



Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale, at 7:30PM. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

Feb. 4 - Stage Contest Contact Harry Monti (636)394-4191

Feb. 3-5 – Magifest, Columbus Ohio

March 2 – Regular Meeting "Mentalism Night"

April 16 – Spring Show
Contact Terry
Richison or Ted Schnarre
to help or perform.

May 4 – Close-Up Contest
Contact Ray Belz if you are interested in performing.

May 7 – Central III. Get Together – Springfield, IL (see ad)

June 1 – Regular meeting
"How to be an Emcee"
June 28 – July 2, International
Brotherhood of Magicians
National Convention Reno NV
www.Magician.org

Aug 11-13 Midwest Magic Jubilee
www.MMJubilee.com
First 50 registrants get their
spouses in for FREE!

Sept. 9, 2005 – President's

Banquet – Orlando Gardens



STAGE CONTEST Feb 4th

Here is your chance to show your stuff. The Annual Ring 1 Stage Contest will be held on February 4th at 7PM at the Kirkwood Community Theatre at 111 S Geyer Rd. in Kirkwood. If you would like to enter the contest you need to contact Harry Monti at (636)394-4191 ASAP. There are still spots left. If you are not performing, please plan to attend. Bring your family and friends. We are not advertising this event to the public, but we would like a donation of a can of food to help out the local food pantries.

New Zealand visits Ring 1!

Our January meeting was host to International



Roger Linden with long time friend Tony Wilson

President Tony Wilson,
President Elect Roger
Miller and SAM National
President, our own John
Apperson. The evening
began with a very nice
happy hour, complete



President Tony Wilson

with fantastic appetizers galore, our thanks to Dave Snetsinger for catering the food and John

Reider for his help setting up. It is obvious, by the empty shrimp cocktail dishes, that the food was a hit. Prior to the meeting the Board had the honor to have dinner with Tony and Roger

at Cunneto's on "the Hill". Steve Buesking

did a fine job arranging the pre-event. While Tony was getting to know everyone, Ray Belz displayed his power point presentation of photos taken at



SAM National President John Apperson and IBM International President Tony Wilson



Emcee Steve Zuehlke

members and our guests.

own Steve Zuehlke. We

Roger Miller was Dave

was only fitting that Dave

introductions. Introducing

started with some

different Ring activities during the year. It was really a beautiful job. This really gave Ring 1 a chance to shine in front of the national officers. As the meeting started Terry Richison put



Dave Snetsinger and Roger Miller



Keith Smith & Roger Wilson

his appreciation. Not to be outdone, it was time for use to present Tony with a memento to remind him of his visit to St Louis. Terry Richison came out with a gorgeous piece designed by Larry Skorepa. A hand

Roger Linden then introduced his

long time friend, President Tony

Ring with banner from his home

ring in New Zealand as a token of

Wilson. Next Tony presented the

with the St Louis Arch. Tony Terry Richison Presents Tony with a token of the club's appreciation.

started the show by doing a number of nice original effects. He even shared a few of the secrets after the evening was

turned wand that had been laser engraved, mounted on a fine piece of walnut with engraved brass plates denoting Tony's visit, topped



Jim Buffaloe

all over. Next on the bill was Roger Miller. Roger did only one effect, but what a clever effect it was. 3

spectators were invited to think of three different things, only to be predicted later on a 20 foot scroll of paper. Next up was our own Jim Buffaloe. Jim presented an original stand-up coin routine which really caught everyone's attention. Up next was Ted Schnarre. Ted is always a great crowd pleaser with his "Believe it or Not" style of magic. Closing the evening was





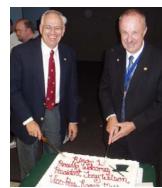
Terry Richison and Tim Shegitz

baffling mentalism by having a card randomly selected by the audience with a number between 1 and 52 for the position in a deck only to find the card in that exact

Ted Schnarre

position in the deck that a spectator had been holding

the entire time. He signature piece, a comedy bill in lemon. Members are still scratching their heads. Afterwards the Ring presented Tony and Roger with a huge sheet cake during which time they were happy to pose for pictures. The entire evening was a huge success. Truly a memorable and historic meeting for the Ring. Tony hopes to come



Roger Miller and Tony Wilson

back this summer to attend the Midwest Magic Jubilee.



Ring Ones token of appreciation to Tony Wilson.

President's Corner

Half of the year has already blown by and I must say that our club has truly grown to one that works by everybody pitching in. I started the year by saying that a single snowflake falling to the ground doesn't really have any impact, but when a lot of snowflakes fall together, they can paralyze an entire city. This analogy is exactly what we have grown to in ring one with numerous people pitching in and helping out.

The party this month for our international president, Tony Wilson, and president-elect Roger Miller was a huge success with a huge turnout and support from our local ring. It was also a rare opportunity of being in the presence of both the international president of the IBM as well as the international president of SAM, John Apperson. A special thanks goes out to our performers, Steve Zuehlke, Jim Buffaloe, Terry Richison, and Ted Schnarre.

Elections are right around the corner and along with vice president, Dave Snetsinger, and board member, Ray Belz, we are putting together the slate for board positions. This is especially a great opportunity to be apart of something great. The club is in a great position for the new board to lead it into even more exciting times. Numerous people have expressed interest in running for a position so please contact Dave, Ray, or myself to express your interest.

The rest of this year has some pretty exciting activities left. For instance, we have two lectures we are in the process of booking, both a stage and closeup contest, lectures in mentalism as well as being an emcee. Check your Spirit for exact times and locations.

I'll end by reminding all the mission of this board and that is do not walk behind me, I may not lead. Do not walk in front of me, I may not follow. Instead, walk beside me and we will lead together. So let's have a great 2nd half by all working together. Thanks for all the hard work.

Keith Smith

Next Project Magic for February

Performing in February for Project Magic is

Ray Belz, Steve Bender, Don Burgan and Jeff Lefton

Dues are Due!

Your local. dues of \$15 are up for renewal again.
Only \$12 for the second person in your household.
The Board will be making reminder calls. Your information card is vital for you to receive your **Spirit** and many other wonderful things from Ring 1. Send your check and information to **Henry**Schaper Sr. at 241 Tapestry Dr., Oakville, MO 63129-3728

FEBRURARY'S JOKE

"What's your father's occupation?" asked the teacher on the first day of the new academic year.

"He's a magician, Ma'am," said the new boy.

"How interesting. What's his favorite trick?"

"He saws people in half."

"Gosh! Now, next question. Any brothers or sisters?"
"One half brother and two half sisters."

Elections to be Held in March

Ring 1 elections are slated for the month of March. Next year will be an exciting year.

Keith Smith has done a wonderful job of revitalizing the club over the past 2 years.

Now he will pass his legacy on. A nominating committee consisting of Keith Smith, Dave Snetsinger and Ray Belz has been formed. If you have any interest in running for an office or as a member of the board, you may contact any one of the nominating committee members and let them know. This is your chance to get involved.

Spring Show 2005

This is your last chance to be on the Spring show.

Line-up will be finalized by the end of February. If you have an act and would like to participate, contact Terry Richison (314-232-4183) or Ted Schnarre (636-947-1517). We are building a great tradition of putting on great shows. We want to continue that tradition and you can be apart of it!

Who is Performing Where?

Feb 7 – Cleveland

Steve Bender with his new Lecture for 2005

Tuesday Evenings at Krieger's in Springfield Eldon Roark at your tableside

Wednesdays at Damons in Springfield Troy Roark – Strolling

March 5th at 7PM March 6th-2 PM

Terry Richison – "It's Magic! Where Dreams Become Reality" Lincoln Theatre - Belleville, IL Ticket info at 618-233-0123

March 14-16 at the Show-West Movie Theatre Trade show Don Rataj

March 15th -Denver - Steve Bender

PROJECT MAGIC

Thanks to
Jerry Novak, Henry Schaper Sr., Larry
Minth and Eugene Schaefer
For their performances at the Shriners
Hospital!!

Next Show is on Feb. 15, 2005 at 6:45 PM

The Midwest Magic Jubilee

Organizational Meeting

Open to All IBM Members!!!

We want your help!!!

If you would like to be a part of one of the Nations Finest Magic Conventions,
Now is your chance! Get involved!
The next meeting will be

February 16th at 7:00PM

at EME Steel 182 Northwest Industrial Ct. Bridgeton, MO

Call 314-514-0215 for directions.

www.mmjubilee.com

2005 Ring 1 Stage Contest

It's that time of year again....time to get your act ready for the annual Stage Contest. This is your chance to show off your act, a new routine, or maybe a work in progress. The stage contest is designed NOT to see who wins 1st place but to gain valuable insight and advice on your act. With the right set of judges, the score sheets are worth their weight in GOLD! Besides, you get to perform on full stage with lights, sound and curtains. This really is a chance of a lifetime. Although some of us think of stage magic as being illusions, birds, pretty dancing girls, etc., this is only a small portion. A birthday party show would fit into this category too! A standup show would also fit this bill. With so many members of the club, we should have no problem coming up with enough contestants to participate. Best of all the show is open to the public. And remember, the public are the people that pay our bills. If anything else, think of the free publicity! You can mail invitations to your clients, make it a thank you gift for friends and clients, a chance for your relatives to see you perform, etc. And best of all is the price....FREE. That's right, NO charge. We will as in the past, be taking a donation of a can good(s) that will go to a local food pantry. If interested in performing or helping out, contact Harry Monti (636)394-4191. We also need light and sound people, backstage help, ushers and ticket sellers.

Famous St Louis Magicians

Can you match the stage name to their real name?

Paul Le Paul Gene Zimmerman Bill Baird Harry Monteith Gene Devoe William Keckritz King Cole Harley Hartzog Harley Day Joe Pesculi Roger Linden Paul Braden Steven Shields Robert Cole Roger Edgar Joe Scott Harry Monti Steve Zuehlke

New Items at Ickle Pickle Products!

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You may have seen them at the Presidential Meeting last month. **The Color Changing Ice Cubes** are now available for the low price of 1 for \$5, 2 for \$9 or 3 for \$12.

Also available is **The Color Changing Golf Ball**! It comes with three 12" colored silks. It retails for \$15, but Ring 1 members can have the effect for only \$10.00 if you mention you saw it in the **Spirit!**.

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Project Magic: GIVING BACK

Keith Smith

It was once said that the measure of one's love or passion for something is not what he has to show for it, but rather it is what he gives back. Being President, I have witnessed many great magicians that make up our ring. I've seen many entertaining acts and witnessed the great pleasures many audiences have taken home with them from ring one performances. I then look to what our club is giving back. Many people have given enormous amounts of time and energy planning and participating in club events. I am looking toward our club to extend the dedication to what we are giving back to the community. Project Magic is one way that we as magicians can give back to the community. The kids at Shriners really enjoy the magic evening and all performers that I have worked with have walked away with a special feeling in their heart. Jerry Novack and Henry Schaper have, for years now, dedicated an enormous amount of time and energy into their passion of giving back to the community by organizing these evenings. Henry also spends tireless energy in the recruitment for the event. I would like to think that all would be open to performing. I truly believe that the real difficulty for most of us is simply scheduling the time. I am proposing to take the membership and select names for each month for the next year and setting it forth as the calendar. The point is not to add to someone's things to do list, but rather it is to establish our club as a strong part of our community. The calendar will be set and if one cannot fulfill the obligated time, then all one will have to do is **contact Henry Schaper** prior to the event so as Henry can find a replacement. I look forward to this endeavor and hope all share in my enthusiasm.

2005 Schedule – Project Magic

Please make note of the Schedule for your name. If you are unable to fulfill your date, please contact Henry Schaper Sr. at 314 487-8296 for a replacement.

Jan19 **Jul 20**

Eugene Schaefer Brenden Belz Henry Schaper Sr. Ray Belz Jerry Novak Steve Bender Larry Minth Don Burgan

Feb 16 Aug 17

Ray Belz George VanDyke Steve Bender Terry Richison

Don Burgan John Reider Jeff Lefton Todd Ziegler

Sept 21

Mar 9

Bob Blattel Roger Linden Robert Campbell Larry Levin John Davit Chuck Levy Chuck Levy Larry Minth

Apr 20

Oct 19 Steve Buesking Harry Monti Terry Richison Don Rataj Ted Schnarre Jerry Novak Steve Zuehlke Ron Perez

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Nov 16 Brian Boyd Ted Schnarre Larry Skorepa Mike Sheehan Keith Smith Jerry Christiansen Tom Westerheide Henry Schaper Sr.

Jun 15

Harry Monti **David Snetsinger** Don Ratai Mike Sirota Mike Sirota Larry Skorepa Keith Smith George VanDyke

2005 Committee Leaders

Dec 21

Linking the Rings –Tom Westerheide, Ray Belz **Mentoring** – Ram Suntha, Steve Finkelstein Lectures – Keith Smith, Harry Monti **Spring Show** – Terry Richison, Ted Schnarre

Stage Contest –Harry Monti

Close Up Contest – Ray Belz

Presidents Banquet – Henry Schaper, Sr., Dave Snetsinger, Larry Skorepa, Keith Smith

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Award Review Committee – Dave Snetsinger

Meeting Chairpersons

Mentalism - Steve Finkelstein

Project Magic – Jerry Novak, Henry Schaper, Sr.

Emcee Night – Shep Hyken, Keith Smith

NEW MAGIC SHOP

Magic and Mayhem

Tim Needham has opened Magic and Mayhem at the old Vegas Pace Magic shop location on North Street in Springfield, IL. Stop by when you are in town!

Losander Lecture – A Smash Hit!

The Hampel Magic Institute's first lecture was one to be remembered. Losander shared his unique art of levitations and animations form bubbles to silks to wands to tables. His gimmicks and their protocols were wonderfully creative and he carefully gives credit to Finn Jon and Salvano who inspired him. He also passed on unusual protocols for the thumb tip. No need to keep the thumb tip on the thumb; "we can do better than that".

Losander's main thrust, however, was in levitation and animations. He shared his vast experience on lighting and backgrounds, gimmicks and gimmick hookups. Here are two counterintuitive pieces of advice: 1) a black background is not optimal for thread work and 2) levitation can be better in a close-up venue than on stage. This is the sort of information that takes years to develop and it was graciously

shared with all in attendance.

Imagine blowing a bubble, a thing so fragile and subject to the whims of a casual breath, yet the magician is able to exert an unnatural control over it to defv it's own fragility and the laws of nature. Bubbles are suspended in time and space, they are juggled, they are floated horizontally to defy gravity, they are given mass and animated a` al Zombie. His graceful and magical bubble work is sure to inspire many of us.



Losander floating his table.



From left to right- Steve Zuehlke, John Reider, Terry Richison, Dirk Losander, Dennis Hampel, Ted Schnarre, Matt Hampel, Mark Howell

The grand finale` was the Losander's Floating Table. He has gone through many evolutions of the table which is hand crafted by his father in Germany. His father's workmanship is extra ordinary and evokes the sort of love and talent that is only found in the old world craftsmanship. Part of his floating table routine

includes an audience member who holds on to the table cloth as the table levitates. It is so clean that during the levitation he and the spectator will lift the table cloth to allow a view of the top of the table. Absolutely outstanding! Losander was a smash hit with grace in presentation, practical in advice. Thanks the Dennis, Clydia, Matt and Mark for all the hospitality and good eats and treats.

The Hampel Magic Institute will be holding another leature on March 10th at 7PM with May Hayard.

lecture on March 19th at 7PM with Max Howard. Only \$25.00 per person. Call 618-566-2442 for reservations!

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For Sale

Note: several of the members that have items for sale will have them on display at the March 2nd meeting.

Classified Ads

Attention magazine collectors!! I have numerous back issues of Linking Rings, Geniis, M-U-Ms and Sphinx. If you are missing any issues to complete your collection, please email me with your list and I will see if I have any duplicates. I am currently sitting on over 2,000 back issues of the above mentioned magazines. Steve Zuehlke 314-514-0215

Linking Rings Available

For those starting in magic and would like to have some back issues of *The Linking Ring*, here is your chance. The last ten years' issues 1994-2003 are available free. Contact Dave Snetsinger at 314 968-3442 or via E-mail at Snetsing@aol.com. If more than one call comes in there will be a drawing.

The following items are For Sale by **Tom**

Westerheide @ 618-233-4329.

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Video Tapes For Sale

- ➤ "A Life of Magic" videos by Jerry Andrus Set of 3 tapes. \$30.00
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- ➤ "Intimate Miracles" Dean Dill's Video Tape with accompanying book \$15
- ➤ "All about Sponge Balls" by Brad Burt \$8.00
- > "Magic by Gosh" \$10.00
- ➤ "Okito Coin Box" David Roth \$10.00
- > "Stars of Magic" Frank Garcia \$10.00

Need a Rabbit? One Netherlander Dwarf rabbit for sale \$10 call Larry Skorepa at 636-394-2968.

The following is available for purchase from Steve Finklestein. Call 314-997-6442 or via email at sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net.

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The Complete Invocation Book - Original, New \$80

Videos

David Carre Card Collection of Advanced Card Magic, \$10.00 Michael Ammar's Classic Rendition – Bill Switch, \$10.00 Earplugs – Jay Sankey (includes props) never used, \$15.00 Sankey-Tized, \$10.00

Jeff McBride-Two Volume Set, \$20.00

Slightly Tricky – John Shryock, \$10.00

Daryl Live from London 1, \$10.00

Steve Reynolds-Internet Lecture

(includes invisible palm aces), \$15.00

Daryl Live from London 1, \$10.00

Daryl Live from London 2, \$10.00

David Costi's Close-up Lecture 2nd, \$20.00

Rocco Lecture - rare, \$15.00

Three Ball Juggling, \$7.00

Creative Magic – John Cornelius (signed), \$15.00

1991 NY Can Convention Highlights – 2 hrs, \$7.00

Beat a Cheat – Secrets of a Card Sharp, \$8.00

Roberto Giobbi – British Close-up Symposium, \$10.00

David Roth Expert Coin Magic Volumes 1,2,\$3, \$30.00

Chuck Fayne Live, \$10.00

Don England Lecture 1994 rare, \$15.00

John Fedko – Coin Illusions, \$10.00

Johnny Ace Palmer Volumes 1,2,3 ', \$30.00

Allan Ackerman – Palming Vol 1, \$10.00

Magic For Humans – Frank Balzarak, \$10.00

Stand-up Magic – Juan Pablo Vol 1,2, \$20.00

The Lost and Found Tapes of the Great Kovari (rare), \$12.00

Magician Video Network Magic Mag. Spring 1999 (rare), \$8.00

Thomas Krantz – Getting Serious or What, \$10.00

Visi-Bill (\$100 dollar bill switch), \$10.00

The Magic of Dominique Duvivier Volumes 1,2,3

(French Magician – great), \$30.00

Jaw Droppers Volumes 1,2,3,4 Complete Set, New - 30.00

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Juan Tamariz – Lessons in Magic Volumes 1,2,3 - 20.00

Watch Bandit (watch stealing – Kevin Kin - 10.00

The Watch Steal Video - Chappy Brazil - 15.00

Workers – the Video 100 Minutes with Michael Close - 12.00

Socrates - Close-Up (rare) - 12.00

The Magic of Gene Maze 2 Volume set - 20.00

The Thread Head – Steve Fearson - 10.00

Jack of All Trades - Brad C (card flourishes, card throwing,

juggling, fake cuts, etc.) - 10.00

Rick Thomas – The Art of Dreaming - 10.00

Twisting Arm Illusion – Meir Yedid - 8.00

Master Card Techniques -

Andy Edmuller, Sepp Holzer, Vol 2

rare - 10.00

Jim Pace – Tricks from My Lecture - 10.00

Patrick Page – Card In Wallet - 10.00

Patrick Page – Sponge Balls - 10.00

Patrick Page – Magic With Paper - 10.00

Patrick Page – Rope Magic - 10.00

Patrick Page - Reveal A Card - 10.00

Stars of Magic - Bernard Bills - 10.00

Rope Magic teach-In – Great for beginner - 8.00

Reminiscing with The Artful Dodger -

A Day with Eddie Fields (rare) - 15.00

Ron London Teaching Video 24 Routines – Great for Beginners - 10.00

The Legendary Repertoire of Michael Skinner – Volumes 1 and 2 - 20.00

The Sorcerer Shop Invisible Thread Video - 8.00

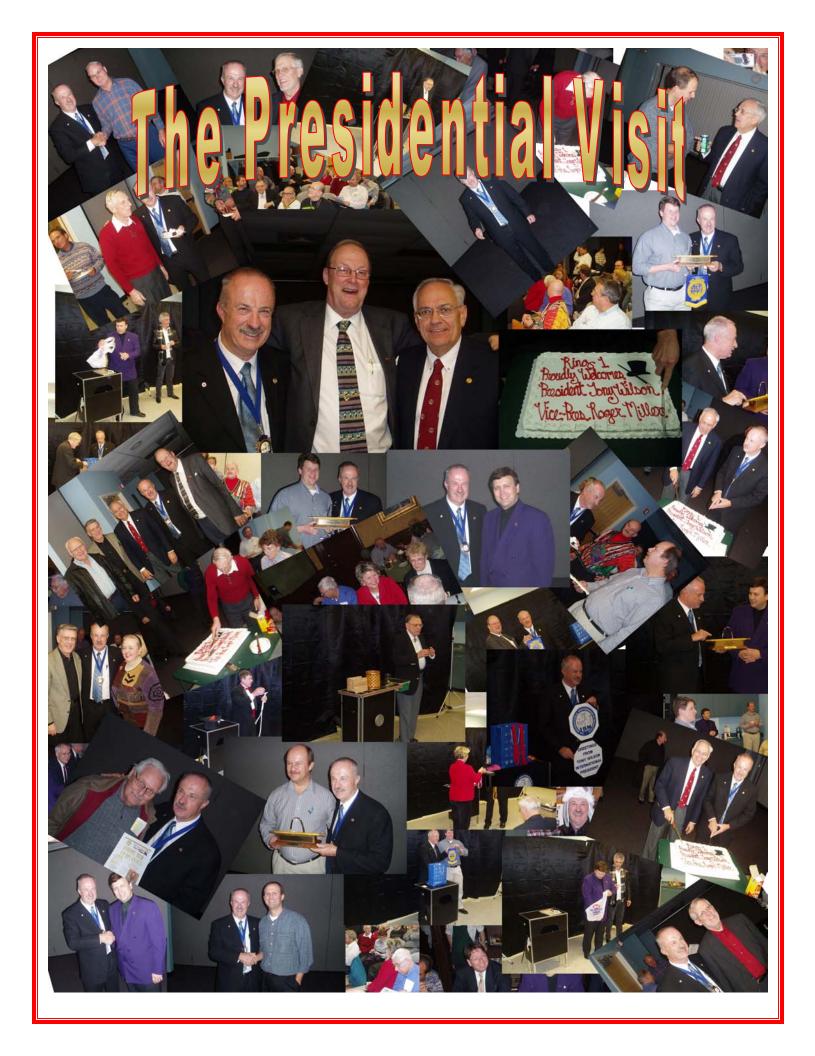
Bill Tarr – Dazzle (run time 86 minutes) rare - 15.00

Contact - Aldo Colombini - 10.00

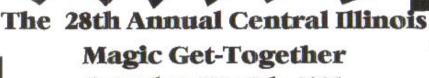
Pavel Cabaret Potpouri (Videonics) rare - 12.00

Chain reaction – Smith (Chinese Linking Rings_) - 10.00

Zombie - 10.00



Upcoming Conventions



Saturday, May 7th, 2005

at the Center for the Arts in Springfield, Illinois Already Booked:

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Arthur Trace Rick Fisher Ron London

Dealers, Lectures, Close-Up Show, Gala Evening Show!!

Convention begins at 9:00AM Public show begins at 7:30 PM Registration \$45.00 Extra Evening show tickets \$12.50

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Adults: \$110 unti July 1st, Junior (16 and under): \$70 until July 1st,

\$125 July 1st and after.

\$80 July 1st and after.