

ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB



January

OCMC Lecture featuring Joyce Basch
Bring Rope & Scissors if you wish to participate.

At the Downtown Anaheim Community Center
Wednesday, January 11th, 2023

250 E Center St, Anaheim, CA 92805

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

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OCMC's January Lecture

Our 1st meeting in 2023 will feature a lecture by OCMC member Joyce Basch on Patter and Scripting.

The lecture will feature a hands-on workshop; please bring about 3 feet of rope and a pair of scissors to participate.

Joyce has created many magic tricks for children and Spanish speaking audiences. She has also created and marketed a unique Magic trick using Baseball Cards.



**Joyce Basch,
"Ms.gician"**

In the July 1998, 'Linking Ring' Journal, Joyce, was the first female Magician featured in a Parade. The Parade's title was changed from "One Man Parade" to "Joyce Basch Parade." The 16 pages covered Magic effects with original patter and original presentation.

She is a Magic Castle Performer and the first Magician in the world to perform on all seven continents. At Acapulco's Las Brisas Resort, Joyce performed at a private party hosted by Stephen Spielberg.

During the 1980's, she taught Magic privately and through City and College Community classes.

More recently, Joyce has been a Magic Consultant for a Los Angeles Theater production.

She has been a past treasurer and was the first female president of Orange County Magic Club as well as a past president of IBM Ring 96.

Joyce has been an award winner at several Magic conventions

Joyce's lecture on Patter and Scripting in January is sure to be a fantastic event to start the new year.

Mark your calendars and we hope to see you Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 for Joyce's lecture at our usual meeting location, the Downtown Anaheim Community Center.



December's Holiday Celebration

At the Downtown Anaheim Community Center

After feasting on an array of snacks, salads, main courses and desserts, we were entertained, amused and mystified by 10 members delightful holiday performances.

Alan Hanson, one of our new members, performed a card routine, but, not before boosting the rooms energy level with a musical dancing holiday hat. With assistance from George and Robert, Alan was able to located a selected card.



Joyce Basch, then gave us a quaint story of Christmas, linguistic in nature, gently further boosting the holiday spirit to a new level.

Mel Bennett brought a portrait of Mr. Santa Claus with him, whom he divided into four parts. Mel, always passing on mathematical trivia to the always speculative, questioning and often curious audience, let us know that dividing Santa into four parts means that our beloved Santa could be reassembled 24 different ways (that's 4 factorial!). With assistance from the audience, Mel placed each of Santa's parts into one of the available 4 slots on his handy easel. Mel turned the easel

around to reveal that Santa had been reassembled with all his parts in the right place! Thank Goodness! All ended well, no need to get ahold of Sadie the Snake for assistance!

Ed Smith took the stage next bring us all back years ago into a classroom a long way away at Christmas time telling us a story that would not only entertain, but, simultaneously, educate us on the scientific qualities of carbon under immense pressure combined with the virtue of patience.



Next up, Fernando Alvarez, took the stage to perform some feats of mentalism using a die.  . Assisted by Brett and Robert, each shaking and placing a die on the table under a closed hand, Fernando was able to discern the number on the top of the die once revealed. Amazing. Yet, still to come. Fernando kicked it up a notch having Robert & Brett each set a time on the analog watch, out of Fernando's view. Fernando was able to determine those set times. Incredible.  Even more surprising, Fernando revealed that the watch face was completely blank with zero numbers on it. Wonderful.

Larry "Zeezo" Campbell took the stage next and performs his masterful color-changing knives routine. This is a routine that got Larry started in magic and he has been performing for decades; in fact, Larry still uses the same custom-made knives that he has used throughout his career.

Next up, Brettso the Great shows us how he keeps his Xmas tree star safe from the Grinch. He took the star off the tree and places it in a safe, when both sides of the safe are shown, the star is no longer there! It has disappeared. Brett then blew up a balloon in the shape of a heart for the holiday season and placed it on top of the Xmas tree. Once the audience yelled the magic words, the balloon burst revealing the star while simultaneously lighting up the tree! Beautiful and Astounding!

Brad Erickson borrowed a dollar bill, Julian wrote a Xmas word on the dollar bill, Brad suddenly pulls out a giant peppermint stick from a small bag. Brad then did an effect with 3 cards (one Santa, one elf, another elf). Brad placed the cards into a red Xmas bag/sock, then removed the 2 elf cards. When he removed the final cards, it was not Santa, but a card with a Xmas message. Brad then took out a box, which was nested within another box, nested within a 3rd box. Brad

retrieved a key from the audience. Jason, the keeper of the key, unlocked the box to reveal the same dollar bill with the same Xmas message written by Julian. All minds were blown.



Jaron Lee finished off the magic portion of tonight's celebration. Assisted by our new member Robert and Harrison. Robert then shuffled the deck and selected a card. Jaron then used a white board to draw a picture when revealed the selected card. Amazing.



















It was a wonderful celebration.



Thank You for coming!

2023 Dues can now be paid



Just a reminder, 2023 dues are now due.

You can pay dues on the OCMC Club website:

Theocmc.com

Select the Join or Renew Membership tab.

You can also pay Phil directly at the next meeting.

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

Cash, Check, or Credit Cards accepted.



2023 OCMC Schedule



January 11th, 2023	Lecture: Joyce Basch Bring 3 feet of Rope & Scissors if you wish to participate.
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Other Events in the Area:

Ring 96 is hosting a magical lecture by Robert Baxt in February.

For more information, visit their website at www.ring96.com

Many Happy Winners!

All guests at our holiday celebration in December were entered for a chance to win one of many exciting door prizes.

Jaron started the excitement out calling 10 members up to a table on stage, with some entertaining patter and some side-stepping, everyone left the stage a winner.

Throughout the evening Joy randomly called out other door prize winners.

It was an exciting evening.

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OCMC Member George Reis has written an article about magic classes available at the Magic Castle. Please enjoy the article below to find out more.



Magic University at the Magic Castle

By George Reis

Did you know that the Magic Castle is host to Magic University with five levels of magic classes? In addition, they host specialized workshops in a variety of areas of magic and mentalism. Maybe you would like to be sure that you have the fundamentals down, or perhaps you know someone interested in learning magic – this is a great place for either scenario. These are open to adults 21 and older (there is also a Junior Program for 13 – 20 year olds – more below).

Each level of the foundational classes are six weeks in duration, meeting for two hours, once per week. In addition to the excellent instruction, the student also gets to see all the shows on the night of their class and may bring a guest (to the Castle, not to class). Classes will begin the week of January 16.

My own journey into magic began only three years ago with classes at the Castle, starting with Level One in November of 2019. Classes were suspended in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. They offered on-line classes before restarting in-person classes in late 2021.

Then, in June of 2022, two of their four instructors (Kayla Drescher and Harrison Lampert) moved out of state.

Now, they have relaunched Magic University with seven instructors, a new Magic Director, Raul Fernandez, and the schedule for the entire year of 2023.

Before I discuss the classes, let me describe my experiences at Magic University.

Each week I would leave my house at 3:00 to arrive at the Castle by 5:00 when the doors open. I'd watch the cocktail hour close-up show at 5:45. I'd have something to eat in the bar while listening to Irma play something on the piano. I'd head over to class from 7:00 to 9:00 and have a great lesson learning anything from how to hold the cards in mechanics grip to the Biddle Trick; from Two in the Hand and One in the Pocket to a Torn and Restored Napkin routine, etc. Then I'd take in the Palace Show, a show in the Parlour, another Close-Up show, and maybe something in the cellar or in the Library Bar. Always a full night of learning and of experiencing great magic.

In addition, sometimes a magician would provide some of us with something extra. One night John Kippen came downstairs after our class and gave a handful of us a private show and demonstrated some of his techniques. Another week, Doc Eason gave a group of four or five of us a private routine and threw in some tips for us.

Every week was a full night at the Castle, with a lesson and experiencing several shows watching top level magicians.

When I started taking lessons there, I was new to magic and took Magic 1 to start. I'm taking all of the fundamental classes, in order, which just makes sense to me. But, there is no prerequisite for the classes – you can jump right in to the course that you think is best for you.

In addition to the in-person instruction, you will receive hand-out materials, and have access to a private YouTube video that covers the content of the effects that were taught each week. Also, all materials that are needed for the classes are provided – including a very nice close-up pad.

According to the website for Magic University, Magic 1 covers the key principals and styles of magic, fundamental effects, and basic handling of common magic props. Magic 2 covers fundamental sleights and key elements of misdirection. Magic 3 builds on what was learned in Magic 2 with more sleights, more on misdirection, and effects that involve a bit more handling. When I took Magic 3, we also began getting into performance concepts and transitioning from one effect to another. Magic 4 will build on the other classes and adds key principles of close-up and stand-up magic, some foundational principles of mentalism, and the creation, and the incorporation of story lines

into your magic. Magic 5 is about performance, and the website says, “Students will learn the fundamentals of creating a unique script and integrating the script with the effect.”

At a Magic University Open House, the Magic Director, Raul Fernandez, explained that Magic University is only one part of learning magic. He emphasized the value of, “Practice, practice, practice ... practice, practice, practice.” Each week students will demonstrate what they learned in the previous week (we had this in my Magic 3 class, and it was a great motivator to practice daily). He also discussed the value of mentorship and of joining local magic clubs in learning magic and performance.

Magic 1 will be \$500 for new students. All other classes will be \$375. For this you get two hours of weekly instruction, all materials needed for the class, hand-out materials, access to private YouTube videos, and a weekly night at the Castle with discounted valet, no entry fee, and no dinner requirement, plus you can bring a guest!

If you ask me, I’d call this a bargain. If you want to make sure you have the fundamentals down, this is a way to review them. If you know someone new to magic, this is a wonderful place for them to start. When I was taking classes there, I found that the immersion it provided through the classes, seeing the great performances, and chatting with magicians at the

Castle, caused me to dig deep into magic, practice daily, and progress rapidly.

There will be a specialty class that will meet four Sundays in January, starting January 8, from 12:00 to 2:30. This will be a class in mentalism by Jheff. Then, On February 4 and 5, there will be a School for Scoundrels with Chef Anton. Other specialty classes will be announced on the Magic University web site as they are scheduled.

The Junior Program, for 13 to 20 year-olds, will continue to meet once a month, and will be expanding internationally in 2023 thanks to the virtual world of video conferencing. Participation in the Junior Program requires an audition. There are also plans for a magic camp in the future.

For information about Magic University visit their website at, <http://www.magiccastle.com/amaclases/>. Currently the registration for Magic University is on the Gift Shop page at <https://shop.magiccastle.com>.

Quote:

"When people say you can't do it - that it's impossible - never lose hope. Just because they couldn't doesn't mean you can't.

— **David Copperfield** —