

2025 **Showcase**



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August 29 – 30, 2025, Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South, Irving, Texas



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**Honoring the past
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Magician Admission: \$275.00

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Young Magician (ages 8 -17): \$225.00

**Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South
2001 Valley View Lane, Irving, TX 75061**

***Register For The Convention
and***

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TAOM 2025: *not your typical magic convention*



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Magic shows have captivated audiences for centuries, leaving them amazed and bewildered; but much has changed since the days of performing at the bustling marketplaces of ancient times (or even in not so ancient times).

Today, magic continues to thrive in variety a diverse landscapes. Traditional close-up magic has found a new audience through street and restaurant performers. Magic Theaters offering parlor shows around the country have brought magic to local communities.

Technological advancements have allowed for the creation of even more elaborate stage illusions. Mentalism shows featuring feats of psychological manipulation have grown in popularity.

One of the goals of our upcoming convention is to provide lectures, performances, and tools to help you grow your magic business!



Eric Hogue, performing Michel Huot's "Socks" at the Wylie, Texas Downtown Merchants Association Meeting

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Midnight
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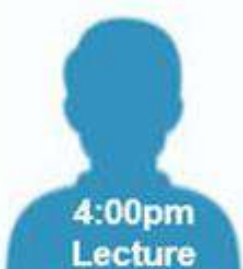
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The Big Show
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Show us your chops at TAOM 2025!

Competing at TAOM is a thrill, and an honor. Your magic act will be judged, and you will receive valuable written feedback from a panel of experienced judges. Here is your chance at TAOM 2025 to compete in your own backyard for this prestigious event. You can follow in the footsteps of past TAOM winners such as Ben Jackson, Oscar Munoz, Stuart MacDonald, Jamie Salinas, and many more!

Be watching for more details!



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TAOM SHOWCASE

A FILM BY ERIC HOGUE



STARRING JOSHUA JAY, SAM SAWYERS, FABIAN, TREVOR DUFFY, BRENT FISHER,
TRICIA HEIL DAVIS, GRANT PRICE, SCOTT HOLLINGSWORTH, AND BILL BENTZ ARE
ALL SCHEDULED TO BE AT THE 2025 TAOM SHOWCASE IN NORTH TEXAS ON
AUGUST 29-30, 2025. WILL YOUR NAME BE ON THAT LIST TOO??

COMING AUGUST 29

Announcing the 2025 TAOM Showcase

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Hello TAOM members,

As I shared with you a few weeks ago, our registration numbers for a traditional TAOM Convention are not reflecting the needed attendees or funding to host a convention that would meet the expectations of our members and guests.

We don't want the year to pass without Texas celebrating the art of magic, so we've decided to have a non-conventional convention...you might even call it a big ole picnic! In other words, we are going back to our TAOM roots and will have a picnic that would even make our founder, Herman Yerger, happy! We're calling it the **2025 TAOM Showcase: *The non-conventional convention; a big ole spectacle; a weekend filled with perplexing performances of prestidigitation!***

Now we realize that you might be thinking that a picnic in August might not be the brightest idea, especially in this Texas heat. Not to worry, our picnic will be inside the conference center at the Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South, our planned location for the 2025 Convention. And it will be more than just having a meal and swapping stories.

We have worked with the hotel and repurposed our agreement with them and are developing a two-day event for our TAOM Membership. So, while it is still technically a picnic, you could say it's a picnic on steroids!

Here is the tentative schedule:

Friday, August 29, 2025

- 4:00pm: TAOM Board Meeting
- 6:00pm: Dinner Buffet at the hotel's conference center
- 8:00pm: Dealer Exhibition (yep, we plan to have dealers onsite!)
- 12:00am: Midnight Magical Madness Jam Session

Saturday, August 30, 2025

- 8:00am: Breakfast
- 9:30am: Lecture
- 11:00am: Lecture
- 12:30pm: Lunch
- 2:00pm: Lecture
- 4:00pm: Lecture: The Generational Panel – *Magic thru the years*
- 6:30pm: TAOM General Meeting and Memoriam
- 7:00pm: Picnic BBQ Dinner Buffet
- 8:00pm: A Night of Prestidigitation
- 9:30pm: TAOM 2026 Convention and swearing in of the new TAOM Officers
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While hosting a convention did not work out, I am excited for what this TAOM Showcase can offer to each of us! The key is having people sign up...in other words, we need you to sign up today so we can begin confirming with our dealers, lecturers, and talent!

Wondering what it will cost to attend this showcase??

Only \$150 for the weekend!

I hope you are ready join the TAOM Board and I as we take off on this magical, meaningful journey.

[Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room](#)

Magically yours,

Eric Hogue,
2024/25 President,
Texas Association of Magicians

You can find more news and information on our Instagram account



Hot off the press...The TAOM Times

From: erichogue@gmail.com (erichogue@gmail.com)

To: president@taom.org

Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 at 07:50 AM CDT

It's a new issue of the TAOM Times!

All the news you need to know about the upcoming 2025 TAOM Showcase

A fun way to share with you the latest and greatest updates regarding this amazing and phenomenal event.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a weekend filled with perplexing performances of prestidigitation.

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...and in the meantime, enjoy reading the TAOM Times with articles from our top-notch reporters!



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TAOM PRESIDENT

Everyone wants to know...is the convention happening?

By Bessie Ethel Albertson - Are we having a convention this year? The short answer is no...but something is happening!

As you may already know, as we were planning the TAOM 2025 Convention, our registration numbers did not reflect the attendees or funding needed to host a convention that would meet the expectations of our members and guests. It also became apparent that we were competing with a number of other magic conventions that all fall within weeks of each other. All of these factors seemed to be leading to something I have ended up calling, "convention fatigue."

While we will not have the typical convention in 2025, the TAOM Board did not want the year to pass without some kind of celebration for the art of magic. Thus the 2025 TAOM Showcase was born with a two-day focus on Magic lectures, dealers and an amazing show for our attendees.

So please, show your support and [Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)



Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South

By William Lloyd King III, editor and publisher

The 2025 TAOM Showcase is happening over Labor Day week (August 29-30, 2025) at the Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South in Irving, Texas. Near the junction of Highways 183 and 161 in Irving the hotel offers a free shuttle to and from both Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and West Irving TRE station. It's 30 minutes to downtown Dallas and to Fort Worth. In other words, it's right in the middle of the DFW Metroplex!

TAOM has worked out a deal with the hotel for special pricing on rooms with either a king-sized bed or two queen-sized beds. To find out more: [Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)



THE MAGIC WAND

An amazing product that will be available in the Dealers area at 2025 TAOM Showcase

For your reading pleasure

FASHION FEATURE: THE MAGIC WAND

Elegance and Timeless Beauty:
The Magic Wand

By Geraldine Sue McMathis - In a world of ever-changing fashion trends, the vintage magic wand stands as a testament to timeless elegance and enduring style. These exquisite magical tools are, often passed down through generations, and carry with them the bygone eras of grace and charm. Get yours today.

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Who's Performing at TAOM 2025

By Eric Hogue, 2024/2025 TAOM President



The questions I get asked most often about the 2025 TAOM Showcase is, "Who is the talent? Who is performing? Who are the Dealers? Give me names!"

I want to tell you, I really do...but until we have more registrations secured, I need to leave an "out" for the talent who has committed to come (in the off chance we can't get enough people to register to attend).

But rumor has it that Trevor Duffy might be in north Texas over Labor Day weekend. I think it is safe to say - if that rumor is true - that he would be coming to the showcase from the furthest away (Johannesburg, South Africa to Irving, Texas is just a little over 9,136 miles from each other)! But that's just a rumor...

We do have more lined up and committed to perform and lecture for our two-day event, but I just can't say anything more...well I could, but I won't...well maybe just a hint...no, no I just can't right now...maybe in the next edition of the TAOM Times.

The focus of the 2025 TAOM Showcase is on the business and the art of magic. Remember, this is NOT a TAOM convention, as I have explained in earlier communications. We have very, very limited funds, mainly because this is not a club sponsored event, so the typical four-day convention had to be scraped.

The TAOM Board of Directors did not want the year to pass without Texas celebrating the art of magic, so we've decided to have a non-conventional convention...you might even call it a big ole picnic! In other words, we are going back to our TAOM roots and will have a picnic that would even make our founder, Herman Yerger, happy!

Some have questioned about paying \$150 for a picnic, please understand, this is more than just having a meal and swapping stories. We have worked with the hotel, repurposed our agreement with them and have developed a two-day event for our TAOM Membership. You could say it's a picnic on steroids, with dealers, lectures, and a show on Saturday evening. Additionally, the Dallas Magic Club is hosting an auction on Sunday in the same location that we are having the Showcase. If you sign up for the 2025 TAOM Showcase you are automatically registered for the magic auction.

So, what are you waiting for...[Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)

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FOLLOWING THE 2025 TAOM SHOWCASE AT THE SAME HOTEL
HILTON GARDEN INN DFW AIRPORT SOUTH - 2001 VALLEY VIEW LANE, IRVING, TX 75061
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - AUCTION STARTS AT 11:00 AM
ADMISSION FREE TO DMC MEMBERS AND TAOM 2025 ATTENDEES - \$20 OTHERWISE

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Who is performing at
TAOM?

By Bessie Ethel Albertson

I wonder if back in 1945 if people sent a telegram to TAOM founder (and original picnic planner), Herman Yerger, asking him who was coming to that year's picnic in Austin, Texas. My guess is that he planned it, and they came (kind of like the movie Field of Dreams: If you build it, they will come)!

As you know by now, this is not a typical TAOM convention...for a number of reasons. We are going back to our roots...and having a picnic - on steroids. We're calling it the 2025 TAOM Showcase: The non-conventional convention; a big ole spectacle; a weekend filled with perplexing performances of prestidigitation!

You won't be disappointed.



By William Lloyd King III, editor and publisher

The word on the street is that some folks have had issues registering for the 2025 TAOM Showcase. You know that event happening over Labor Day (August 29-30, 2025) at the Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport. That hotel is near the junction of Highways 183 and 161 South in Irving, Texas; and offers a free shuttle to and from both Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. I've even heard some of those folks outright complained about the registration process on the website - shocker!!!

Our President, the Honorable, Illustrious, Amazing, Phenomenal, All-Around-Good-Guy, Eric Hogue met with our webmaster about all of these issues, concerns and downright complains. Hogue even offered to double or triple the salary of the webmaster, and then realized we don't pay him anything (which means, nothing-plus-nothing-equals-nothing)! The webmaster is a volunteer, like all of the other people involved in TAOM...just another way The Texas Association of Magicians is unique and special compared to other organizations.

So, today the website and the links are working (I think), so why not register while you can! To find out more: [Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)

For your reading pleasure

Vintage Magic Trick

from the 1964-65 New York World's Fair

Check out this magic illusion from TAOM member, the late Mark Wilson. You may know that Mark, and his wife Nani Darnell Wilson, made us proud by taking magic to local television stations and then on to national television with CBS and ABC...just another first for a Texas Magician!

THE KNOT IN THE HANDKERCHIEF
How can you pick up a handkerchief—one end in each hand, tie a knot without releasing the ends?



Secret—just fold your arms before you pick up the handkerchief. When you unfold your arms there is the knot.

SEE THROUGH YOUR HAND

Would you like to be able to see right through your hand? Well, with this trick you can. Roll up a piece of paper into a tube and hold it as in the picture. Look through the tube and **KEEP BOTH EYES OPEN.** You'll see a hole the size of the tube in your hand.



Who's Performing at TAOM 2025

By Dorsey Clyde Roach, reporter

I know you will really find this hard to believe, but everyone keeps asking who is performing at TAOM? Some folks won't even register until they know who is coming! So, while I can't tell you everything, I can tell you some things...and I will assume that registrations will go through the roof, when you find out this information (after all \$150 to the TAOM Showcase is less than what the average person spends on a weekly trip to Walmart).

At Friday night's Dealer Exhibition, after dinner, we plan to have four to five dealers speaking, promoting and selling their goods. Don't worry, dealers will be announced soon.

On Saturday, we will have four lectures, the dealer's room, dinner and a show! From our sources at TAOM Central Command located in Wylie, Texas, the following individuals may be at TAOM...



Trevor Duffy from South Africa has been performing for over 30 years and has a wide range of experience between Close up, Family and Corporate work. He is an award-winning magician, having received Gold and Silver Medal awards in the National South African Championships.

Trevor will travel over 9,000 miles to be with us over Labor Day weekend to provide a lecture that you will not want to miss!

Can you make a living in Texas as a fulltime magician? Find out from 38-year-old Sam Sawyers, a.k.a. Sam, The Magic Man!

Sam, a TAOM award winner, has 28 years of experience in magic. Performing in restaurants, kid's parties, and corporate events - it's how he makes a living supporting his wife and two children. Sam is not a magician's magician he is a magician for the layman.



One lecturer will be zooming in to lecture and participate in a Q&A session with our attendees. This un-named magician, author, teacher, lecturer, and world traveler, has performed in 100+ countries and received the top prize at the World Magic Seminar. They have fooled Penn and Teller and hold a Guinness World Record.

I could tell you more, but I want you to fester on this for a little while longer and see if you can figure it out...or at least have it keep you awake at nights wondering who it could be!

In the coming days, I'll send more clues your way...but it's safe to say, that while this is not a TAOM convention, it's still a great event for our magic community. Additionally, the Dallas Magic Club is hosting an auction on Sunday in the same location that we are having the Showcase. So, what are you waiting for, [Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)

Dear Abby

Abigail Sue Matney
for advice and rumor control



Dear Abby, I can't decide if I should spend the money and plan to go to this thing called the 2025 TAOM Showcase over the Labor Day weekend. I used to always go to the TAOM Conventions, but I'm not sure what to do...maybe if I knew who was going to be performing Saturday evening, it might be worth my time and money. Any suggestions? Signed, Dazed and Confused in Galveston.

Dear Dazed, What are you thinking?? The Texas Association of Magicians is having an event - how can you pass up over 80 years of tradition and history?? Shame on you for even thinking that way. BUT to help put your mind at ease, I did a little checking. I reached out to a dear friend who is the hairdresser of a co-worker of the guy whose cousin's brother's friend used to work with the current TAOM President, back when they both lived in Arkansas. They are telling me that the headliner on Saturday evening after the BBQ Dinner (a throw back to the TAOM picnics of the 1940's), performs regularly at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. In fact, I believe he's a multi-generational member of the club. He also travels the world performing for corporations, but that is all I know at this time...except I heard that his parent's first date was at the Magic Castle.

Abigail Sue Matney is provided by Clinky Productions,
Clinky T. Clown: Owner, Founder and President



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So, while this reporter can't tell you everything, I can tell you some things I heard when I interviewed TAOM President, Eric Hogue. He finally broke down and said he is willing to announce more names in this edition of the TAOM Times.

The editor and publisher, Mr. William Lloyd King III, believes this will cause the registrations to go through the roof (after all \$150 to the TAOM Showcase is less than what the average person spends on a weekly trip to Walmart).

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By William Lloyd King III, editor and publisher

According to my sources at TAOM Central Command in Wylie, Texas, the TAOM Showcase only has 33 registrations for their upcoming event over Labor Day Weekend. So, as good ole Uncle Sam would say, "We need you!" (in other words, we really need you to register for the Showcase).

In speaking with a high-ranking executive within the organization, on the condition of anonymity, he stated off the record that back on March 1, 2025, the TAOM Board met to discuss how and if to proceed with a convention this year, and the 40+ board members overwhelming felt the need to have some type of event in 2025, and the TAOM Showcase was born! So folks, we need to make this happen...it's time to register!

As of today, we are 60 days away from the TAOM Showcase happening over Labor Day (August 29-30, 2025) at the Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport. You might recall that this hotel is near the junction of Highways 183 and 161 South in Irving, Texas; and offers a free shuttle to and from both Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

Those good folks at TAOM Central Command have also decided to let the cat out of the bag so, you can make an educated decision regarding your attendance to this very special weekend. In this edition of the TAOM Times, we heard directly from the TAOM President, the Honorable, Illustrious, Amazing, Phenomenal, All-Around-Good-Guy, Eric Hogue about who has committed to lecturing and performing for the Showcase.

The focus of the 2025 TAOM Showcase is on the business and the art of magic. Remember, this is not a TAOM convention, due to limited funding. Instead, it's what we call in Texas, just a big-ole-get-together!

So, get ready to turn the page and find out who we have scheduled to lecture and perform at this fun, entertaining, educational and social event of the season, but before you do that, don't forget to [Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)

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We Need You

Who's at the 2025 TAOM Showcase

By Dorsey Clyde Roach, reporter

On Saturday, we will have four lectures, the dealer's room, dinner and a show! From our sources at TAOM Central Command located in Wylie, Texas, the following individuals are set to be at TAOM...

Announcing three of our amazing lecturers: Joshua Jay, Trevor Duffy, and Sam Sawyers

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Sam, a TAOM award winner, has 28 years of experience in magic. Performing in restaurants, kid's parties, and corporate events - it's how he makes a living supporting his wife and two children, and he does it all within the state of Texas.

Joshua Jay will be zooming in online to lecture and participate in a Q&A session with our TAOM Showcase attendees. He's a world renown magician, business owner, author, teacher, lecturer, and world traveler. Josh has performed in 100+ countries and received the top prize at the World Magic Seminar.

This co-founder of Vanishing Inc. has fooled Penn and Teller and holds a Guinness World Record. Josh's lecture for TAOM will focus on: Presentation Matters.



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In upcoming editions of the TAOM Times, we will announce more about lectures and dealers. While this is not a TAOM convention, it's still a great event for our magic community. Additionally, the Dallas Magic Club is hosting an auction on Sunday in the same hotel. So, what are you waiting for, [Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)

Saturday Night's Show

By Bobby L. Macarthur, reporter

Bill Bentz

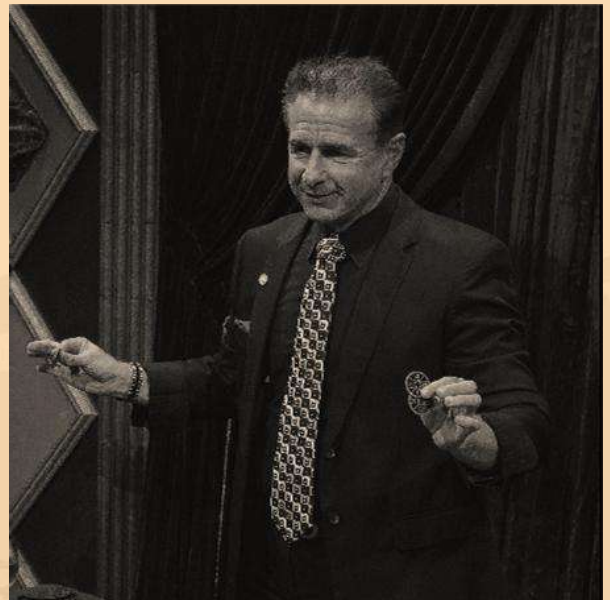
The Renaissance Man of Magic

Bill Bentz, who splits his time between Dallas and Los Angeles when not traveling around the world, is a multi-award-winning entertainer and modern master of magic. His distinctive style is elegant, sophisticated and delightfully mysterious. Equally adept at close-up and stage, Bentz is a distinguished performer at Hollywood's Magic Castle and highly sought after as a corporate conjurer. He's travelled the globe, performing sleight-of-hand, and sleight-of-mind, for trade shows, theaters, cabarets, fortune 500 companies and special events.



Bill's story begins long before he born. In 1963, his mother fell in love with his father at, of all places, the Magic Castle. This Mecca of the Art, in Hollywood, is world renowned as the "Carnegie Hall of Magic." As a child, he was surrounded by legendary magicians, who regaled him with magic illusions. He was immersed in fantastic stories of grandmaster magicians such as Dai Vernon and Charlie Miller. At the young age of 5, he performed his first magic show. This established a firm foundation for a lifetime of making the impossible manifest and providing lifelong positive memories for his audiences, far and wide.

See Bill perform Saturday evening, August 30th at 8:30 PM after our dinner and TAOM Officer Swearing-In Ceremony. What are you waiting for...[Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)



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MARCH 6, 2025



TAOM Members and friends,

As you may know, over the last eight months plans have been underway for the TAOM 2025 Convention scheduled for Labor Day weekend, August 29 – September 1, 2025. Unfortunately, our registration numbers at this point in the planning process do not reflect the attendees or funding needed to host a convention that would meet the expectations of our members and guests. It also became apparent that we were competing with a number of other magic conventions that all fall within weeks of each other. All of these factors seemed to be leading to something I have ended up calling, “convention fatigue.”

To that end, the TAOM 2025 Convention is being canceled this year. Please know that if you have already registered for the convention, your registration fees will be returned to you in the coming days. I regret that we cannot continue the tradition this year, but I also cannot guarantee the delivery of a convention you have come to expect.

In the meantime, plans are underway for the TAOM 2026 Convention in Houston, Texas, with the return of the model of having the local club host the annual convention. This should provide the funding and manpower needed to insure the successful delivery of our time-honored conventions.

While we will not have the convention in 2025, the TAOM Board does not want the year to pass without some kind of celebration for the art of magic. We are looking at alternatives, instead of a formal convention, such as an informal gathering and/or picnic. I will reach back out when/if those plans become finalized.

Magically yours,

Eric Hogue,
2024/25 President,
Texas Association of Magicians

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Over 80 years of magic throughout Texas

Showcase Attendee,

We are just two days way from the 2025 TAOM Showcase. As you know, due to a number of challenges, we changed the scope of what has been a traditional convention to the Showcase. I call it the non-conventional convention! I wanted to make it a big ole spectacle, like how the Texas Association of Magicians got started over 80 years ago. My goal was to make it a weekend filled with perplexing performances and lectures of prestidigitation!

So, forget everything you have ever known about TAOM conventions, and come ready to connect with old friends, learn some new magic, and get ready to sit back and be entertained by some our very own outstanding Texas magicians.

When you get there on Friday, check in at the registration desk, with the one and only Judy Hollingsworth! She will give to you your badge, which is required for access into all the lectures, shows, and dinners. In other words: No badge = No access.

Unfortunately, there are no walk-up registrations.

The TAOM Board will be meeting at 4:00pm on Friday, and then at 6:00pm the doors swing open, and dinner is served!

See you Friday,

Eric Hogue

2025
Showcase



August 29-30, 2025
And the DMC Auction August 31, 2025
Irving, Texas

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The Clock is Ticking

The 2025 TAOM Showcase

August 29-30, 2025

And the DMC Auction August 31, 2025

Joshua Jay, Sam Sawyers, Fabian, Trevor Duffy, Brent Fisher, Tricia Heil Davis, Grant Price, Scott Hollingsworth, and Bill Bentz are all scheduled to be at the 2025 TAOM Showcase in north Texas on August 29-30, 2025. Will your name be on that list too??

Additionally, on Friday night after dinner, we're having a Dealer Exhibition with our dealers speaking, promoting and selling their goods. Our Dealers include Bruce Chadwick's Illusion Warehouse, Peter the Adequate, the amazing Trevor Duffy (Trevor will also be lecturing on Saturday), and a sneak-peek from the DMC Auction (scheduled for Sunday)!

The clock is ticking...get your name on that list...what are you waiting for...

[Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)



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Have you registered yet?

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What's Happening at TAOM?

By Bessie Ethel Albertson

What do Joshua Jay, Sam Sawyers, Fabian, Trevor Duffy, Brent Fisher, Tricia Heil Davis, Grant Price, Scott Hollingsworth, Bill Bentz and unnamed others have in common?

They will be in Irving, Texas on August 29-30, 2025, at the TAOM Showcase

Additionally, on Friday night after dinner, we're having a Dealer Exhibition with our dealers speaking, promoting and selling their goods.

The 2025 TAOM Showcase is a big ole spectacle filled with perplexing performances of prestidigitation!

We just need to see you there!

*Let the
COUNTDOWN
begin!*



August 29-30, 2025
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By William Lloyd King III, editor and publisher

According to my sources at TAOM Central Command in Wylie, Texas, the TAOM Showcase is happening...even though we currently only have 55 registrations, we are moving forward! We're going to have a fun, informal, magical weekend for all our attendees. We have some great lectures scheduled, good food, great shows, and even an auction.

To say that we haven't had any issues would be an understatement! You might even call them a comedy of errors along the way. We've even had some nay-sayers! Last Spring, the TAOM Board voted to move forward with an event over Labor Day Weekend, and we aim to deliver (so, we really need you to register for this TAOM Showcase).

What are you waiting for...

[Register for the 2025 TAOM Showcase and reserve your hotel room.](#)

We continue to have issues with the registration software and process (this is one of those "comedy of errors" scenarios I was referencing earlier). For security reasons the website will ask for your username and password. It will want you to reset your password, but for some people, the password reset feature is broken and the system will not allow you to register. It will also not allow you to register as a guest if you have a registered account.

Our group of volunteers are trying to get this issue addressed and will keep you posted. In the meantime, if you try to register and the system will not allow you, please reach out to our webmaster and let him know. He can be reached at: jd@jd-stewart.com

Thank you for your patience.

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Here are some of our lecturers and performers, with more to come!

Stay after the 2025 TAOM Showcase for the Dallas Magic Club's Magic Auction, Sunday Morning, in the same location!

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THE DALLAS MAGIC CLUB

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WITH GUEST AUCTIONEER :
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FOLLOWING THE 2025 TAOM SHOWCASE AT THE SAME HOTEL
HILTON GARDEN INN DFW AIRPORT SOUTH - 2001 VALLEY VIEW LANE, IRVING, TX 75061
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - AUCTION STARTS AT 11:00 AM
ADMISSION FREE TO DMC MEMBERS AND TAOM 2025 ATTENDEES - \$20 OTHERWISE

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Thursday, August 21, 2025
to sign up for the 2025 Showcase**

**At 12:01 am, that door will be forever closed,
and you will have missed out on the
TAOM event of the year!**

You have been warned!

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Welcome

Eric Hogue, 2024/2025 TAOM President



Welcome to the 2025 TAOM Showcase. It has been a journey to get here. I am thankful that you made the decision to support TAOM's 80-year history and be a part of this event.

It has been an honor and a challenge to have served as the President of the Texas Association of Magicians, over the past 12 months. There were many times that I was not sure if we would actually get here or not, but thanks to some amazing people – who stepped up to help me out – we have arrived, and we have over 100 attendees at this Showcase.

First, I must thank my beautiful wife, Tammie, who is my biggest supporter and toughest critic. She told me I could do this, and she was right. I have been fortunate to have been getting her good advice and support for over 38 years!

A very special thanks to Geoff Grimes, Mike Smith, Bill Ingram, James Wade, and Joey Byers. These guys were my sounding-board, my TAOM Showcase think-tank, and my planning team. Everything good that happens this weekend, is because of these outstanding gentlemen.

A special thanks to our TAOM Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Bighorse, who helped with all of the Board Meetings, the financials and pulling this event together. Also, a very special thanks to Scott and Judy Hollingsworth, whom I officially met during Magic Texas in Arlington last year. They reached out with good advice, a listening ear, encouragement, and volunteering to help with the Showcase in anyway that they could! Also, a special thanks to my old friend, Dal Sanders, who volunteered to make a third day out of the Showcase with the DMC Auction.

This year the TAOM Showcase is a special convention, and it's because of all of these individuals, our performers, our lecturers, and our dealers, who stepped up when others were silent. Thanks to each of you.

Next year our incoming president, Gene Protas from the Houston area has a great convention planned. It's going to be a wonderful event, so be sure to sign up for it!

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Fabian Performer



With performances featuring some of the finest universities, corporations, and luxury groups throughout the country, it's Fabian's specialization in the practice of sophisticated sleight-of-hand, psychological displays of mind-reading, and storytelling that allows him to create custom and powerfully intimate experiences for discerning audiences. This Rio Grande Valley native is dynamic and culturally expansive in his performances ranging from the annual SXSW festival in Austin to the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood where he explores the themes of communication, connection, and the conviction with unforgettable and mind-shattering results.

Grant is part mind reader, part purebred American unicorn. He has been performing full-time for corporate audiences for over 15 years.

He has spent most of his life studying and demonstrating the intricacies and amazing capabilities of the human brain. He has always had a gift for making people wonder and laugh, think jaw-dropping mentalism delivered with a whimsical slant. Grant decided early on that he wanted to perform in a style that makes the audience feel known and cared about. As a result, Grant's shows always bear his own unique signature, interactive entertainment that makes the audience the star of the show.

Grant Price Performer



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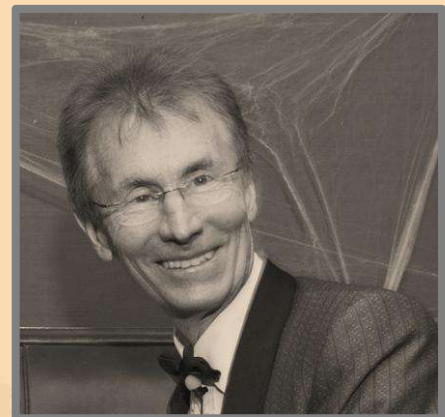
Sam Sawyers Lecturer



Sam, since the age of 10, has now been doing magic for 28 years. At age 13 he got his first gig at Joe's Crab Shack in Mesquite, Texas. Throughout high school and college, he practiced his art at kids' birthday parties and corporate events. In 2010 Sam won the TAOM Cloe-up competition. And then at age 25 Sam became a full-time magician, doing table magic, kids shows, and corporate events. He currently supports his wife and 2 children doing magic.

Trevor is a highly motivated international magician who has been involved in magic for 25 years. A true master of his craft, this South African, has vast experience entertaining events of all types and can adapt his magic performances to suit various event's needs. His style is upmarket, sophisticated, and comical. Trevor has received gold and silver medal awards from South Africa and well as Australia. He has performed exclusive shows for high-ranking companies, including L'Oreal, Nabisco, Liberty Life, Old Mutual, Kellogs, Aspen Pharmacare, ICL and many more. For 11 years he was the resident magician at the renowned Traders Restaurant.

Trevor Duffy Dealer, Lecturer



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Joshua Jay **Lecturer**



Joshua is a world-renowned New York magician who has performed in over 100 countries and was awarded top prize at the World Magic Seminar in 1998 as well for IBM and SAM. He has worked with Penn and Teller on their Fool Us TV show and holds the Guinness World Record for card tricks. He has performed at the Inaugural Ball for former President Barack Obama and has performed privately for former President Clinton. He has authored a dozen books for magicians and has contributed to numerous magic magazines. In 2008, along with friend Andi Gladwin founded Vanishing Inc., a premier magic shop and worldwide shipping operation. He is well-known for his creative experiential magic show, "Six Impossible Things."

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Scott Hollingsworth Lecturer



Scott has been entertaining audiences for more than 50 years now. He possesses incredible sleight-of-hand skills that will blow your mind with his sharp wit, charm, charisma, and professionalism. This well-regarded Texas magician and magic book author was for 27 years both the entertainment director and resident magician at the Magic Island dinner theatre in Houston. He is the winner of numerous magic association awards in Texas. You won't find another corporate magician with such amazing credentials and years of experience.

Brent has been entertaining children with his magic for 28 years. As a teacher, Brent took magic into the classroom as a motivator and a reward system. As an administrator, he started an after-school magic club and used it to help foster confidence, positive behaviors and to unlock creativity. For the last 22 years he has used magic shows as fundraisers, bringing in as much as \$15,000 for the Dallas Parkinson's Society and Gym. Since retiring from education, he stays very busy performing for schools, churches, and local comedy clubs with his matinee family magic shows.

Brent Fisher Lecturer



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Tricia Heil Davis Moderator / Lecturer



Tricia Heil Davis is the immediate Past President of IBM Ring 60 in Austin and currently continues to serve on the Board. Tricia grew up watching and learning from her father magician Larry Heil and publicly performed her first magic trick at kindergarten show and tell. She is a student of the McBride Magic and Mystery school, grateful to be learning from modern masters.

From a young age Bill was emersed in a world of art, music, magic and the concept of making the impossible manifest. Bill's parents exposed him to fine art, classical music and the idea of looking at solutions in a new and creative way. They were early and active members of the Magic Castle. So, Bill realized the positive, long-lasting effects of magic that is done we. Bill continues to play classical music, paint and perform delightfully mysterious magic combining all three of these disciplines. For over 25 years he has performed in all 50 states and over 20 countries. Bill is a multi-award-winning International Renaissance Man of Mystery who is a favorite performer at the Magic Castle.

Bill Bentz Performer



Who's Who?

Our TAOM Showcase Dealers

Bruce Chadwick - Illusion Warehouse

Trevor Duffy

Peter Hinrichs - Magic Hotline

Dallas Magic Club Auction

Dealer's hours

Friday

4:00pm-5:45pm: Dealers room open

8:00pm: Dealer exhibition

9:30pm-Midnight: Dealers room open

Saturday

9:00am-Noon: Dealers room open

2:00pm-6:00pm: Dealers room open

Meals

Friday Night and Saturday Night Dinner Buffets are included with your registration, be sure to wear your badge.

Friday's Dinner Buffet

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Serve Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Buffet includes

Chicken Fajitas & Beef Fajitas

Black Bean & Corn Salad, Flour Tortillas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream and Shredded Cheese.

Saturday's Dinner Buffet

THE TAOM PICNIC

Serve Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Buffet includes

Angus Beef Burger

**Cheddar, Pepper Jack, Swiss & American Cheeses
Toppings include Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Jalapenos, Pickles, Mustard, Mayo and Ketchup. Served with Warm Buns, Baked Beans and Seasoned Fries**

Iced tea and water served with both buffets

Cash Bar available from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Other Meals

**Saturday Breakfast and Lunch are on your own,
but the hotel offers a great selection at**

The Garden Grille & Bar Restaurant

located off of the hotel lobby.

*They've got you covered with a tasty cooked-to-order
breakfast and a seasonal menu of favorites for lunch.*



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WITH GUEST AUCTIONEER :
SCOTT WELLS



Special Guest: Louis Daniel

“The Unofficial Official TAOM Illustrator”

By Geoff Grimes



At 94, Louis Daniel is older than the “founding fathers!” In fact, he has survived them all - the TAOM founders, that is. Louis is TAOM’s “unofficial official illustrator.” His commercial art has been a fixture in North Texas for more than seventy years, and literally, the crates of his work earmarked for the archives of the Fort Worth Public Library is a fitting testimony to the place he holds in the Southwestern culture.

Louis began illustrations for the TAOM as early as the 1950’s. The Fort Worth entrepreneur, hotelier, and 9th International President of the IBM and founder of the Fort Worth Magicians Club, A. Renerick “Ren” Clark approached him in 1953 about a new logo for the fledgling Texas Association of Magicians.

“Ren didn’t much care for the existing logo and asked me to design a new one,” says Louis. He says he’s tweaked it over the years, but that same logo still accompanies the eight decades-long history of the “Lone Star” association.

Over the many years, Louis Daniel would become the “go-to” illustrator for the TAOM. “I can’t tell you how many cards, program covers, posters – scads of posters! – portraits, trick illustrations, and even metal tokens I have created over the years for our Texas organization.”

Louis’s office features a gallery of the “who’s who” of American twentieth-century magical entertainment. He’s captured the faces of so many of the iconic entertainers of the period. “I’ll never forget when Harry Blackstone, Jr. came in my office one day,” Louis reflects, “and asked me to design the cover for the 1985 commemorative program, featuring my portrait of his father, Harry Blackstone, Sr. on what would have been his 100th birthday. There’s Ren, of course, but also there’s Doug Henning, Bev Bergeron, Seigfried and Roy, even David Copperfield—I can’t remember them all.

Louis is proud of his contributions to the TAOM—all the long hours, a labor of love over the many years, and all volunteered! “I’m so happy that I could make a contribution. I’m especially happy that I’m able to attend the TAOM Showcase!” says Louis. “I’m not getting any younger, and you just never know! So, thanks to everyone!”

Louis Daniel’s artwork is on display during the TAOM Showcase.

Special Moment

"The Living Legend Award"



Last year at the Magic Texas Convention, the TAOM Board voted on creating a new award for members within the Texas Association of Magicians who have shown a lifetime of service and commitment to the TAOM Organization and the Magical Community.

This will be the first time this award is presented...who will it be?

Welcome!

**When you sign up for a TAOM Convention, you're
also signing up to be a member of TAOM!**

Welcome to our newest members

**Angelynn Allen
Jolena Allen
Gregory Connor
John Greene
Michael Hilgers
John Montes
Juergen Picard
Grant Price
Matthew Welsby**

Congratulations!

Order of Willard milestones

Shair Heino

25 years of continuous membership

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**60 years of continuous membership,
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Special Guest: The Silver Sisters

Saturday evening's dinner time entertainment

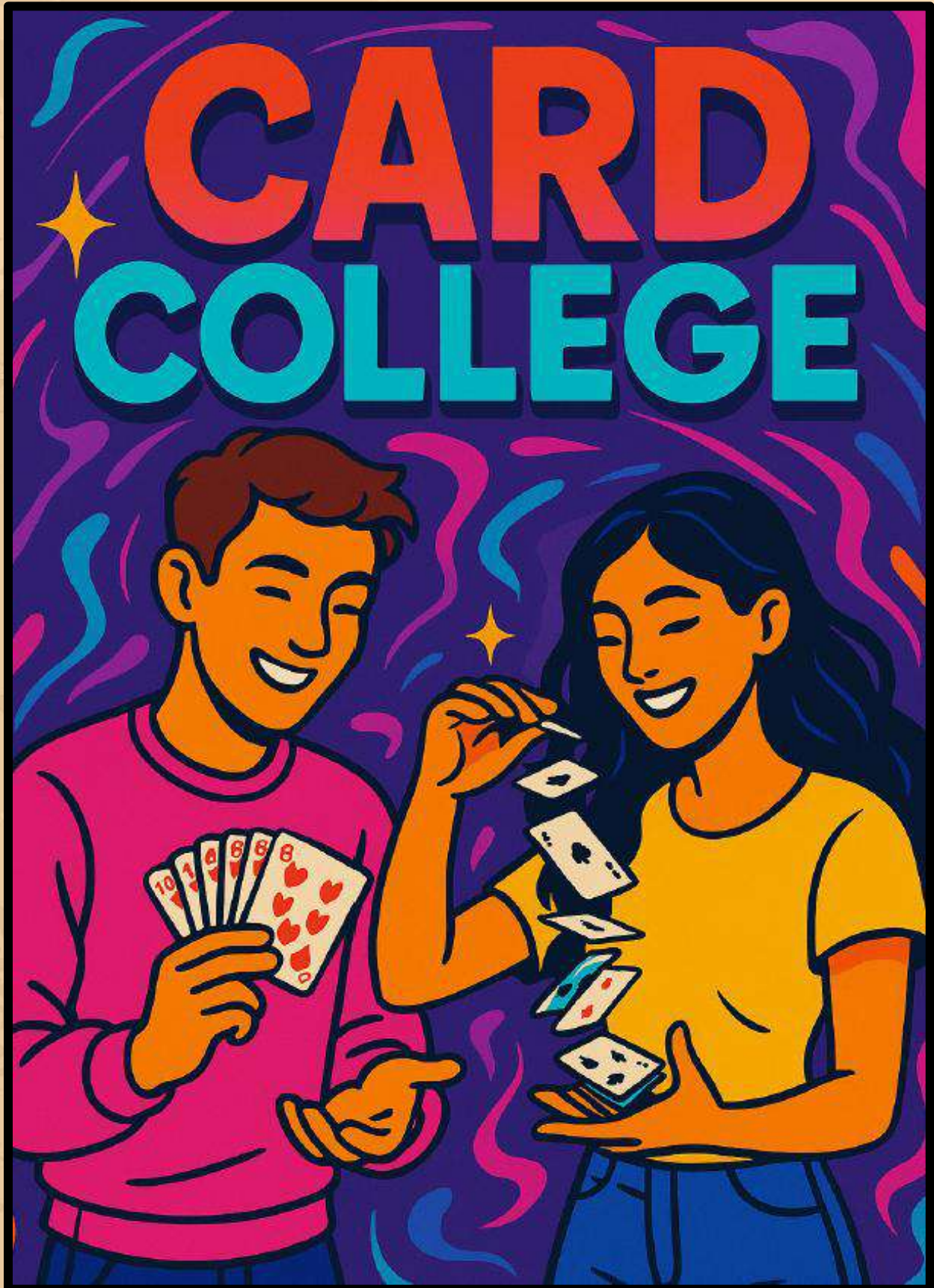


Saturday night, we're stepping back to the early days of the Texas Association of Magicians with a picnic theme and some classic magic. Think of the music that was a part of those early conventions back in the 1940's and get ready to welcome the Silver Sisters from Fort Worth, Texas.

They are a performing group in the style of the Andrews Sisters. Think songs like God Bless the USA, Soldier Boy, Chattanooga Choo Choo plus many others, and you have the Silver Sisters!

Thanks

To Geoff Grimes and others for hosting the Card College Class to potential magicians who visited during the Saturday lunch break



OVER THE TOP IN TEXAS TAOM 2026 CONVENTION

Hilton Post Oak, Houston - Labor Day Weekend 2026

Hosted by Gene Protas TAOM President 2026 & The Houston Magic Clubs

FEATURING THE MAGICAL TALENTS OF

John Bannon - Caesar - Eric DeCamps
Jared Kopf - Armando Lucero - Mike Pisciotta
Jake & David Rangel - Chip Romero
Jamie Salinas - Garrett Thomas
Paul Vigil - Geoff Williams
The Illusions of John Shryock & Mari Lynn

2026 Guests of Honor - The Great Scotts:
Scott Hollingsworth & Scott Wells



September 4-7 2026

visit TAOM.org for info & to register

Thank You!

**Thank you for being a part of this
unique and different TAOM
Convention/Showcase for 2025. When
discussions started last year, we were
not sure how or if this would turn out.
We hope you enjoyed this magical
weekend, and that you were able to
laugh a little and learn a little!**



See You Next Year





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Saturday Morning

Sam Sawyers

Sam the Magic Man



Saturday Morning

Trevor Duffy

A true master of his craft



Saturday Afternoon

Joshua Jay

The world-renowned magician, author, and lecturer zoomed into the Showcase



*A very special thanks
to TAOM member,
James Wade,
for setting up the
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Saturday Afternoon

Scott Hollingsworth and Brent Fisher

The Generational Panel – Magic thru the years

Moderated by Tricia Heil-Davis



Saturday Night

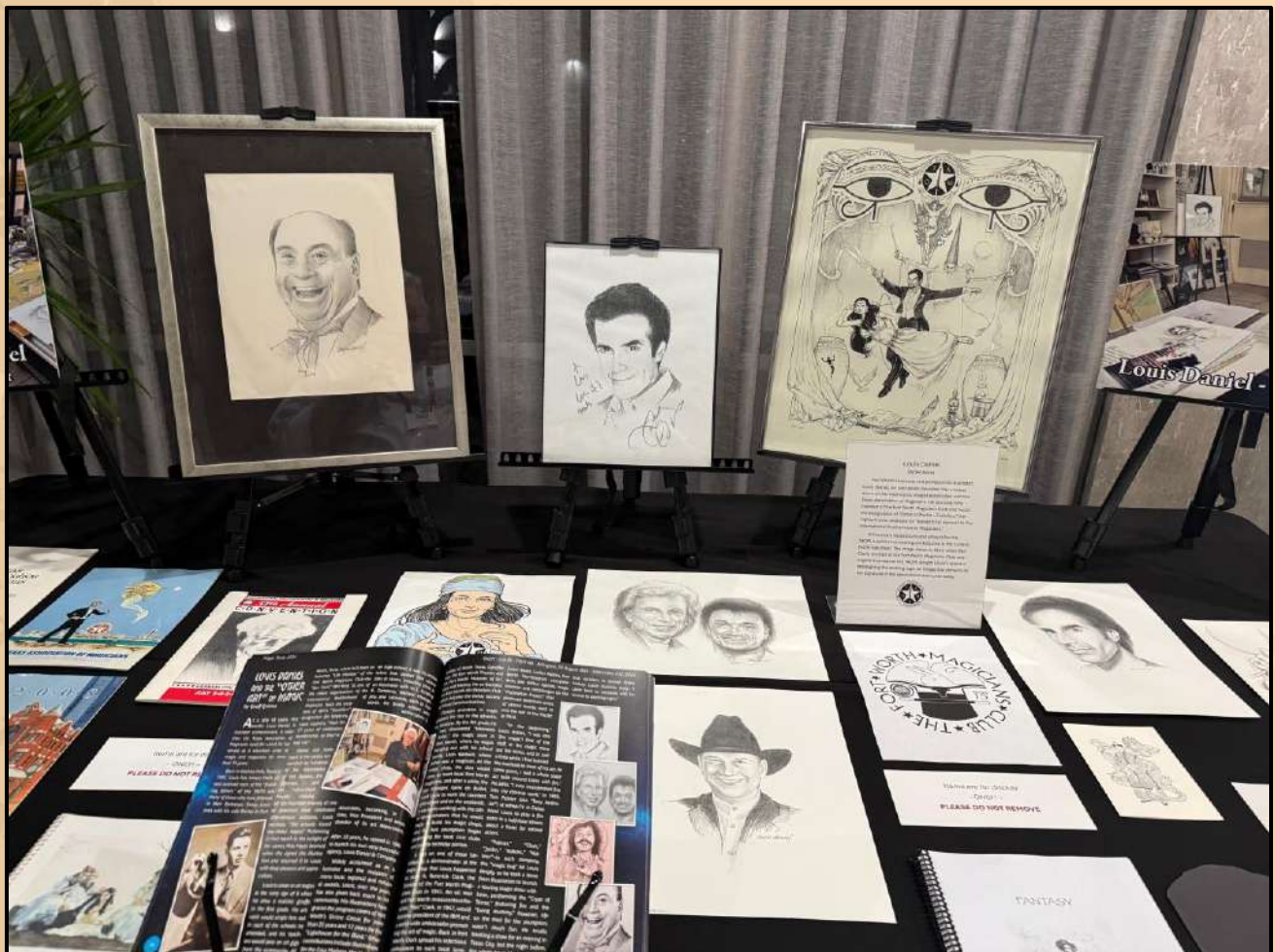
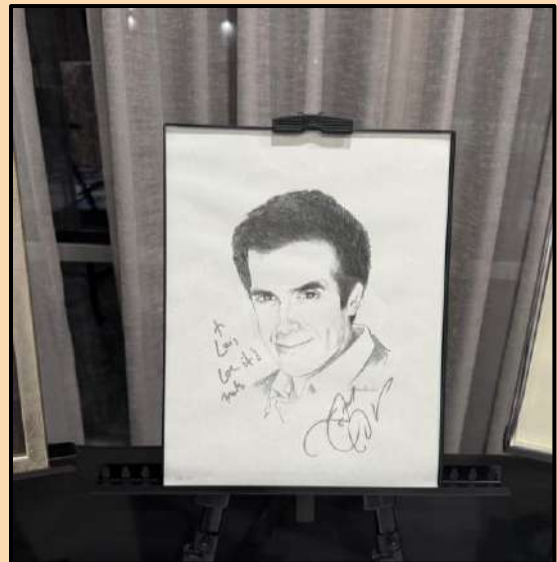
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This award was presented for the first time during the 2025 TAOM Showcase to the one and only Kent Cummins



2025 TAOM Showcase

Thanks for the memories

Highlighting Texas magicians and the art of magic



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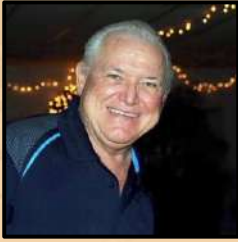
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**Former TAOM Presidents, Bob Emory and Scott Wells,
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In memory...

During the TAOM Showcase, we honored members we lost over the past year.



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Joined TAOM in 1996

Harriet Jacobson
Joined TAOM in 2024



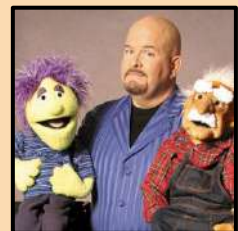
Opie Houston
Joined TAOM in 1992

Robert Smith
Joined TAOM in 2017



Jim Dunn
Joined TAOM in 1966

Ian Varella
Joined TAOM in 1998



Connie "Paprika" Leaverton
Joined TAOM in 2020

Wayne Dobson
Joined TAOM in 2010



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*Saturday evening's dinner time entertainment
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2025 Showcase



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