

ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB



September

OCMC Magic Lecture

**At the Anaheim Community Center
September 14th, 2022**

250 E Center St, Anaheim, CA 92805

Doors open at 7:00 for Meet & Greet
Meeting starts at **7:15**

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August's Lecture

OCMC Vice-President Brad Erickson gave a wonderful lecture on performing Magic for Children. People worry about keeping the children's attention for an entire show; Brad gives us some great advice on dealing with the short attention span of children-- Know what your audience (the children) are into. What are their

interests? Once you know their interests, you can employ some psychological principles to incorporate into your children's act to make it a success. Brad gave us some tried and tested principles to employ:

1. Intentionally be clumsy.
2. Verbal incongruity
3. Something that just doesn't go there.
4. Intentionally make things go wrong. (This empowers kids and makes them feel super smart)
5. Say funny words, say them in a funny way!

Bretts the Great gave us some excellent examples employing those principles from tonight's lecture, which included an excellent performance of a mentalism effect using transportation boarding passes to exotic places. Brett,

has the audience supply the information to create the storyline, the amount of \$\$\$ stolen, the time the traveler left, and other info. Getting the audience involved, piqued their interest and raised the energy in the room. At that moment, Brett brings out a large



paper display pulled from a sealed envelope labeled Top Secret. The paper correctly shows that Brett had correctly predicted all the responses from the audience before the audience supplies the information—Incredible!

Ed Smith was up next and called

on a volunteer from the audience-The Great Bradini !, who required an additional volunteer from the audience (the was a 2-volunteer effect!). The Great Bradini asked Brett to name a card, this named card was to be found in an envelope held by Ed. A wonderful display of The Great Bradini's psychic abilities combined with Ed's coaching provided the audience with an excellent example of mentalism.

Mel really enjoyed Harrison's lecture last month on mentalism and spoke about some great mentalism moments in magic history to include Theodore Annemann's famous performance of catching of a live-fired bullet in his mouth. It was really cool to hear Mel describe the intensity of Corinda's performance of this effect: All the streets that went into the area of the effect were blocked off due to the live-ammunition used. If that doesn't raise anyone's blood-pressure, I do not know what would.

Mel shared some info about a book he's purchased when it first came out in 1968, 13 Steps in Mentalism by Corinda, which has a chapter on book tests. Mel gave us an example of the W.O.W. book test II (Walk-on-Water). The effect uses two books, Introduction to Resort Magic and Female Strategies. Mel has a member in the audience select one of the books – (Intro to Resort Magic) and select a page – pg. 116 selected. Mel has the member mentally send the letters from a word from that page. Under seemingly impossible conditions, Mel is



able to name the word from the page in a book selected by the spectator. A truly wonderful effect.



New Member Corner

The Orange County Magic Club welcomes new members Jason Burke and Rocky Orozco to the club.

Thanks to all those who paid their dues!

If you still owe club dues, visit Phil in the back of the room next to the OCMC display to pay.



Meanwhile, as Phil says, Keep Calm and Pay Your Dues!

Cash, Check, or Credit Cards accepted.

From the desk of the Treasurer/Webmaster:

If you still owe dues, here are 3 easy ways to pay them:

1. You can pay your club dues to Phil at this month's meeting.
2. You can also pay your dues online. <http://www.theocmc.org/>
3. You can mail a check to

Orange County Magic Club
9877 Chapman Ave, Suite D #409
Garden Grove, Ca. 92841

Thank you, OCMC Treasurer/Webmaster

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September's Mini-Workshop/Show & Tell

September's meeting will begin our show preparation. Any member who wants to perform in the OCMC Winter Show in November will have a chance to show their effects to the group and be critiqued.

Hope to see everyone there Wednesday, September 14th at 7:15!

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2022 OCMC Schedule



September 14th, 2022	Show Prep / Critique
October 12th, 2022	Show Prep/Critique/Performance Polishing
November 18th 2022	Magic Show
December 14th, 2022	Potluck, Show & Tell



Our monthly raffle will resume in
September.



Quote:

"Good Timing is invisible. Bad timing sticks out a mile"

— **Tony Corinda** —

Bonus 2nd Quote:

"At the finish of the effect look at the audience: if they have gone white in the face, froth at the mouth with excitement, shake at the knees or get down on the floor and salaam you-it is quite a fair trick."

— **Tony Corinda** —