

International Brotherhood of Magicians



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Auditions for 2025 Florissant Show

Our Fall Fundraising Show will again be held at the Florissant Performing Arts Center on October 18, 2025, at 2pm. Anyone interested in performing at the show should have sent a video to Mike McClure by April 30 th . If you are interested and missed the deadline, you may audition on the spot on May 7 th , but please still reach out to Mike immediately. Attendees at the May 7 th Ring One meeting will vote for who will be in the show!

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Please join us on
May 7th 7pm

Doors open at 6pm
Auditions begin 7pm

Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
May 7, 2025	Auditions for 2025 Florissant Show
Jun 4, 2025	Magic Open Mic Night (Ring 1 members)
July	NO REGULAR MEETING
Aug 6, 2025	Magic Open Mic Night (Ring 1 members)
Sep 3, 2025	Ring 1 Magic Competition (Tim Shegitz – host)
Oct 12, 2025	President's Banquet (at Schlafly's Maplewood)
Oct 18, 2025	Ring 1 Florissant Fall Show
Oct 22, 2025	Giacomo Bigliardi In-Person Lecture
Nov 5, 2025	Tim Shegitz In-Person Lecture
Dec 3, 2025	Holiday Party (Installations & Gift Exchange)

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

If you will be attending FISM 2025 in Italy July 14-19, please e-mail ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com . Gary Chan will then let all attendees know who else is attending.



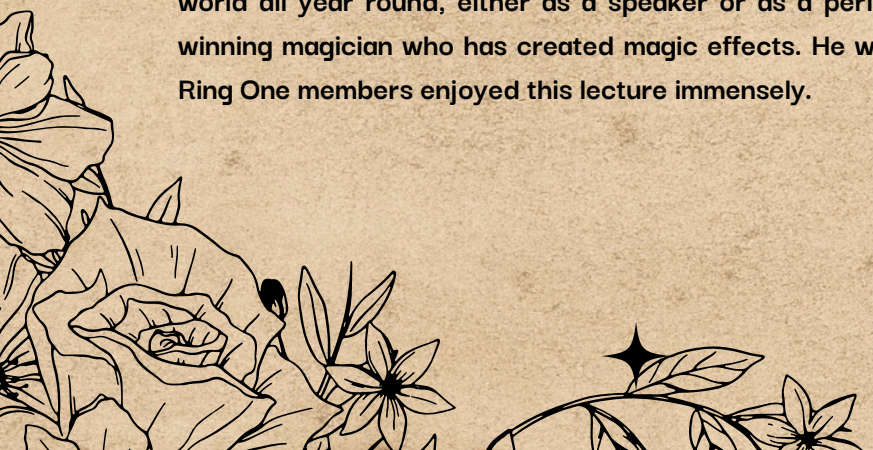
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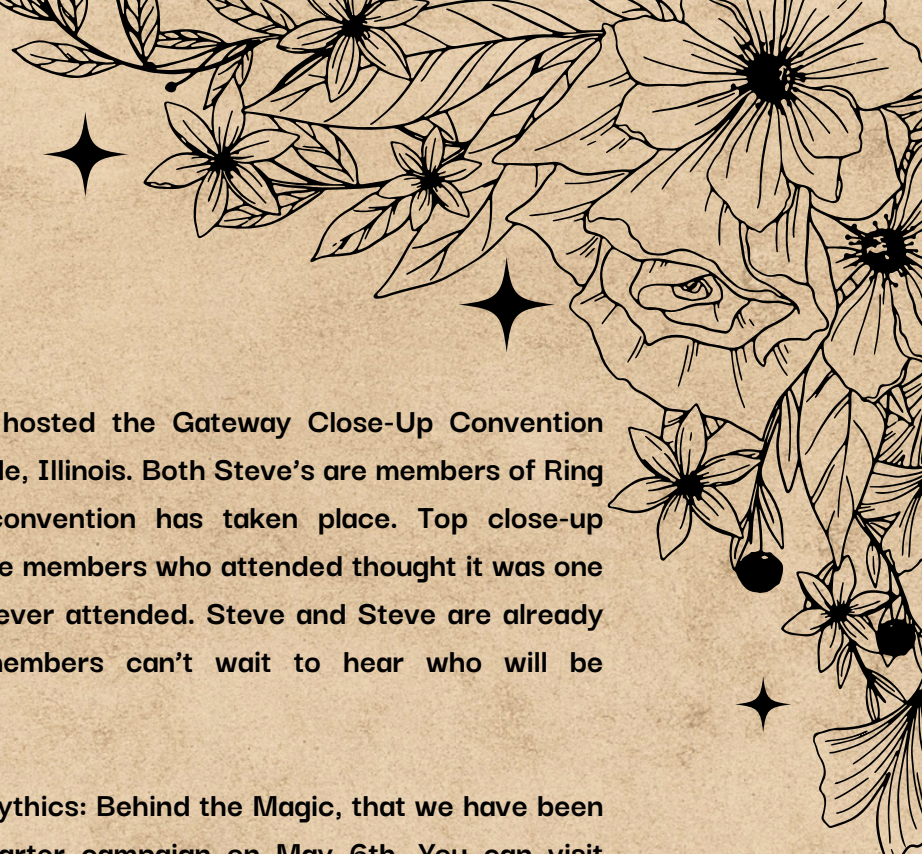
Edited by Sandy

Ring One members have continuously volunteered for events in the St. Louis area. On March 22, several members offered their time and talents to perform magic at the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Event. Then on March 23, members entertained at the St. Louis Kidney Walk Strolling Magic. The Ring appreciates it when the members volunteer their time to promote magic in the community, and the various charities served are very appreciative.

Gary S. Chan performed mentalism at the intermission for an event featuring Elia Esparza (from The Voice) and Mark Ramos Cover in Nashville. Gary performed multiple effects, including a "Truth or Lie" routine that was made all the better because of how expressive his volunteer was. His volunteer provided great banter and used his whole body to communicate feelings. It turns out that this volunteer (who was truly randomly chosen) is also an actor, so he knew how to work the crowd. It's magical when things come together so well.

Our members have also been busy attending lectures. On March 28th, the Midwest Magic Jubilee sponsored a lecture which was hosted by I.B.M. Ring One. The incredible Gregory Wilson was the lecturer. Gregory hasn't been on the lecture tour circuit since 2018. During that time, he continued to refine, hone, and perfect some of the most commercial magic that magicians can carry. This tour is called "Things I Carry and Use 2.0." If you haven't seen him before, we highly recommend attending one of his lectures. He is an excellent magician, but he is also a superb presenter and instructor who is quite entertaining. He explained everything he presented in a way that everyone present could understand. There were several members who were not true "magicians" but were mesmerized by listening to his stories. Everyone attending was able to take away effects they could do immediately. On April 9th, Ring One sponsored a lecture featuring two incredible magicians-- Henry Evans & Daniel Mormina (both from Argentina). Henry Evans is a FISM winner and has a knack for creating interesting effects and gimmicks. Henry entered a school of magic when he was only 11, and became an award-winning magician who travels the world all year round, either as a speaker or as a performer. Daniel Mormina is also an award-winning magician who has created magic effects. He was the FISM 2022 Invention Winner. The Ring One members enjoyed this lecture immensely.





Steve Zuehlke and Steve Buesking hosted the Gateway Close-Up Convention which took place April 3-5 in Collinsville, Illinois. Both Steve's are members of Ring One. This is the fourth year the convention has taken place. Top close-up magicians lectured and performed. The members who attended thought it was one of the "best" conventions they have ever attended. Steve and Steve are already planning next year's event. The members can't wait to hear who will be performing/lecturing.

The new tabletop game, Masters to Mythics: Behind the Magic, that we have been writing about is launching its Kickstarter campaign on May 6th. You can visit www.MasterstoMythics.com for more information.


Michael McClure has finished our new website, and it is now LIVE, so make sure you update your records. The new website address is www.ibmringone.com. If you haven't visited it yet, you will see an exciting new look. There are new features and a brand-new style. Please note that we will not be using the numeral #1 in the website address any more. Instead, we will be using the word "one." Ring One's email address has also changed. The new email address is ibmringone@gmail.com. Our new email address will now be monitored by several members who are in leadership positions. Members are excited about these new upgrades to our internet presence.

Sandy Weis

Submit articles for the June Spirit!

E-mail ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com with any magic-related article, and see it published in the next Spirit!

Ideas include a bio (especially for any new Ring One members so others can get to know you), a review for a magic trick you recently purchased, and lessons you've learned while performing magic.



Giving Back Through the Magic of Service

Steve Finkelstein

March was a meaningful month for IBM Ring One as we proudly shared the gift of magic at two impactful community events: the 2025 Kidney Walk and the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Back Ceremony. These performances were a powerful reminder of how magic can uplift, connect, and inspire.

We invite all Ring One members to participate in future community outreach events. Not only are they a great way to give back, but they also offer opportunities to learn from each other and grow as performers.

Interested in joining us or have a charity in mind? Contact Steve Finkelstein, Board Member, to get involved.



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