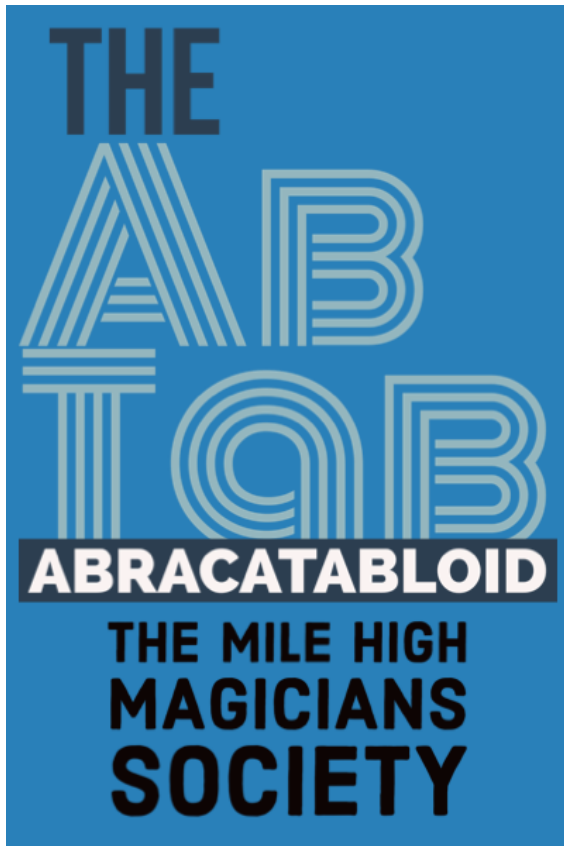


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Important Reminders

Flea Market at Knights of Columbus Doors open 7:00 | No SYM meeting at 6:00, young magicians may attend the flea market at 7:00



Presidential Patter ~ Dan Rodriguez

DID YOU KNOW that the MHMS is just shy of 70 paid members? Why is this a big deal? Because in 2023, we only had 43 paid members and within two months into 2024 we already increased membership by over 60%. WOW! The goal is to get to 100 members this year.

Here are four steps how YOU can help the club get to 100 members in 2024:

- Get involved and show up at meetings. A large turn-out creates energy and synergy.
- Invite non-member magicians to club events and invite them to join the MHMS.
- Be sure that YOU pay your membership dues.
- Some of our long-time former members and Denver area magicians have been lax in paying dues. I am calling on YOU to support the club by paying your membership dues, especially if your first name is Mitch, Ed, Phelyx, Ned, Anthem, Nate, Connie, Doc, Keir, Lew, Gary, Don, Autumn, Richard, James, Bob, Sharon, Eddie or Scotty to just to name a few. You know who you are!

The proposed Constitution and Bylaws was officially adopted on March 1, 2024. Secretary AJ Perea and I reviewed the vote tally that included votes from our online ballot, emails, and verbal votes. Of the 69 eligible member votes, we received 52 ballots so we met the 75% threshold and the vote unanimous passed "YES". Thank you to all who voted.

Dan Rodriguez ~ President, MHMS | [email me](#) | Call me [\(303\) 510-5120](tel:3035105120)



[Flea Market Magic Swap Meet](#)

Sellers: Reserve a table (or two)

Buyers: start saving

March 14, 2024 door open at 7:00pm

[Knights of Columbus](#)

[4935 W First Ave, Denver CO 80219](#)

Magicians start saving your pocket change (or get a second mortgage, we don't judge). Come one, come all to the ultimate destination for magic enthusiasts! Our annual flea market (basically a giant Magic Shop) is the perfect place for magicians of all skill levels to buy, sell, and trade new and used magic props and tricks. Not only will you find great deals on all types of magic you'll also have the opportunity to connect and network with other like-minded folks in the magic community who may not normally come to a meeting. Don't miss out on this once-a-year magical experience!

Non-Members (anyone interested in magic). We want everyone to have an opportunity to purchase magic, we ask that you have a genuine interest in magic and share that with us upon arrival.

Note: Everyone, including members, will be required to wear the provided name tag while at the event. When you arrive you will be asked to sign in and provide a cell phone number for contact.

Sellers RESERVE tables for \$10.00

SELLERS: Reserve your space now. Full 8' tables are \$10.00 half tables are \$5.00. You may load in and set up at 6:00pm. If you arrive early you may stage outside the doors but PLEASE keep a clear path for others if you will be chastised. Please

conclude selling at 9:00pm. Please try to pack up to leave by 9:30pm (not that I can ever do that).

Text or call Chad at 303-557-1892 with questions BUT you MUST [email](#) to reserve space.

Young Magicians (the S.Y.M.)

Please come to the flea Market and find some new and amazing magic. If you have any old magic you want to sell, put a price on it and your parent's name and phone number. We'll have a place to put it and if anyone buys it we'll let your parents know and get the money to you. Have questions, please check with Michael Samazia SYM@milehighmagicians.com



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

The Mile High Magicians Society visited the brand-new Museum of Illusions located in Downtown Denver. Members had the opportunity to bring their entire family to explore the museum. These museums are located across three continents, but we are now fortunate to have one located in our city.

Once the museum closed to the public for the night, the magicians and their families had the entire venue to themselves. The meeting started with **Steve Spangler** introducing the staff and the concept to the club. He has facilitated a partnership

between the club and the museum to give some of our members the opportunity to perform at the venue. Spangler brought one of his own illusions: the Afghan Bands. He started with three circular cloth pieces. He started to tear one of the bands lengthwise, which produced two separate rings. However, when he repeated this procedure with another piece, the bands were interlocked. Spangler tore the last piece the same way but ended up with a larger ring. This introduced the audience to the concept of viewing something from different perspectives, much like optical illusions.

Eddie Goldstein is not just a magician; he has worked as a scientific communicator teaching STEM concepts through entertainment. He has decades of experience working in museums, so it was fitting that he was a part of this opening. He brought out a metal ring and a ribbon. The ribbon was put through the ring. He was able to magically pull the ring through the rope and place it back on. Goldstein did break the magician's code and revealed that there was a magnet in the ribbon. However, this showed the audience how our perceptions deceive us.

After the introductions, it was time for the magicians and their families to explore the museum's offerings at their own pace. They were greeted with life-size versions of illusions. Unlike most museums, guests were invited to interact with the exhibits and play around with the props. They could photograph themselves holding their parents up on an apartment balcony, lose their balance in the vortex tunnel, or attempt to solve some of the puzzles. At the end of the evening, there were tons of fun photos shared by our members of these illusions and experiences. Everyone had an amazing time at the museum during this special event.

Special thanks to **Steve Spangler**, **Eddie Goldstein**, and the **Museum of Illusions** for a wonderful and deceptive night.



[Artie Fron "The Great Ardini" Passes](#)

We are deeply saddened to announce yet another loss to the magic community with the unexpected passing of Artie “the Great Ardini” on February 24. Having moved to Denver very recently, Artie quickly became an integral part of our community, especially noted for his presence at the weekly Wednesday Night Hangout in Centennial. His gentle demeanor and straightforward approach to life endeared him to everyone within that small magic group, where he always expressed how welcome he felt.

Artie was a rising star as the resident street magician for the Colorado Renaissance Festival, where his humor and magical talents left an indelible mark on the Faire community as well. His passion for magic, though relatively new, was evident in his success and the dedication he showed. Artie eagerly looked forward to what was an "almost completely" booked schedule of festivals across the United States beginning in the summer of 2024. He was excited about the prospect of living in an RV, embracing the nomadic lifestyle of a performer, and cherishing the bonds formed with his newfound family of fellow artists.

He leaves behind family members in Texas who, along with his friends and admirers, will miss him dearly. Plans for a local memorial and a broken wand ceremony are underway, with details to be shared soon through an AbTab update.

Artie's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who had the pleasure of knowing him

and experiencing his magic. He was not just a magician but a cherished friend to some and "an inspiration to some" (as he would say). As we prepare to bid him farewell, we hold onto the memories and the joy he brought into our lives, reminding us of the magic that surrounds us every day.

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.



Music and Magic Zone

Saturday, March 9th, 2024

Theatre of Dreams - [Tickets \\$30.00](#)

[735 Park St C, Castle Rock, CO 80109](#)

Enjoy this 90 minute show that blends magic and music in a brand new way! It's not just magic done to music – both art forms collide! This talented, charismatic trio of seasoned performers take you into the “zone” where miracles happen! Enjoy the magical harmonies, see eye-popping illusions, mind reading and exciting sleight-of-hand magic.



Deceptions Magic @ Wonders HUB Stage

Date: Saturday Mrch 16th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm Tickets: \$15 (\$10 for members)

The HUB Stage at 40 West - 6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214

Be captivated by a spectacular blend of cutting-edge magic, small-scale illusions, mind games, and a touch of light-hearted comedy. This show promises an unforgettable experience suitable for all ages. Witness mind-boggling sleight-of-hand and stage manipulation, daring feats, and classic acts that will leave you in awe.



Sleightly Impossible Magic @ HUB Wonders Stage

Date: Saturday March 23rd, 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!



[Rhapsody in Magic @ Wonders HUB Stage](#)

Date: Saturday March 30th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets: \\$15 \(\\$10 for members\)](#)

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

Imagine an evening where the mystique of magic and the soulful melodies of music blend seamlessly, inviting you into a world where the extraordinary becomes the norm. This is a close-up magic show that not only showcases the sleight of hand that will leave you questioning reality but is also enriched with the musical talents of Gerald Robinson and Jude Griffin. Video screen ensure every seat is a good one!

[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](#)

2024 Meetings as Planned and TBD

If there is a link you may email the organizer directly with you're interested in helping with, participating, planning, or hosting. If there is no link, email your favorite board member!

April 11th: [New Member Showcase.](#)

May 9th: [Close-up Teach In.](#)

June 13th: **Anything BUT magic show and tell.**

July 11th: **Mentalism and Psychic Teach In.**

August 8th: **Pro Close up Show.**

September 12th: **TBD**

October 10th: **Evening of Odd.**

November 14th: **TBD**

December 12th: **Presidents Night and Dinner Show.**

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