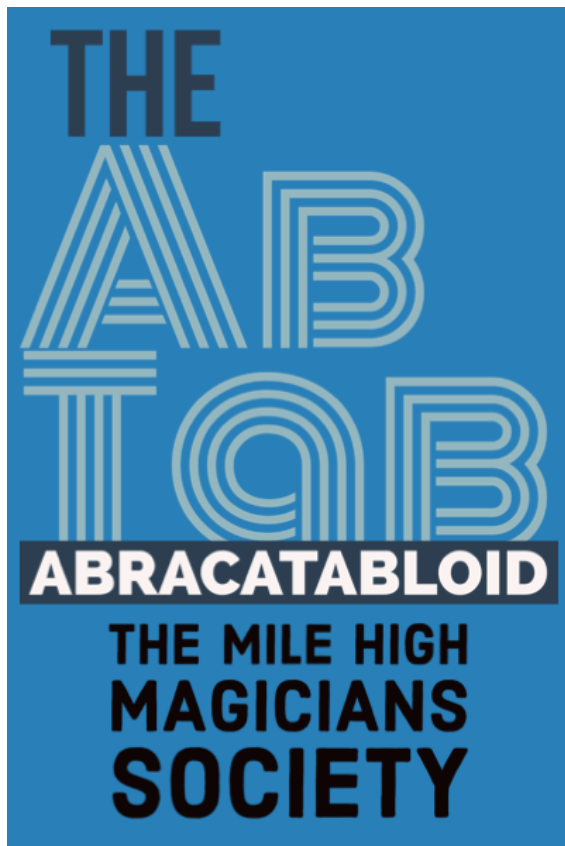


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Important Reminders

We need 8' tables for the Teach In meeting. See meeting column.

Breaking News: James Sanden lecture on May 16th. Details to follow.

Yesterday's AbTab was missing half the secretary report please read the rest!



Presidential Patter ~ Dan Rodriguez

What a spectacular evening to see nearly a dozen new members perform at our April meeting! For those new members that performed, you have now fulfilled your commitment of performing magic in front of the membership. So, you are now officially an official member of The Mile High Magicians Society. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

A big thank you to Grandmaster Magicians **Ned Nedbalski**, **Ralph MacIntosh** and **David Neighbors** for closing the April meeting with such prestige. (*Pssst... and thanks to **Chad Wonder** for working behind the scenes putting the April meeting together*)

It was such an honor for me to present the Dave Elstun Honorary Life Membership to **Connie Elstun** and **Ned Nedbalski**. They have each done so much for magic in Denver and for the Mile High Magicians. The presentation was a surprise to both recipients.

Can you believe that our club has doubled its membership roster since this time last year? Well, it's true and it is because of **YOU! YOU** paid your dues, **YOU** are attending the meetings and lectures, and **YOU** are reading my column!

YOU ARE ROCKIN' IT!

I'm also excited to announce a lecture by **James Sanden** on May 16th. Having

just confirmed we only have date and place (The HUB at 40 West Arts), please keep your eyes open for the soon to be sent follow-up emails with all the details about this sure to be amazing lecture.

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



Close up Magic Teach In Meeting (Closed*)

Date: Thursday May 9th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

[The HUB at 40 West Arts](#)

[6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Calling all magic enthusiasts! Get ready for an extraordinary club meeting where you take center stage in your magical journey. Join us for an evening brimming with excitement, camaraderie, and the opportunity to expand your repertoire with multiple new tricks!

This meeting is your chance to learn and grow as a magician. Don't miss out on the valuable opportunity to add new tricks to your repertoire while enjoying the company of fellow magic enthusiasts.

Meet our stellar team of instructors for this year's event:

Matt Brandt - Non card/ coin item

Jude Griffin - Coin magic

Dennis Michael - 1 cup and ball routine

Gene Gordon - Cards

Be that person who fools his friends and family by something they learned at this Teach In!

See you in May!

We need 8' tables for this meeting, if you can provide one or more please reach out to Gene to and let him know you can help out. [Gene Gordon](#)

* We ask only members and magicians attend this meeting, please do not bring your "non magical" guests.

Young Magicians Club (formerly the S.Y.M.)

Please arrive for our regular 6:00pm time. We plan to have some amazing magic to work on and look forward to seeing you. Make sure you stay for there regular meeting that begins at 7:00pm to learn some new close up magic. Have questions, please check with Michael Samazia SYM@milehighmagicians.com



April Meeting Minutes ~ AJ Perea, Secretary

The theme of the night was "New Members and Grand Masters". **Chad Wonder** emceed. The evening began with honoring a grandmaster that we recently lost. **Dave Elston** had been a member of our organization for over forty years and served as our president four times. His incredible humor, talent, knowledge, and service to the club will always be remembered fondly by our members. To honor his

legacy, the executive board voted unanimously to name our highest honor after him: the Dave Elston Lifetime Member Award. The first recipient was **Connie Elston** for her service to the club. The executive board also honored **Ned Nedbalski**.

Jason Fye kicked off the evening with an opportunity for one member of the audience to win a special prize: a box of expired candy canes. Jason would flip a coin with the audience guessing the outcome. Nick Lathrop won the contest and found a prediction inside the box that stated it would be won by someone with dark hair and glasses.

Tara Hedberg had the opportunity to teach her son **Jackson**, a new member of the SYM, about how to perform the change bag. Jackson learned fast and upstaged his mother by pulling more impressive items out of his bag. This included pulling dollar bills instead of coins, links of sausage instead of a rubber banana, and a large colored streamer instead of a smaller one.

Walter Holak performed the Chinese Sticks. Each stick had a tassel and a string. Despite the sticks being disconnected, the tassels on the sticks seemed to move together. That was not the only mysterious object he brought. A young spectator from the audience helped him produce a variety of objects from his square and circle including a toothbrush, a sock, and vivid streamers.

The youngest performer of the night, **Melody** brought up an audience member to select a card from the deck. This card was then placed back into the deck. However, she revealed that the selected card magically turned over.

Nick Lathrop instructed an audience member to think of the saddest word. The audience member selected “stupidity” and Nick proceeded to tell a story about coming across a woman that told him about “stupidity”. Nick then brought up a spectator to select a card. His internal lie detector led him to find the selected card.

Jude Griffin miraculously moved solid through solid with his Chinese coins being placed and then removed from a piece of ribbon. A special Mexican jumping bean was correctly able to assist Jude in finding a spectator's card that was lost in the deck. Unfortunately, he accidentally ate it before removing it from his eye socket.

Mitch Zeal brought along his spring animal, Rocky. Mith used a tuning fork to capture coins in the air for Rocky to hold. Unfortunately, the mischievous Rocky spent the coins on a Plinko machine. The coins were now raccoon food. As punishment, Rocky had to be the assistant for Mitch’s next illusion that cut him into three pieces before being restored.

Hector Cervantes brought up a spectator to select a card. He then had the spectator draw on the card to match the selected card to connect them both through

the power of voodoo. He took the fake card and proceeded to tear a corner off and lightly burn it with a lighter. The selected card was then revealed to be burnt and torn as well.

David presented a spectator with multiple numbers on paint sticks. He then instructed them to select a number. Based on the answers from the spectators, he was able to correctly select the right number. He was able to repeat this feat with larger sticks containing more numbers.

After a quick intermission, it was time for the grandmasters to take the stage. The legendary **Dave Neighbors** masterfully produced, vanished, and teleported coins leaving the room stunned. He continued to demonstrate his skills with some small ball manipulations before closing out with his rendition of four card monte.

Ralph McIntosh started his routine by taking off his shoe and producing a can of seltzer. He then had a spectator select a card that was placed into the deck. The spectator played a game of craps with invisible dice that revealed the card's location.

The final performer of the night was **Ned Nedbalski**, who came dressed in a red vest, larger flower lapel, police line tie, and top hat. He had a tiny briefcase that held a selected card from the audience. He then gave the newer members and the audience advice on how to leave an impression with business cards. His business card had a secret card prediction that would reveal itself when exposed to heat.

This meeting showcased ten new members with diversity in their styles, tricks, and personalities. We look forward to seeing how they develop and how they influence the club.



[The Deans Magical Musings - Gene Gordon](#)

Magic Conventions are awesome! As I head out to my 21st (in a row) FFFF convention. I think back to all of the past conventions I have attended or worked at! Back in the mid to late 80's there were several "Magic Days" conventions. These conventions were great! I met and watched magician's like Albert Goshman and a very young and unknown David Williamson, and many others. I also attended "The Desert Magic Seminar" in the 80's... Met and watched Karol Fox, Harry Lorayne, Rudy Coby and Lance Burton! I also attended the IBM national convention in Salt Lake City... One of the memories there is the road trip with my pal Dave Neighbors and young magician Eric Brand. Road trips with Dave are an experience! Then came the reboot of our beloved Magic In the Rockies. Dave and I shared a dealers table at that very first one! We set up and across from us was the incomparable Lamont Ream! Twenty great years in a row at MITR!! I still miss it! Then a great little convention put on by my pal William Rader called "The Rocky Mountain Session". Five fun filled years of those conventions. Towards the end of MITR I got invited to attend the 4F convention (thanks to Jim G. and Dave N.)... and now heading to my 21st of these! There is no room here to mention all the magicains I have seen, met and learned from in almost 40yrs of conventions! So why go to conventions a) for the once in a lifetime meeting and seeing great magicians, b) for camaraderie and making and seeing friends, c) to learn and experience magic... sometimes at 3:30am in the hotel lobby! My advice is go to a magic convention as soon as you can and start making your own memories!

Gene R. Gordon, Dean of The Mile High Magicians Society

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[The Psychic Soulmates @ Wonders HUB Stage](#)

Date: Saturday May 11th, 2024

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

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

Anthem and Aria are bringing their spellbinding fusion of music, magic, and mentalism directly to Wonders HUB Stage at 40 West Arts, promising an award-winning experience like no other! Prepare to be amazed by groundbreaking magic and be swept away by a touching story that celebrates the magical connections among us. Appearing around the world and in your backyard you don't want to is this duo live on stage! Members pay only \$20.00 per ticket!



[James Sanden @ Theatre of Dreams](#)

Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm - [Tickets \\$30.00](#)

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

Whether it's when his shoe vanishes from my foot and appears inside an examined paper bag, or when an audience member plays the part of the magician (and somehow succeeds!), every moment is fun, engaging, surprising and, of course, entertaining, with the audience being the heroes and stars of the show.



[Deceptions @ Wonders HUB Stage](#)

Date: Saturday May 25th, 2024

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

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

Deceptions is a captivating magical experience presented by Jeff Jenson, where magic and laughter blend into an evening of spectacular entertainment for the whole family. You'll be enthralled as Jeff's cutting-edge magic, small-scale illusions and "mind games" all intertwined with a touch of light-hearted comedy. Members pay only \$10.00 per ticket!



[Sleightly Impossible @ Wonders HUB Stage](#)

Date: Saturday June 1st, 2024

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

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

Sleightly 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 "Sleightly 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](#)

2024 Meetings, Lectures and Shows (Some 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!

May 16th: **James Sander Lecture.**

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

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

September 12th: **Close up Show.**

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

October 12th: **John Carey Lecture.**

November 14th: **Business of Magic Teach In.**

June 15th: **Alain Lannone Lecture.**

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

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

January 9th: **Annual Banquet & Show**

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