roll Magic

Show" to be held October 2nd in Antioch. Byron Walker gave second readings for membership for Andrew Dodds and Mark Richardson. Both were voted into membership. Frank Biafore discussed the next round of magic classes to be held at Playland-Not-At-The-Beach. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Byron Walker, Secretary

Annual OMC Intra-Club Stage Contest

Following the August business meeting the annual competition to select a contestant to represent the OMC at the September Inter-Club Stage Contest was held. The six performers, in order of appearance were:

Doug Kovacich

Gregg Foxx

Nathaniel Segal

Jeff Korst

Steve Nelson

Ric & Kara Ewing.

Every member of the OMC other than the performers had a vote, with the results being: Third place and winner of a Mark Tarses dark chocolate bar was Gregg Foxx.

Second place and winner of a Mark Tarses milk chocolate bar was Jeff Korst.

First place and winner of \$75 and the trophy went to Steve Nelson,

Byron Walker, Secretary

From our Vice President

The Golden Gate Gathering was one of the best magic conventions I have ever attended, and I've been to a lot of them. It isn't a big convention, but it is growing rapidly. In 2009, they had 50 attendees. This year, it was over 100. It is always held in August at the Crowne Point Hotel in Foster City. Since Foster City is only 25 miles from Oakland, this has got to be one of the cheapest magic conventions any of us can attend. We don't need air fare or a rental car at the destination, and we don't need hotel rooms either.

The Golden Gate Gathering does not have a dealer's room. Byron was there selling books, but there were no booths selling magic tricks. This may seem like a negative, but it wasn't. It turned out to be a big positive. At magic conventions with dealer rooms, the lectures often turn out to be little more than dealer shows in which the lecturer demonstrates tricks that he manufactures or distributes. "I am going to show you a wonderful card trick. If you like it, you can buy

the gaffed deck required to do this trick in the dealer's room." Because the Golden Gate Gathering had no dealer room, there was none of that. The card tricks we saw used ordinary decks.

One lecturer at the Golden Gate Gathering seemed to me to have the best ideas, Paul Vigil. Here are the 2 ideas of his that I thought were the most important, although you may have heard both of them before.

1. Slow magic is more powerful than fast magic. Nearly every magic act could benefit by just slowing down.

2. Surprise is not magic. If all your act does is surprise people, it isn't magic. Magic stores sell things that are designed to surprise people and nothing else, things like snake cans and hand buzzers, but that isn't magic.

Mark Tarses

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

October – Sabretooth lecture

November – Nominations for 2011 officers

December – Election of 2011 officers

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

MAGIC CIRCUS PRESENTS
An Evening of
Comedy Magic

"Benny Bendini's Incredible Magic Hat Show"
& **"Germar's Comedy Magic with a Twist"**

Sep 17 & 18 at 8 p.m. - Two shows only!

Belrose Theatre, San Rafael
Tickets: 1-800-838-3006, online: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/115924

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1415 5th Avenue San Rafael, CA \$20 <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/115924>

"Benny Bendini's Incredible Magic Hat Show" & "Germar's Comedy Magic with a Twist" One shape makes many hats!

20 quick-change characters delight with comedy magic, chapeaugraphy, music, mime, visual jests & vignettes with hilarious comical situations. With his unique blend of magic and standup comedy, Germar will have you laughing hilariously and then gasping with amazement!

Additional Information: MagicCircus.com

Rock & Roll Magic Show
Music By: Biernacki and the Illusion
October 2, 2010 - 7:00 PM

Also Starring:
Amazing Magic with Ric & Kara
Magic by Danielle
The Magic of Gerald Joseph
Douglass the Magic Man
Roy Porfido
Jerry & Reggie
Joe Biernacki

El Campanil Theatre
602 W. Second Street
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Saturday October 2, 2010 7:00 p.m. El Campanil Theatre, 602 W. Second Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

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The Rock & Roll Magic Show II is presented by the Society of American Magicians Assembly 112. This is a professional magic and illusion show for the whole family. In its second annual show, this one night only show features six of the area's best award winning professional magicians. The 2010 Rock & Roll Magic Show II will star the Amazing Magic of Ric & Kara, Douglass the Magic Man, Magic by Danielle, Roy Porfido, The Comedy of Jerry and Reggie and Magic of Gerald Joseph. Also, featuring the music of Biernacki and the Illusion. Last year's show was a complete success and this year's show is one not to be missed. Ric Ewing has special family group tickets available and you can contact him at 925-787-6012

If you would like to be part of this show, we are looking for magicians to perform walk around and close up magic pre-show and during intermission. For information on this, please call Scott Alcalay at 510-851-4313.

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