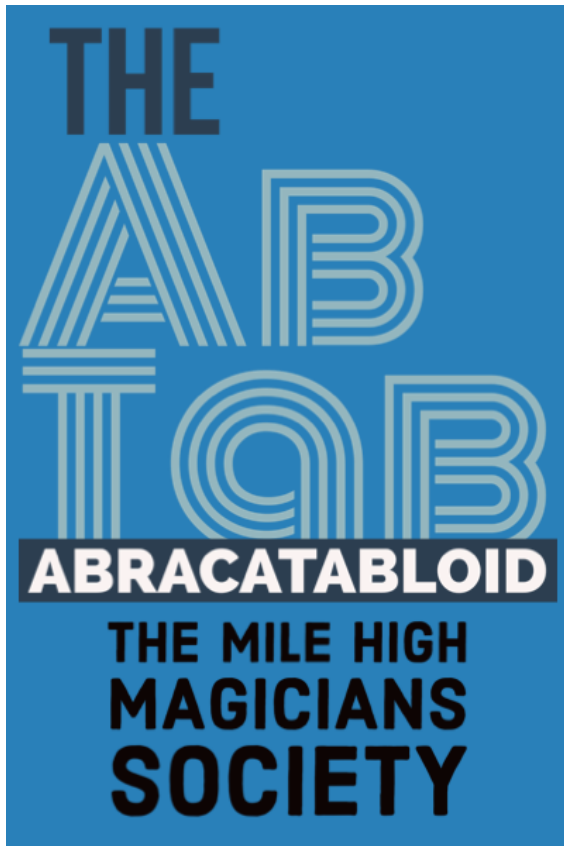


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Presidential Patter ~ Dan Rodriguez

With the pandemic in the rearview mirror and a clear road ahead of us, membership in the Mile High Magicians Society has never looked better. So, buckle up and enjoy the ride into 2024.

Our mission to accomplish this is three-fold and is as simple as A – B – C.

The '**A**' stands for **Accountability**. And, accountability starts with our governing document, the Constitution and Bylaws of the MHMS. Thanks to the Constitution Revision Task Force created over 6-months ago, we have totally cleaned up and improved this most important document. Within the next few days, you will receive an email that includes a copy of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws and a ballot. Only current Active members are eligible to vote.

The '**B**' stands for **Benefits**. Specifically, I am talking about benefits of membership. We can be more than just a magic club that meets once a month. Starting in 2024, there will be more opportunities for our membership to participate, perform, and learn. Also, we will offer more group events and field trips away from the normal meeting space. Psss.... Your Executive committee is working on some great field trips. More on that soon!

The '**C**' stands for **Create Cash Flow**. Since the pandemic, we have not put on a public show and have not done a good job collecting membership dues. Without cash, the club cannot provide great benefits. Remember... the pandemic is in the rearview mirror, so we can bring back the public show and invite the dozens of longtime club supporters back to the club.

I am excited to serve as your President in 2024. We have an amazing Executive Committee and some great events in the works. **Hold on for the ride!**

Dan Rodriguez ~ President, MHMS | [email me](#) | Call me [\(303\) 510-5120](#)



January Meeting - The Ride Begins

Date: Thursday January 11th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: Free (but your dues are due)

NEW Location: [The HUB at 40 West Arts - 6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Join us for the 2024 kickoff, an evening where magic and surprises await. We begin with the important installation of our new officers, marking a new era of leadership and innovation for our society. This transition sets the stage for a vibrant future in the magical arts.

After the installation, we'll review our new Constitution and Bylaws, gearing up for a future vote that promises to shape our society's path. The evening will then transform into a showcase of surprise magical performances, displaying the extraordinary talents of our members. This event is not just a meeting; it's a celebration of our magical legacy and a glimpse into the exciting future of the Mile High Magicians Society. Prepare to be enchanted and inspired as we embark on this spellbinding journey together!

If you would like to perform please [email us](#).



[John Shyrock Lecture](#)

Date: Thursday January 4th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$35.00 includes renewal - \$25.00 non-member magician.

[The HUB Stage at 40 West](#) - [6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

NOTE about your 2024 Dues: If you attend the John Shryock lecture you may renew your dues for only \$10.00 saving you \$15.00.

ABOUT THE LECTURE John's comprehensive lecture teaches not only great tricks, but how to perform great magic as well. The lecture is taught in a "let's have fun" manner with plenty of room for questions. about any aspect of magic, from "What makes a trick look natural?" to "How do I get booked on a Cruise Ship?" to "Where do you find the right kind of music?"

A wide range of topics from act structure, to the proper use of various sleights, to "How to use music to amplify your magic" are covered in this entertaining and informative session. Featured topics include:

-Ambitious, Triumphant, Color Changing Deck: An Ambitious card, a Triumph, and a Color Changing Deck, all in the same routine with one deck of cards. And, at the end of the trick, you're completely clean!

-Copper, Silver, Brass "Trio": A staple of John's act for years. Three different coins magically assemble under two cards. This one will fool you hard.

-Cards-R-Us: Any number of spectator's cards are selected and secretly controlled to

the top of the deck. The cards are then found, each in a different and entertaining manner. John's favorite impromptu routine. The audience always goes crazy!

-Classic Cups and Balls: Johns take on the classic effect in magic. This is John show closing routine. The lessons learned form John's thinking and structure of the routine will help in all aspect of your magic.

-Ring in Walnut: Recently featured on "The Late Show with David Letterman." A borrowed ring ends up in a walnut. A true reputation maker. This one will knock your socks off.

NEED WE SAY MORE? OK, we will. John has presented magic lectures across Europe and the United States. He has received rave reviews from a variety of lecture venues and magic conventions including: I.B.M. and S.A.M. National conventions, P.C.A.M., Abbott's, MAGI-FEST, T.A.O.M. and countless others. The reason for John's success is simple--a fun lecture on original, practical magic that leaves everyone with something they can use. Here's what they're saying about Practical Magic:

"John always taught the 'why' of each performance, as well as the 'how.' Several members went out of their way to thank me for having John lecture. 'Wonderful! If you have the chance to see John perform...or lecture...don't hesitate!' - *Tom Craven, Lecture Coordinator, Youngstown, Ohio*

"John presented a wide-variety of routines from close-up, to stage and parlor. All were performed in a masterful manner which everyone enjoyed. If you have the opportunity to book John Shryock's lecture please do so. Your magic organization will not only use the powerful routines but also will have FUN in the process." - *Bill Trotter, I.B.M. T.V.P., IOWA*

"Our members found your material to be very practical and useable...and your ideas and tips on routining, music and stage presence were right on the mark. For quite some time following your lecture our members were still talking about how good it was." - *David Sandy, Lecture Coordinator, Kansas City*



[A Minute of Minutes ~ Secretary AJ Perea Reports](#)

We had a night full of amazing performances, awards, farewells, and bottomless Italian food. Our outgoing president, **Jeff Jenson**, emceed the evening by introducing each performer and performing sleight of hand himself.

James Lopez dazzled us with his coins across routine. He invited two spectators from the audience to join him on stage and made four coins travel invisibly between their hands.

Next up was **John Walker**, who performed a **Jim Murphy** themed card trick based on luck and Murphy's law. John found Jim's card after going through a few lucky choices.

Lew Wymisner predicted the order of poker chips picked by spectators. He allowed each spectator to select from various poker chips. He asked three spectators to each pick one chip and hold it up. He then correctly revealed his prediction.

Gene Gorden performed the linking rings as a tribute to **Dave Elston**, who we recently lost. After Gene's performance, we had a special presentation. **Dan Rodriguez**, the past national president of the Society of American Magicians and our incoming club president, presented Gene with an achievement award for his thirty-five years of membership and service to the club.

Steve Davis amazed the audience by predicting a phone number important to an audience member. Through help from the audience, he was able to correctly predict

the phone number.

Artie Fron performed the classic cups and balls with his own comedic flare. He brought up a child spectator to provide stage cues for the audience to react.

Marty Jewell thanked the club for their support and friendship through silk magic, as she will be moving to Oregon in the new year. She said that she will miss the club and the magic in Denver. Members of the club said their goodbyes.

Jason Fye put his own spin on thumb cuffs. Instead of using tiny cuffs, Jason used a regular playing card instead, which he was able to escape from and perform the trick.

The last performer of the night was **Scott McCray**, who performed the invisible coin. He brought up a spectator on stage with his invisible coin pouch. He then proceeded to do magic with his pouch and invisible coins.

We want to thank all the performers and the audience for making it a memorable night. We also want to thank Cinzzettis for hosting us and providing us with delicious food and drinks.

Magic Around Town

Promote your magic event in the AbTab. Submit all relevant details including a photograph by email to editor@milehighmagicians.com. There is no fee for members of the MHMS. Your event will appear in the next update after receipt.



[John Shyrock and Mari Lynn](#)

Date: Saturday January 5th or 6th

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets: \\$30 - \\$40.00](#)

[Theatre of Dreams - 735 Park St., C & D - Castle Rock, CO 80109](#)

John Shryock and Mari Lynn deliver an engaging blend of magic, illusion, drama, and comedy, captivating audiences with their dynamic stage presence. Renowned for his million-dollar smile, John has performed globally, including at President George W. Bush's Gala Inaugural Ball and on "Masters of Illusion." He won "The Battle of the Magicians" in 1992 and authored "Slightly Tricky." Mari Lynn, a classically trained dancer and Ringling Bros. performer, joined John, combining their talents into a formidable duo. They married in 2001 at the Magic Castle and continue to enchant audiences worldwide.



[Slightly Impossible at the HUB Stage](#)

Date: Saturday January 13th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets: \\$14 - \\$28](#)

[The HUB Stage at 40 West - 6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Slightly Impossible is a one of a kind entertainment experience. Blending the unique styles of two of Denver's best magicians. Creating a truly engaging and exciting entertainment! Comedy and illusion, mystery and magic all come together in "Slightly Impossible". A unique and unforgettable entertainment experience, you will not find anywhere else!

Magic Open Mic

LAST Monday of every month. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign up to perform.

Mutiny Information Cafe [2 South Broadway, Denver CO 80209](#)

Magic Roundtables/Get Togethers

- **Monday Night Meet Up** ♠ 9:00pm till late
 - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](#)
- **Wednesday Magic Hangout** ♠ 7:00pm till around 10:00pm
 - **Old Chicago** - [6646 S Parker Rd Aurora, CO 80016](#)
- **Saturday MHMS Roundtable** ♠ 12:30pm till done
 - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](#)

S.Y.M. Society of Young Magicians

Meetings are 1 hour prior to the regular Thursday meeting. In some cases there is no meeting due to space or time restraints, please confirm with Michael Samazia SYM@milehighmagicians.com for info.

2024 Meetings as Planned and TBD

Please contact any board member if you're interested in helping with, participating, planning or hosting.

January 11th: **Meeting**

February 8th: **TBD**

March?: **Flea Market (Date TBD)**

April 11th: **TBD**

May 9th: **TBD**

June 13th: **TBD**

July 11th: **TBD**

August 8th: **TBD**

September 12th: **TBD**

October 10th: **TBD**

November 14th: **TBD**

December: **Banquet (Date TBD)**

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