

WestsideWizards!



S.A.M. ASSEMBLY 291, LOS ANGELES

JUNE 2023

Next S.A.M. Meeting:

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 PM

Theme: **Magic in the Spectator's Hands**
(OPICA REQUIRES MASKS)

Next S.Y.M. Meeting:

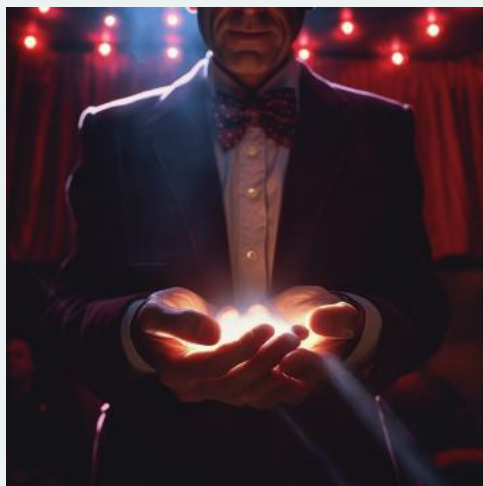
Sunday, June 11, 3:00 PM

Theme: **Restaurant Magic**

Magic in the Spectator's Hands

We all know about sleight of hand or techniques of misdirection magicians use to make a powerful trick work well. But, when a spectator is involved and they appear to make the magic happen themselves, it can be mind-blowing for everyone.

At our June 13 meeting, we'll explore the enchanting theme of "Magic in the Spectators' Hands." Prepare to amaze everyone as you involve guests to participate in your routines and have them appear to perform the magic themselves.



Whether you use cards, coins, trinkets, haunted boxes or full stage effects (well, probably not full stage effects at OPICA), be prepared to involve some audience members and have them share the magic.

As usual, we'll be meeting at OPICA (meeting location on the last page) on June 13 at 7:00 PM. Note that OPICA requires masks.

Membership News

Please welcome our newest S.A.M. and Westside Wizards member Bruce Schroffel.

When you see Bruce at the meeting, say Hi and welcome.

Upcoming Meetings

June 11: SYM - Restaurant Magic

June 13: Magic in the Spectator's Hands

July 8: Summer BBQ

Using Zoom

If you don't already have Zoom installed, go to zoom.us/download to get the free Zoom application for your computer or download it from the App Store for your mobile device.

Note: Our meeting will start at 7:00 PM, but we will start letting Westside Wizards in around 6:45 PM before opening it up to the public at 7:00 PM.

This month's Zoom meeting info:

Meeting ID: 841 4175 9631
Passcode: 721883

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Click on the link above and it will open Zoom and take you to the meeting. You will be then let in by the meeting host

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Wizards Perform in the Magic Castle's Peller Theater

When your monthly meeting begins with an owl's approving eyes, you know there's an enchanted night in store. That was certainly the case in May, when **Archimedes** (the Magic Castle's all-knowing entry door owl) welcomed the Westside Wizards into the world's most vaunted magical locale for the second year in a row.

Exactly what happened inside? Well, that's a secret—as all magical moments within the Castle should be. Suffice it to say that the Wizards supposedly made their way to the Inner Circle, intent upon gathering in the Albert Peller Theater... and, that incredible magic ensued.

What kind of magic, you ask? Rumors speak of an enchanted theme—"The Trick You'd Show Milt"—referring, of course, to Magic Castle co-founder **Milt Larsen** (who was at the Castle that evening, but sadly passed away less than three weeks later). Others suggest great happenings from powerful mages such as **Raul Fernandez**, who transformed a seemingly failed Rainbow Matrix experiment into a running gag that entertained throughout the evening.

Could it be some Wizards conjured magic without even being present? If so, only club founder **Les Cooper**, with a bit of secretive support from **Doris Roach**, could possibly achieve such a feat. Mysterious voices also speak of poker-playing... and of impossible, winning hands summoned by **Christopher Cory**.

So many questions persist. Did **Alexander Scianna** really see the image of a ghostly card floating inside his coffee... and did the identity of that card immediately match someone's random guess? Could it be that **Cydney Kaplan** could place blank card stock into an envelope, lift it back out, and have it match any desired card? Does **Phil Goodman** really make his coins appear, disappear, and multiply at will?

Some say special guest mages added their unique enchantments to the mix: **Caerie Houchins** showing her card prowess, and **Jeff Thomson** letting loose with a cups & balls routine that left everyone astonished.

Regardless, the seers agree upon this: **Brian Schwartz** and his innate Tarot skills somehow revealed not only the future, but the present and the past. And **Dan Cray**, armed with vintage books, Tarot cards, and a bit of numerology, dared to conjure "real magic" within the Castle.

Is any of this true? Perhaps... perhaps not. Only Archimedes... and the Westside Wizards' June 13 meeting... hold the answers. – *Dan Cray*



President's Message

A word from Dan Cray...



Hello Westside Wizards,

In early 2016, I was sitting in the Magic Castle's Grand Salon when Irene Larsen happened to sit next to me. Though I'd never met her, I contemplated introducing myself and offering my appreciation for the work that she, her late husband Bill, and her brother-in-law Milt had put into establishing such a wondrous venue for the magic world.

But Irene was looking over the room like a person with time constraints, so I figured she might not appreciate chatter from a total stranger. She eventually left; the moment was over. Several weeks later, she passed away, and I'll always regret that I didn't say hello.

Early last month, when I sat down at the Castle's Owl Bar and discovered I was sitting next to Milt... well, let's just say I wasn't about to make the same mistake twice. After striking up a conversation, I was fortunate to spend the better part of the next hour talking with him about topics ranging from music, his television writing career, and the number of secret panels he created while constructing the Castle's interior. (All I can say is: more than one.)

I even told him that our May Westside Wizards meeting was not only being held at the Castle but themed "The Trick You'd Show Milt," which (once he finally believed me) initially gave him a good laugh but soon inspired several comments about how much he appreciated the gesture. That entire Owl Bar conversation was, quite simply, one of the most memorable moments I've enjoyed in magic.

As you've no doubt heard, Milt Larsen passed away on May 28—little more than three weeks later. To me, that makes our May meeting location (and the sparkling magic routines our members performed in the Peller Theater) especially poignant. Our fun, catchy performance theme, originally intended as reverence to Magic Castle royalty, now also seems well-timed: a late-in-life moment when Milt was aware of our earnest intent, and truly appreciative.

Many thanks to all who attended our meeting at the Magic Castle, and to those who performed, and all of you who hung out with us at one of the world's most vaunted magic locations. Hopefully this is something we can do every year.

Looking to the more immediate future, I'm happy to say that we're planning a Westside Wizards potluck/BBQ for Saturday July 8, so mark your calendars. More information on that at this month's meeting.

See you on Tuesday, June 13!

SYM News...

The next online S.Y.M. meeting is Sunday June 11, 2023.

The meeting is one week earlier than usual due to the third Sunday being Father's Day.

The theme for this month is Restaurant Magic

The meeting starts at 3:00 PM Pacific Time and 6:00 PM Eastern Time.

The link to the meeting will be sent to S.Y.M. members this week.

See you Sunday, June 11, at 3:00 PM



Open Mic Magic!

Do you want to perform magic with magicians from around the world, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Iceland, India, Germany, and other locations?

Do you want to watch other magicians perform live?

You can sit back, relax, and watch a free magic show, or if you prefer, perform for other magicians from the comfort of your home.

Every Wednesday at Noon, local time (8:00 PM in the UK), Kevin Peel hosts OPEN MIC MAGIC via Zoom. Shows usually last a little over one hour and feature magicians performing with cards, coins, silks, some parlour and more. Here is the link to get your free tickets:

Tickets are FREE

Get your weekly dose of live magic in your home.

So, get your FREE ticket NOW! The link is:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/open-mic-magic>

Open to beginners, hobbyists, semi pros, professional magicians, and anyone who loves magic.

And if you are a magician, hang out with other magicians for lively discussions about magic after the Zoom show.

Hope to see you soon on Open Mic Magic!



Book Auction

Once in a while, a book coveted by magicians becomes available to us for auction. This month, it's **Trephine** by **Richard Bartram**. Bartram has developed quite a reputation in magic as a creator of innovative magic and as an illustrator.

Trephine is hard bound, 8 1/2 by 11 inches and contains 182 pages. Over 200 illustrations by Richard Bartram illustrate the effects. There is some truly wonderful stuff in Trephine.1997; Publisher: Magic Methods

Contents Include:



Chapter 1

The Genuine Acrobatic Cards
Let me Dust Off a Spot for You to Sit Your Ace –
Bankshot
Bankshot Transposition
Low Maintenance Transposition
Uniwild Queen's Sore Ear - Four face-up cards magically
assemble beneath a jumbo card.

Chapter 3

Andrelius Change

White Knuckled Reversal by Gordon Boyd
The B.R.R. by Steve Saunders
The Illusive Snapping Pasteboard
Suspended Change

Forward by Steve Beam

AND that's just the first Four Chapters of Eleven!

You've got the idea! Great variety. You're sure to find many gems you'll love to perform.

At this time this book is not available on Amazon, eBay, Penguin or Vanishing Inc.

Suggested Retail is \$50.00

Starting Bid \$20.00 and no shipping or tax

Chapter 2

Drawing A Blank
Back to The West by Pete Ottaviano
Problem Child

Chapter 4 - All Coin Routines

Four on The Floor
Drop Vanish
Jumbo Drop Change by Eddie Ganim
Enigmatic Curse and Coin
The Grassy Knoll by Evert Chapman
Switchipu by Matt Grover

The Congregation
TNT Coins by Evert Chapman
Scotchman's Dilemma
Matrix Treatment
Okito Treatment
Transposition Treatment
Tarot Treatment

Selected Magic Conventions through 2023

June 2023

June 26 - July 1 - **Tannen's Magic Camp**, Bryn Mawr College Campus, Philadelphia, PA - Website: www.tannensmagiccamp.com/about-magic-camp,

July 2023

July 11-15 - **IBM Convention** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Websites: www.ibmconvention.com and www.magician.org

July 23-25 - **Society of American Magicians (S.A.M.)** in New Orleans, LA - Website: www.samconvention.com

August 2023

August 2-5 - **Abbott's Get Together**, Colon, Michigan - Website: www.magicgettogether.com/

August 6-9 - **Magic Live**, Las Vegas, Nevada Website: www.magicconvention.com

August 16-18 - **KIDabra: The Conference of Kihow and Family Performers**, Chatanooga, Tennessee - Website: www.kidabra.org/

August 24-27 -- **Poe's Magic Conference**, Baltimore, Maryland - Website: poesmagicconference.com/

September 2023

September 1-4 - **Texas Association of Magicians (T.A.O.M.)**, Fort Worth, Texas - Website: taom.org/2023/

November 2023

November 9-12 - **Pacific Coast Association of Magicians (PCAM)**, Carlsbad, CA
Website: magicshopsandiego.com/collections/new-collection/products/pcam2023

Other Los Angeles Area Magic Clubs

The Westside Wizards is not the only magic Assembly in the Los Angeles area. Several other Assemblies, Rings and clubs are in Los Angeles. Here is a list of other local organizations:

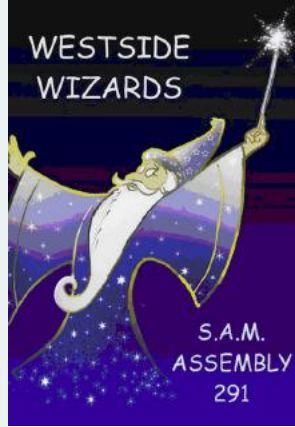
S.A.M. Assembly 22 (Duarte) meets on the third Monday of the month, sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home

IBM Ring 21 (North Hollywood) meets on the first Thursday of the month. www.ibmring21.org

IBM Ring 96 (Seal Beach) meets on the third Saturday of the month. www.ring96.com

IBM Ring 280 (Santa Clarita) meets on the second Thursday of the month. www.ibmring280.com

Academy of Magical Arts (at the Magic Castle), www.magiccastle.com



The **Westside Wizards** was formed to give the West Los Angeles area a Magical presence and hopes that you will participate and be active in Assembly 291.

Westside Wizards Officers (2023-2024)

President	Dan Cray
Vice President	Phil Goodman
Treasurer	Doris Roach
Secretary	Brian Schwartz
Member at Large	Jim Witoszynski
Immediate Past President	Les Cooper
M.U.M. Editors	Dan Cray
Newsletter Editors	Phil Goodman & Dan Cray
Newsletter Proofers	Dan Cray, Les Cooper & Doris Roach



Westside Wizards Meeting Location
 Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care Facility,
 11759 Missouri Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90025

Between S. Bundy Drive and S. Barrington Avenue. Park off Missouri Avenue, next to the ball field

Past Presidents

2021-2022	Dan Cray
2015-2020	Les Cooper
2013-2014	Bill Bedecarre
2011-2012	Frank Padilla, Jr
2009-2010	Raul Fernandez
2008	Les Cooper

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