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Presidential Patter - Dan Rodriguez

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Get Ready... Get Set... It's SHOW TIME!

As a result of the pandemic, The Mile High Magicians Society stopped producing an annual public show. Our long-time members remember the high-class productions we presented at the Lakewood Culture Center and other venues over the years. Our younger and newer members have never experienced the magic our club is capable of presenting.

Well, the pandemic is over, and it's time to get back in the game! The **GOOD NEWS** is that we're doing a public show in 2024. **YAHOO!**

Producing a public show has always been our club's primary fundraiser. However, starting over again is financially risky. So, this year we're playing it **SAFE**. Our 2024 Public Show will be held at the **Theater of Dreams** in Castle Rock. Proprietors Joe & Carol Givan are long-time supporters of our club, and they're giving us a deal we can't refuse with no upfront investment.

We are planning afternoon and evening shows on **Saturday, November 9th**. Each show will be unique and feature different acts. For now, mark that day on your calendar.



September Meeting

[Date: Thursday, September 12th, 2024](#)

[Time: 7:00 PM](#)

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

Our next meeting will feature some of Denver's finest professional close-up magicians. Come and enjoy an evening of skillful, intimate magic performed right before your eyes. Don't miss this opportunity to see top talent in action!

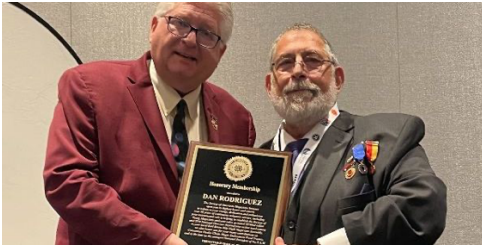
Young Magicians Club

Please check with Michael about what the best plan for you is. Michael Samazia SYM@milehighmagicians.com

The Magic of Members - Photos & Stories

Editor, MHMS | [email Editor](#)

Below are some photo highlights from the combined TAOM/S.A.M. Magic Texas Convention held in Dalles, TX over Labor Day Weekend. Junior members, Melody Berg presents close-up magic at the Stars of Tomorrow Show. She even had the opportunity to perform for celebrity magician Shawn Farquhar. S.A.M. Past-National President and current Mile High President Dan Rodriguez received the prestigious Honorary Membership to the S.A.M. from National Honorary Membership Chair, Tom Gentile. He is also photographed showing off his award to MHMS members Steve Davis and Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff & Karen Wake. Dan is one of only 9 living recipients to have earned this recognition. Dan was totally surprised at the presentation and he had no clue that our club played a part in making this happen. ~DR



Call for Talent 2024 Public Show Auditions

If you have a **quality act** and you want to be on the show, contact Public Show Chair **Shane Cohen** with a sample performance video and a description of your act. You can contact Shane at: shanemagicman@gmail.com, or call him with questions at: 520-275-6575.

The talent committee will review all performance requests and select acts by **September 30, 2024**.



Mile High Magicians

Public Magic Show

AT THE
THEATER OF DREAMS

Mark Your November 9
Calender

WANT TO PERFORM???
EMAIL SHANE AT
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EMAIL SHANE WITH YOUR
INTEREST IN PERFORMING, WHAT
ROUTINE YOU WOULD DO AND
ANY VIDEO YOU HAVE.
DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY
SEPTEMBER 30TH.



Meeting Minutes - AJ Parea

Secretary, MHMS | [email AJ](#)

FILM FESTIVAL AND 'MINI' MAGIC CONVENTION IN REVIEW

By Dan Rodriguez (AJ's report will return next month)

Magic film festival and "mini" magic convention held at Theater of Dreams in Castle Rock on Saturday, August 17 was an amazing experience for the local magicians who attended the event. ***The Amazing Lamont*** documentary was shown followed by Q&A and a rare lecture featuring Lamont Ream himself (via Zoom). At the conclusion of his presentation, The Mile High Magicians Society presented Lamont with the prestigious **Dave Elstun Honorary Life Membership**.

Next-up was a teach-in and discussion with **Joe Givan** and **Shawn Popp** and performances by **Will Mannsz** and **Richard Kwesell**. The day concluded with the showing of ***Lost in the Shuffle*** documentary followed by Q&A with celebrity magician **Shawn Farquhar** and movie producer **Jon Ornoy** (via Zoom).

Thank you **Joe & Carol Given** and all those behind the scenes making this a memorable event.





The Deans Magical Musings - Gene Gordon

Dean, MHMS | [email Gene](#)

Hello Fellow Mile High Magician Society Members!

I had promised to also include some magic in these columns. Here is a great little (yes, card trick) trick I have been doing for years:

"Liars Transpo"

Effect: A classic effect done with 'acting' as part of the method. A freely selected card is lost in the pack. The magician then finds 'the wrong card'... this wrong card magically changes/transposes with the actual selected card!

Bonus Effect: The card changes back, and the selection is found in the magician's pocket or wallet!

Sleights Needed: Classic force and/or glimpse, double lift, top change, top palm. Some acting... but not overacting.

Routine: Bring out the pack of cards and shuffle it, asking the spectator (Liz) if she's ever had her mind read. Say, "Today's the day then!" Move a known card into position for the Classic force where the force card is 'above' your little finger in the break. An easy way to get there is to do an "All-around square-up" and spot the bottom card. Then overhand shuffle this card to the center of the pack, holding a break below it as described above.

Force the card on Liz. (You say, "I don't like or do the Classic force.") Then do what I do if the force fails... and they end up picking any card. Have them return it to the pack and do the Le Paul automatic jog control. Once you have the break (on the card), do the classic center glimpse of the card. In either case (force or glimpse), you can now shuffle the deck freely. Do not control the card! This will kill the upcoming acting. The deck needs to be seen to be freely and genuinely shuffled.

Say to Liz, "Look deeply into my eyes..." Do your best Max Maven/Kreskin impression with your eyebrows. Say, "I think I've got it." Spread the deck, faces towards yourself. Now comes the acting and setting of the pack for the double lift in a moment. Look at Liz, look at the pack, up-jog any card somewhere around midway or so. Look at it again and shake your head no, then pull that card back flush. This sequence is very important to set up the spectators and what you are doing and going to do in a moment. Now say the selection is the 10 of Hearts. You want a contrasting card on the top of the pack. If the top card is a low-value black card, you're good to go! If not, simply move one (low-value black card) there while you continue your search for Liz's card. Assume you slipped the 2 of Spades to the top to contrast her 10 of Hearts.

Now spread through to her 10 of Hearts and let your face brighten up with a wry smile. Up-jog it as you say, "Yes, this

is the one,” or something to that effect. Pull the 10 of Hearts out with your right hand and turn the deck face down in your left hand. Time for an “Ascanio in transit action” move. Say, “Hold out your hand.” As you say this, set the 10 of Hearts back on top of the pack as you gesture with your right hand, palm up. As you do this, do a 'one-hand get' ready for a double lift with the left hand.

The right hand comes back to the pack, and you do the double lift (not turnover), showing the 2 of Spades. The card should come fully away from the pack. You say, “One card out of 52: the (name the card) 2 of Spades...” Add, “That is one of my favorite cards.” Turn the card back down on the pack as you finish saying, “favorite cards.” Look up at Liz in her eyes as you set the card (10 of Hearts) on her hand. Cut her off before she protests that the 2 of Spades is not her card. I say, “I can tell by your look of disappointment... This wasn't your card.”

Say, “They say you should always stick with your first impressions.” As you say this, while still looking at her, cut the pack. Now, you could do a pass, but after doing this effect for 30 years, the simple cut of the pack works best. It happens out of “frame” anyway. Now turn the pack faces towards yourself and spread until you come to the 2 of Spades. Pull it out of the spread (without showing it) and now “lie.”

With your best bit of acting, say, “Was it a red card? Was it a heart? Was it the Ten of Hearts?” They will say yes! Look a bit crestfallen. Now comes an excellent, almost “sponge balls in the hands” moment.

Say, “But I am the magician (or magic guy)... all I have to do is wave my hand over the 10 of Hearts (really the 2 of Spades), and it becomes the 2 of Spades!” Flip the card over face up on the deck and then say, “That means the card in your hand is now the 10 of Hearts!” When they turn it over and it's their card... screams of “No way!” and other choice words can often be heard!

Bonus: The following is a fun and magic-filled addition to the “Liars Transpo.”

As they are reacting to the effect above, move the card (2 of Spades in the example above) to the top of the face-down deck. Retrieve the 10 of Hearts from them. I say, “You know why this works? The 1970s. Back then, they had those mood rings that could change with your body temperature.” As I say the above line, I look at them directly and top change the 10 of Hearts for the 2 of Spades and set the 2 of Spades back face down in their hand. I say, “This card is like those rings... It takes just a moment and changes back!” Gesture towards the card in their hand, implying they turn it over. As they turn it over and get another nice surprise that the card has changed again, they'll react. As they react, top palm the 10 of Hearts in your right hand. Then casually drop it off in your right pants pocket or load it into your wallet. Let a few beats of time go by and say, “The thing that gets me is how you ever got the 10 of Hearts as it's my lucky card and I always keep it in my...” Now produce the card from your pocket or wallet to cap off this little bonus section!

Comments: This routine (in a much simpler form) was first printed in the “Orville Meyer (1911-1992) Commemorative” issue of MUM magazine. A number of us Denver magicians included tricks in this issue of the magazine. Orville was a great magician and friend of mine.

Ask me to perform this for you next time I see you. Remember to practice this and have fun doing it!

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

Good and Welfare - John Luong

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Are you, or do you know of a Colorado magician that

Current members you

is sick or convalescent? Let us know so we can spread goodwill their way.

may send a note to:

David Wintermute

Larry Betz

Everything Else Magic in Denver (we know of)

• Magic Week

National Magic Week, sponsored by the Society of American Magicians, runs from October 27 to November 2, 2024. The Mile High Magicians Society will share the Gift of Magic with hospitalized patients, veterans, seniors, schools, and libraries. This is your chance to get involved! We're forming a committee and need volunteers for logistics and performances. There will also be opportunities for media interviews and participation in Proclamation ceremonies with the Governor and Mayor. Contact Steve Davis at 303-929-3797 or email istephend@yahoo.com to join us!

• Knowing Doug - A lecture by Chris Manos - Saturday September 14th



SAM 292 presents: Chris Manos, who worked closely with Doug Henning and was a personal friend, will be giving a **FREE lecture** on Doug's fascinating career in magic. This is a rare opportunity to hear behind-the-scenes stories and insights from someone who knew Doug both professionally and personally.

The lecture will be held from **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at **Kenny's Steakhouse in Greeley**. Bring a friend and join us for lunch and a great time!

In this lecture, Chris will take you backstage into his decades-long friendship with Doug Henning, sharing personal stories, behind-the-scenes photos, and rare footage of Doug in action. You'll also hear about:

- A prank gone wrong on Debbie Henning's birthday
- Doug learning the hundred dollar bill switch
- Stories resembling a Three Stooges visit to the Magic Castle
- A debt repaid 20 years later
- An illusion Doug taught Chris that didn't go quite as planned

• Lost in the Shuffle Screenings

I'm Jon Ornoy Producer/Director Animal Mother Films the director of *Lost in the Shuffle.* a new feature documentary set in the world of card magic that stars Shawn Farquhar, Michael Vincent, Alexandra Duvivier, Juan Tamariz, and Richard Turner, and asks the question, "What if the clues to the 500-year-old cold case murder of a French king are hidden in the art of every standard deck of cards?" We've got a week of screenings of the film coming up at the

Sonora Cinemas in Arvada starting on Friday. There are no ticket sales online for this one, so they can only be bought at the door. [Click to see showtimes](#)

Sonora Cinemas 5157 W 64th Ave Arvada, CO 80003 - 303-997-4833

You can watch the trailer on [YouTube by clicking here](#):

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Strange Brews @ 14'er Brewing Downtown

Date: Saturday, September 21st, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm [Tickets only \\$15.00](#)

[14er Brewing Company](#) - [3141 Blake St, Denver, CO 80205](#)

After a long hiatus, Strange Brews is Back! Welcome back Denver's best beer and magic show at one of the best breweries in town! See Denver's finest practitioners of prestidigitation, illusions, and skillful sleight of hand for a beer-infused magic show. Join your host, The illustrious James Lopez, as he invites his closest magic friends to entertain you with humor and deft-defying skill on the 14ers stage. The show starts at 8pm, sleight of hand magic at 7:30 from your host James and special guests. Enjoy a beer, seltzer, comedy, and a night of unforgettable debauchery. We look forward to seeing you there.



Slightly Impossible @ Wonders HUB Stage

Date: Saturday September 21st, 2024

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

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Master Magician Mysto the Magic

Date: Thursday, October 24th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets](#)

Lakewood Cultural Center

Civic Center North Building 470 S Allison Pkwy Lakewood, CO 80226

Master Magician Mysto the Magi (Colorado's own Mitch Harwood) will present his 90-minute stage illusion show at the Lakewood Cultural Center. He promises to transport the audience to simpler times of joy, wonder, amazement, and good old-fashioned FUN! Join us for a family-friendly, laugh-til-it-hurts, jaw-dropping good time!

Mile High Magicians members and family get a discount. Call President Dan Rodriguez at 303-521-5120 or email president@milehighmagicians.com and ask for the coupon code.

Magic Open Mic

LAST Monday of every month. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign up to perform. Mutiny Information Cafe [3483 S Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113](https://www.mutinyinfo.com)

Magic Roundtables/Get Togethers

- Monday Night Meet Up ♠ 9:00pm till late
 - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](https://www.ihop.com/locations/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](https://www.oldchicago.com/locations/6646-s-parker-rd-aurora-co-80016)
- Saturday MHMS Roundtable ♠ 12:30pm till done
 - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](https://www.ihop.com/locations/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!

September 12th: Pro Close-up Show.

October 10th: Evening of Odd.

November 14th: Business of Magic Teach In.

December 12th: Young Magicians Show & Holiday Magic Open Mic Night.

January 9th: Annual Banquet & Show

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