



Westside Wizards!



S.A.M. ASSEMBLY 291, LOS ANGELES

JUNE 2024

Next S.A.M. Meeting:
Tuesday, **June 11, 7:00 PM**
Theme: **Magic Castle Night**

Next S.Y.M. Meeting:
Sunday, **June 9, 4:00 PM (Zoom)**
Theme: **TBA**

A Mystical Evening at the Magic Castle!

It's that time again! On **June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM**, the Westside Wizards will be storming the Castle (well, not really storming but visions from The Princess Bride do come to mind) for a fun evening of mystery and magic. We will be in the Peller Theater to put on our own set of magic shows. Be prepared for a bit larger stage than what you might be used to for our normal meetings. Feel free to do any magic you would like (but no animals or fire) and let's enjoy performing in the most revered magical venue in the world!

After our meeting, feel free to watch any of the shows in the Hat & Hare Pub, Close-Up Gallery, Parlour of Prestidigitation, and Palace of Mystery. You can also wander and discover any other special performers at the Palace table, the Cellar Theater, and Hat & Hare Lounge.

A night of wonderful magic awaits. Don't forget the dress code includes coat & tie for men and dresses or pant suits for women. No denim, casual clothes, sneakers, or slip on shoes. Please review the Magic Castle dress code at <http://www.magiccastle.com/dresscode>.

If you are not a member of the Academy of Magical Arts, we will meet at the front door at 6:45 to walk you in as part of our group. Valet parking for AMA members is \$8 and is \$30 for non-members so we encourage car pooling.

Upcoming Meetings

June 11: Magic Castle

July: Summer BBQ (Date TBD)

August: Hardware Store Magic

No Zoom This Month

As we will be at the Magic Castle and there is no photography or video allowed, there will be no Zoom this month.



President's Message

A word from Dan Cray...



Hello Westside Wizards,

Suddenly, it's summer! Meaning you're busy with solstice parties, right? Don't laugh—the Equinox fitness gyms used to have spring and fall equinox parties every year, so can solstice parties be far behind? All joking aside, I often run across people asking to see a magic trick at summer events, when the sun sets late and activities go deeper into the evenings... so, I'm planning on keeping some outdoor-friendly closeup effects handy as BBQ season kicks off.

You probably already know that our upcoming club meeting (on Tues., June 11) is at the Magic Castle, in what has not only become an annual event but one of my favorite meetings of the year. As always, it's a great chance for all of us to perform on a Castle stage (we're booked in the Peller Theater as our private meeting site), socialize with one another at a centerpiece of the magical world, and maybe attend some shows as the evening progresses.

You also know my oft-repeated mantra: the talent level in this club deserves a Magic Castle stage. (And of course, some of you already perform there from time to time.) For those who would rather not perform, your love and knowledge of magic is just as welcome, especially when we're meeting at one of the world's most vaunted magic locations.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to seeing you again after an unusual couple of months where I couldn't attend club meetings. Many thanks to Phil Goodman, and the rest of the Board, for keeping everything running smoothly.

Couple of other things. First, don't forget the Castle's dress code. (See their website for details.) Also, there are no entry fees for Assembly 291 members (which saves you the \$40 per person "entertainment fees" upon entry), but parking is \$8 for AMA members, \$30 for non-members. So maybe carpool with an AMA member, if possible.

See you on Tuesday, June 11, at the Magic Castle!

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!



Selected Upcoming Magic Events

June 2024

June 22 - 29 - **Tannen's Magic Camp** at Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia - Website: www.tannens.com/pages/magic-camp

July 2024

July 10-13 - **IBM Convention** in Tacoma, Washington. Websites: www.ibmconvention.com and www.magician.org

July 22-28 - **Future Stars of Magic** at the Magic Castle, Los Angeles, Website: www.magiccastle.com

July 31-Aug 3 - **Abbott's Get Together** in Colon, Michigan. Website: www.magicgettogether.com

August 2024

Aug 4-7 - **Magic Live** in Las Vegas, Nevada, Website: www.magicconvention.com

Aug 31-Sept 2 - Combined **S.A.M, Texas Association of Magicians (T.A.O.M.) Convention** and **FISM North America Championship** in Dallas, Texas. Website: www.fism-nacm.com

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:

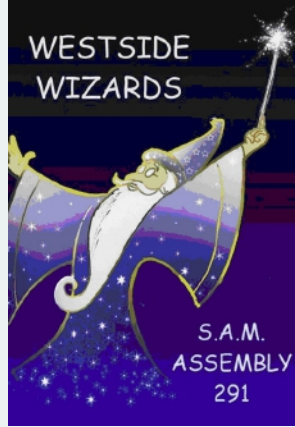
S.A.M. Assembly 22 (Duarte) meets on the third Monday of the month, sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home

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

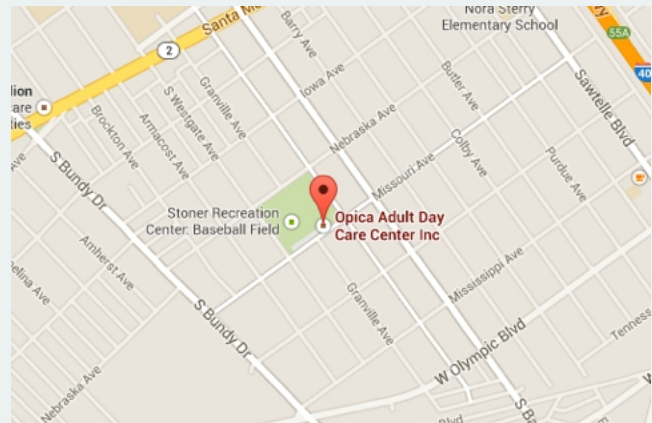
Academy of Magical Arts (at the Magic Castle), www.magiccastle.com



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
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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
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