

Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Tuesday, AUGUST 30 @
7PM
POP HAYDN LECTURE**



I was seriously considering leaving this page blank with just two words, "Pop Haydn". Why? Because this is a man who needs no introduction. I mean, who out there does know who this man is?

But, I relented, so I gathered information on this iconic magician from his website: www.PopHaydn.com.

Pop is an award-winning magician, and performs for all sorts of groups and venues, from private parties, television, cruise ships and theatrical stages to corporate events, trade shows and sales meetings.

He has won six performing "Magician of the Year" awards from his fellow magicians at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

He works equally well as a Close-Up performer doing small sleight of hand magic with cards, coins, sponge balls, rings and other small objects, or as a stand-up performer on a big stage with newspapers, scarves, rope, and other larger objects.

Pop combines humor and fun with unbelievable and startling prestidigitation.

Pop also enjoys performing his hysterical routines with the Shell Game, Fast and Loose, and Three-Card Monte at [Casino Nights](#) for clubs, charities and corporate events. His amazing skill and knowledge of the history and psychology of these ancient swindles, along with his wit and humor adds interest and fun to any event. Pop can take their chips and make them like it. He has total control of the games, and can win and lose as he chooses. Pop also does a fascinating [Lecture](#) on Skagway and the Alaskan Gold Rush, and the infamous 19th Century gangster known as Jefferson

Randolph Soapy" Smith, and about the Con Men and Gamblers of the American West.

He includes arresting demonstrations of all the classic street cons, including *Three-Card Monte*, *The Shell Game* and *Fast and Loose*. He also does a lecture on the history of the American Medicine Show, which became the model for radio and eventually television in the 20th Century-give them a free show to keep their attention, and then sell them a product. He has produced instructional DVDs and written books on the history and psychology and methods of these con men, and they are sold to the magic and gambling fraternity through Pop's company, School for Scoundrels.



PAST EVENTS

Written By: Philip Henderson

Tuesday, July 26, 2011. 50 plus Ring members and guests assembled for our regular monthly meeting. President Leslie introduced Tim Mannix, magician extraordinaire. Mr. Mannix primarily performs for the toughest audiences on the planet, children and their parents. He has enjoyed success because he pays attention to his art and to the special needs of his audiences . . . they want entertainment and they want it fast and furiously! Mannix is an entertainer first and a magician second. Mannix told us, "Professional Magicians do the same act for many audiences, amateur magicians do different tricks for the same audience." Mannix's performances are filled with humor and audience participation. His goal is to make audiences laugh with the magic he performs. He prefers for his audiences to laugh than to be amazed.

Mannix has fast moving illusions that engage the minds, bodies, and emotions of his audiences. He uses music to keep his pace moving and to highlight the effects he performs. Using a remote control device, hidden on his costume, Mannix is able to quickly change the mood by advancing to music suitable to the effect that he is performing. He has designed his patter so that children and adults will remember his name. Mannix travels with a portable backdrop that focuses the audience on his work. In just a few moments, the backdrop can be erected by one person. Traveling with his own public address system, and portable stage frames his work so that Mannix is ready at a moment's notice for a professional performance.

Mannix ideas for marketing his services deserve special notice. He hands out Mannix Funny Money instead of a business card. The funny money is printed on good stock and is nearly half the size of an 8 ½ by 11 inch sheet of paper. One side has his face in full color where the president's face would appear. This side also has his website address and (888) telephone number. The reverse side has four simple magic tricks that a child could learn to master. When a parent or child wants to book Mannix for next time, it is a simple matter to locate his contact information. He also has a silk with a hole in it just the right size for the head of a person. In addition to being used as a prop, parents like to take a photograph of their child framed in the silk; of course the silk has Mannix's name in large easy to read letters.

Mannix has been entertaining children at birthday parties, graduations, and coming of age parties, for decades. He keeps his magic simple, direct, and fast paced. Children want the magic to happen at least twice every minute. For a birthday or bar mitzvah he focuses attention of the honored person. Mannix is a delight. Visit his website to get a glimpse of how he markets himself. The heartfelt endorsement of his clients speaks volumes to prospective customers. Tim Mannix can be booked just by visiting his website and completing a short form online at www.FunAmazingMagic.com.

Mannix gives a discount if the event is held indoors because it assures that the performance will be held indoors. Magic just does not work well for children when performed poolside, in a backyard or an outdoor park. Parents cannot resist getting a discount and the magic show is better for Mannix and the audience, everyone wins.

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More past events....

FUN AT THE FAIR

Pictures by: Dan McKerren

Whew! Our Magic Workshop at the OC Fair on July 30 was a smash!! The Fair had almost triple the number of attendees as last year. This meant that the FunZone tent where we were stationed was PACKED. Our morning began with an amazing Future's Magician's Contest with 4 equally amazing contestants. Kudos go to Alyssa Childers, Domenic DeSantis, Ryan Porter and David (last name unknown) for their performances on stage. Our reigning champion, Domenic DeSantis, once again scored the top prize. Good job, Domenic!!

Our workshop following the contest was equally phenomenal. A special thank you to all the magician members who volunteered: Kevin Brown, Dan McKerren, Ron Porter, Ja-

son Porter, Ryan Porter, Steven Fibel, Ryan Schell, Chris Tarr, Roy Ball, Michael Van Horne, and Kent Kwan. Let's do this again next year!



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Magic Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.
Directions and a map are available at www.Ring313.org.

Tuesday, Aug 30, 2011	7PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg Irv Water District - Lecture: Pop Hayden
Saturday, Sept 10, 2011	2PM	Ring 313 Junior's Meeting @ Annie & Kent's
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011	7PM	Ring 313 LITE Mtg—Knowlwood's Restaurant, Irvine
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011	7PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg Irv Water District - Swap Meet
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011	11-2?	Irvine Global Fest— Bill Barber Park, Junior's Performances

Sept 16 and Sept 17 @8PM—Masters of Illusion, Cerritos Performing Arts

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