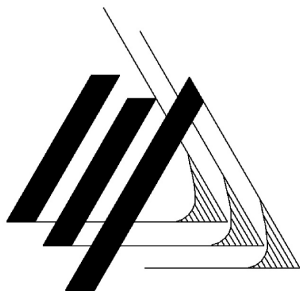




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Austin organizations and activities for magicians

If you like magic, Austin has several opportunities to grow in your art. Magicians meet regularly to learn, teach and share the perspectives that are uniquely theirs. Here are some groups to get you started.

The International Brotherhood of Magicians

The International Brotherhood of Magicians, or IBM, is the world's largest magic organization, with about 15,000 members around the world (magician.org). Their chapters are called "Rings," and their monthly magazine is called, "The Linking Ring," after one of the world's oldest and best known magical illusions.



Austin Ring 60 is actually Austin's oldest magic club, and it has a reputation as one of the best magic clubs in the world. Monthly meetings are on the first Monday of most months in North Austin, and typically include both a scheduled program and "open mic" opportunities for members and guest to perform.

IBM Ring 60 also sponsors a separate magic club for junior magicians, hosts monthly clinics on subjects of interest to entrepreneurial entertainers, and supports magic in Austin in numerous ways...such as through putting together "Magic at the Capitol!"

The Society of American Magicians

The Society of American Magicians, or S.A.M., is the world's oldest and most prestigious magic organization, founded in 1902 (magicsam.com). Houdini himself was National President for many years until his death in 1926.



Today, the S.A.M. is an international organization with chapters (called "assemblies" throughout the world. Austin Assembly 206 is one of the largest of these chapters, having won many awards for membership growth and other magic-related activities.

S.A.M. Assembly 206 also puts on the world's largest annual magic auction, typically in the Spring of each year, in which thousands of magic tricks, props, books, and memorabilia are sold for tens of thousands of dollars to magicians from around the country and beyond (austinmagicauction.com).

S.A.M. Assembly 206 meets in South Austin on the third Monday of most months.

MAGIC: the Other Gatherings

In addition to IBM Ring 60 and S.A.M. Assembly 206, there is a magic club for students at the University of Texas in Austin (UTMagicClub.com), a branch of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians (FCM.org), a group of magicians who meet monthly in South Austin to collaborate on magic with playing cards, and a group of magicians who meet monthly in North Austin to collaborate on close-up magic, including card magic. There is also a monthly meeting of magicians in Temple, Texas, that draws magicians from the Austin area.

To find out more about magic organizations and events in the Austin area, visit austinmagic.org.

Fantastic Magic Camp

***Fantastic Magic Camp would like to congratulate
IBM Ring 60 and SAM Assembly 206 on their
performances of "Magic at the Capitol."***

*Over the years, these two magic clubs cemented
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both in these two shows and in hosting the
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Austin's Magic Youth

In the book (and movie), Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, young Harry Potter discovered that he was a magician and found a special place to learn more about his abilities with others like himself. A whole new society opened up which he had never seen, full of wonder and new things to explore.

This isn't just fiction. Every day a young person discovers that they don't just enjoy watching magic but that they want to learn the secrets and perform. For this creative youth the world can feel like the Muggle world of Harry Potter and some grow up without ever knowing that there was an invisible world of magicians right beside them.

Grownups have their clubs and conventions where they share all of their discoveries. This kind of environment is even more important for the young magician. The local Ring 60 club's organization, Austin Magic Youth, is specifically designed to help nurture young performers and help them develop their skills and interests in a positive way. Meetings are monthly with occasional outside activities. Members have contact with experienced magicians, both hobbyists and professionals, and are challenged in different ways appropriate to their interests and skills. Motivated children have the chance to enter contests, perform for special events and connect with others who share their interests.

If your kid is a magician, they are a special person, developing a number of skills about solving problems and achieving goals while building confidence interacting and presenting. These lessons will help them for the rest of their lives. It's also a lot of fun!

To learn more, contact Chris Walden: 512-996-9019 or youth@ibmring60.org.



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Ray Anderson — For many, many years, Ray has headlined at Esther's Follies, smack dab in the heart of Austin's 6th Street entertainment district. Behind the scenes, Ray often writes, directs, and choreographs for the ever-changing show. This afternoon, Ray performs some of his favorite illusions in a rare family-friendly matinee performance. (*Matinée only*)



Kent Cummins — "The Fantastic Kent Cummins" starts the show with a fast-paced series of magical surprises that are reminiscent of the Golden Age of Magic. Yes, he even wears a cape and top hat! Called, "Austin's Premier Magician," by Bob Cole, Kent is perhaps best known as founder in 1993 of The Fantastic Magic Camp.



Tim Dietz — As Thimeos, Tim brings magic and mystery from the Greek Isles to Austin with his dramatic performances which feature classical manipulation and work with doves, featured by magicians for the last hundred years. Watch closely, or you will miss some of the magic!



James Irwin — The youngest member of the troupe, James Irwin loves to read, play video games, and play soccer. A typical kid, except that James has already won awards for his magic at the Texas Association of Magicians convention! Enjoy the future of magic with his highly-original magic act, Monkey Mayhem. (*Matinée only*)



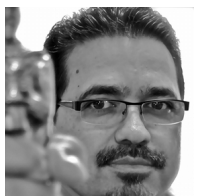
Connie Leaverton — "Paprika" combines her many talents as a juggler, unicyclist, and physical comedian with raucous audience participation to keep audiences laughing in amazement! Expect to be part of the unexpected fun with paprika's Heights and Ha Ha's spicy comedy. Wait...did she really just do that?



Nick Lewin — Picture yourself at a Las Vegas lounge show, enjoying the best of professional magic and comedy by a dynamic performer originally from London, England. Now re-frame that picture to Austin, as Lewin brings his English sense of humor to Texas. He has entertained British Royalty, American Presidents, Saudi Princes, Business Legends, and Hollywood Icons. Now he will entertain YOU! (*Evening only*)



John Maverick — He calls himself, “Austin’s Second Best Magician,” but when you see him perform, you will know why the Austin American-Statesman says that he is doing his part to “keep Austin weird!” Through the years, he has found that he views the world around him very differently than anyone else. Maverick used his magic to tell the story of this parallel world. (*Evening only*)



Jamie Salinas — Jamie Salinas is an award winning sleight-of-hand magician. He has been featured at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood California, a private clubhouse for the Academy of Magical Arts, a very special organization devoted to the advancement of the ancient art of magic. Jamie has performed his magic for royalty, celebrities, American and foreign presidents.



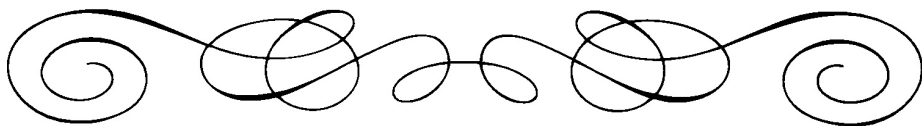
Drake Stanton — This San Antonio teen has been performing magic since the age of nine, and in 2011, he won first place at the Texas Association of Magicians close-up competition. This puts him on the path to compete for a spot in the World Championship of Magic to be held in Italy in 2015. And you can say that you saw him back before he became famous! (*Matinée only*)



JD Stewart — JD Stewart MD (magic dude) is one of those who never grew up. In addition to being a full-time professional performer, JD is deeply involved with the Fellowship of Christian Magicians and Heroes Night Out, providing healing entertainment for returning veterans. (*Matinée only*)



Scott Wells — Your “Mystery of Ceremonies” is a three-time winner of Houston’s Magician of the Year. Scott is best known as a corporate entertainer. Yet, he also produces a podcast, The Magic Word, where he discusses magic with performers from all over the world. He coordinates education for other magicians and is a regular auctioneer at the World Famous Austin Magic Auction.



Production Staff

Dan Page, Executive Producer — Dan Page (AKA Cranius Astounding!) was Chairman of the Austin Street Magic Festival (2010), Producer of Doc Seaton's Magic Sideshow (2011) and Doc Seaton's Street Magic Show(2012), is Vice President and Program Director for the Society of American Magicians, Assembly 206 (2013-present), and performs at a variety of festival, school assembly, charity, convention, theater, public and private events.

Carlos Santillan, Producer — Carlos rediscovered his love of magic as an adult, entertaining family and friends at first, then for special events. He is president of the local Ring 60 chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and received their Magician of the Year award in 2014 for his devotion to helping others realize their passion for magic.

Trixie Bond, Director — A native Houstonian, she is one of the very few full-time, professional, female magicians. For 35+ years she has performed in various family and corporate venues throughout the world, including the White House. In 2015 Trixie will serve as President of the Texas Association of Magicians for their convention in Austin, Texas.

Kent Cummins, Marketing Director — Kent Cummins has specialized in Marketing Magic for entrepreneurial entertainers for most of his career, starting with backyard circuses when he was still in elementary school. His company, Magic Hotline, delivers Magic With a Message.

R.A. "Jake" Dyer — Jake is one half of a popular street performance act that stars his mind-reading daughter, The Girl Who Knows. The father-and-daughter team have entertained crowds along Austin's South Congress Avenue and Sixth Street, at local venues, and in the French Quarter in New Orleans.

Grettel Granados — Grettel is a long-time lover and supporter of magic. Mother of The Girl Who Knows, Ms. Granados has hosted spooky Halloween magic shows in her home for years.

Chris Walden, Stage Manager — Chris has worked on and behind the stage since he played a lost valentine in the 2nd grade. His company, F. N. Weird Entertainment, specializes in creating strange experiences for entertainment purposes only!

This show would not have been possible without the efforts of these amazing unsung heroes.

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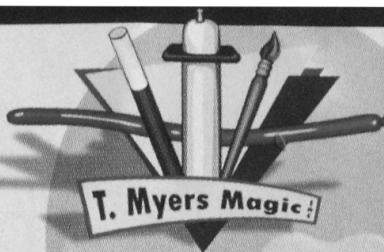
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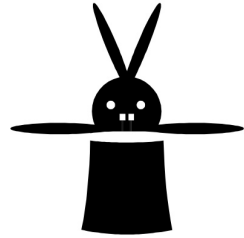
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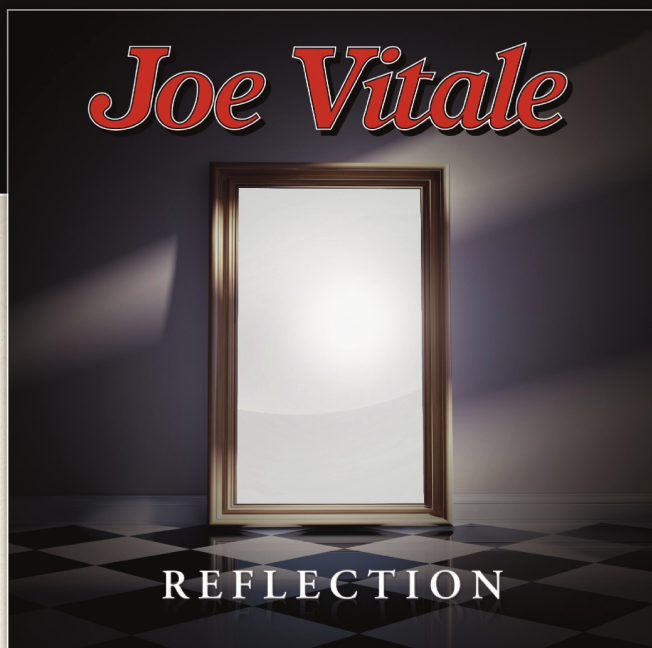
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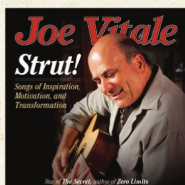
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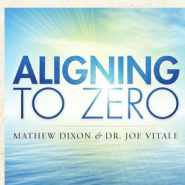
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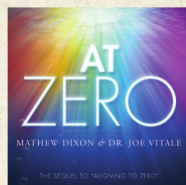
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