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Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

Monthly Meetings

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. (business meeting) and 7:00 P.M. for magic. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Medical Center.)

Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!

Annual Holiday Party

December 13th

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RSVP Now!

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Wright writes ...

Holiday Magic Pay

By David Wright, President

There are lots of opportunities to perform and/or experience magic during the Holiday!

Starting with Wednesday, December 3rd, you can join us at the Ronald McDonald House for our special **SAM 72 Holiday Meeting night**. (*Note: There are no meetings in November or December on our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month meeting night.*) The business portion of this meeting will start at 6:30 PM; the entertainment portion will start at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a friend! The magic theme for this meeting is **Holiday Magic**.

Next is the **Annual Toy Run** at the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, December 6th. Magicians will be participating in this event performing strolling magic and stand-up throughout the afternoon starting at 1:00 PM. You can share the magic, too. We are looking for volunteers to help make this event one of SAM 72's most popular public events of the year. It also helps us pay our annual rent for the use of the hall at the Ronald McDonald House.

Next is our **Annual Holiday Party** at Dale and Elaine Lorzo's house on Saturday, December 13th. This event is both a potluck and a magic show. **Please RSVP early** for this event as seating is limited. Only the first fifty people who sign up will be allowed to attend. You are expected to bring food for at least six people. Performing magic is optional. Final details and assignments for food items, based on the first letter of your name, are listed in this newsletter. Stay tuned for more details.

And so how do the above events pay? By participating and experiencing the magic of the holidays. It's rewarding to be with friends and colleagues this time of year. It's enriching to share the magic with others! This year, let the holidays pay you for your talents by giving you lasting memories and a wealth of joy.

2008/2009 Magic Calendar

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Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Theme
Dec. 3 (1st Wed)	Holiday Magic	Social Mixer
December 6	Annual Ronald McDonald House Open House and Toy Drive	
December 13	Annual SAM / IBM Holiday Party	
January 28	<i>What would you like to see on the calendar in 2009?</i>	
February 25	<i>Send your ideas to President David Wright at</i>	
March 25	<i>wright.davida@sbcglobal.net</i>	

Hugh Jackman Rumored To Star In Broadway's Houdini in 2010

People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive" **Hugh Jackman** may be making a magical return to Broadway. Fox News reports that the megastar, whose new film epic *Australia* hits theaters November 26, is working on magic routines in preparation for starring in Broadway's forthcoming Jack O'Brien helmed *Houdini*, a musical retelling of the famed magician's life set to debut in 2010.

Jackman, who won a Tony Award for his *Oz* and garnered accolades for his performance as film *The Prestige*, is reportedly being assisted in expert **Ricky Jay**. Names like pop-illusionist **David** company have also been mentioned as potential musical's production team.

The previously announced *Houdini* will feature **Danny Elfman** (an Oscar nominee for the scores *Black* and *Big Fish* and composer of themes for and *Desperate Housewives*), lyrics by **David Yazbek** (*Full Monty*) and a book by bestselling author (*Heyday*). The initial announcement projected that way in 2010.

Harry Houdini (1874-1926), one of the world's most famous and stupefying escape artists, was known for his death-defying stunts and ability to outwit any restraint or obstacle, from handcuffs to jail cells to underwater traps and underground caves. The story of the magician's inability to satisfy his obsessive quest to challenge the limitations of being human, *Houdini* deals with the human yearning for miracles and the quest to defy death.



turn in 2003's *The Boy From* a troubled magician in the 2006 prepping for *Houdini* by magic **Blaine** and the **Cirque du Soleil** creative consultants for the

ture music by screen composer of *Good Will Hunting*, *Men in TV* shows such as *The Simpsons* (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The* and journalist **Kurt Andersen** *Houdini* will arrive on Broad-

It's that time of the year again and Dale & Elaine Lorzo have graciously invited us into their lovely home!

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*** Holiday Party #13 ***

**Saturday December 13 • 7:00 PM to 10 PM ??
Dale & Elaine Lorzo's home
2609 Greenwood Avenue, Sacramento**

**RSVP to (916) 481-2595 or e-mail to
dalelorzo@aol.com before December 6th!**

Previous years have been very crowded – too crowded! This year, for safety's sake, we're limiting the party to the first fifty people (ages ten and up) who RSVP. That means if you wish to be among the lucky fifty, you must RSVP early! Please give our hosts an early response to this notice! The last day you may RSVP is December 6th, one week prior to the party (unless all of the seats have already been reserved)

The party is Pot Luck -- here is what you should plan to bring, depending on your last name:

**A through D – Hot Dish
E through G – Hors d'oeuvres
H through M – Dessert
N through R – Salad
S through Z – Chips and Dip**

If you want to bring something different, let us know what you would like to bring when you RSVP, or better yet, ask what is needed most and bring that! Each person attending should bring enough food for six people.

Because some of our members have food issues, please label your food with the kind of meat, shellfish or nuts (including animal and nut fats) are in your food. That will really help them out!

As always, entertainment is provided by all of us! Please prepare something short and fun (and practice!) When you RSVP, please tell Dale what you will be doing.

* Please do not arrive more than fifteen minutes early!

* Several dishes were left behind last year, so please label your containers and serving spoons so they can ride home with you. If you are missing anything, ask Dale or Elaine for assistance.

* Please do not take someone else's food home with you unless it is offered to you by the hostess or the person bringing the food.

* There were several scratches left on furniture, scrapes on the walls and a few spills on the carpets in the past – so please treat the Lorzo's home as nice as you treat your own. Balancing a plate on your lap isn't easy, so please do your best!

Scenes from the October meeting

*We were treated to a special presentation about **The Great Leon** at our October meeting.*

David Leon Peters, Leon's great-grandson brought along his collection of photos, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia about his famous great-grandfather's career.

The Great Leon had a long career in magic, but because he performed mainly in Vaudeville circuits, there is very little material available such as posters, etc. Leon was also known for his magic inventions.

David brought his mother with him and she talked about her memories of her grandfather. It was a very interesting evening. (Unfortunately I forgot to write down her name.)

David works for Murphy's Magic Supplies and is always looking for additional material about his great-grandfather.



