



**Sacramento Area Magicians**

**May 2007**

# 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 7:00 P.M. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Med Center.) *Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!*

### Assembly 72 Dues Are Due!

If you have not paid your local dues for 2007 yet, please pay them as soon as possible. You can pay at the meeting or mail a check for \$20.00 to our Treasurer:

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*We are also updating our Roster.*

Please email your current email and mailing addresses with your phone number to Viktor Berry at viktor2@mac.com or leave a message at 916-362-8355. *Thanks!*

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[www.magic1.org/sam72](http://www.magic1.org/sam72)



**Wright writes ...**

## New Beginnings and Original Sleights

*By David Wright, President*

With a new venue, SAM Assembly 72 has a new beginning! Our first meeting at our new location, the *Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento*, last month was a real success. We had a nice turn out of people for this meeting and four past members attended and rejoined Assembly 72. I see great things to come in the future as we reorganize our club around this new meeting location.

**From now on, SAM Assembly 72 has a new meeting start time. At our last meeting, we voted to start all future meetings at 6:30 PM** in order to make sure that we have enough time to do all the things we want to do before the Ronald McDonald House closes its doors at 9:00 PM. We agreed that the business meeting will start at 6:30 PM and that the magic will start at 7:00 PM. Therefore, any member who does not enjoy the oft times lengthy business meeting discussions can skip them and only come for the magic.

Our May meeting at the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House will be especially unique and fun. We have a meeting theme of **Original Magic** and a workshop theme of **How to be Funnier**. These two topics are sure to get the creative juices flowing and guarantee an evening that will be remembered for a long time. So don't miss our next meeting. Come prepared to wow your compeers with your originality and humor. Let's see what sleights you have been working on and what we can do to make our acts more entertaining

# SAM 2007 Magic Calendar

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*Dates in **RED** indicate a change was made since last month..*

Effective April 25, we will be meeting at the **Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento** (located behind the UCD Medical Center on Stockton Blvd.)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Performance Theme</b>	<b>Workshop Subject</b>
May 23	Original Magic	How To Be Funnier
June 23	Comedy Magic	Book and Movie Reviews
June ____	Annual SAM / IBM Barbecue	Location TBA
July 25	Paper Magic	Psychology of Magic
August 9 (IBM Meeting)	Annual SAM/IBM Stand-Up Competition	
<b>August 25 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Lecture by FISM Winner Manuel Muerte</b>	
<b>August 26 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Assembly 72's 20th Anniversary Banquet</b>	
August 22	ESP Magic	Safety Pin Magic
September 26	Knives, Choppers, Scissors, Spikes	Business Side of Magic
October 24	Annual SAM / IBM Magic Auction	Bid High and Bid Often!
November	No meeting	Happy Thanksgiving!
December 7 (1st Wed)	Money Magic	Card Clinic
December ____	Annual SAM / IBM Holiday Party	Location TBA

*This calendar is subject to change and additional activities will be added as necessary. For up-to-the-minute information, please phone a club officer or check our web site at <http://www.magic1.org/sam72>.*

## Minutes of the April, 2007 Meeting

SAM Assembly 72 President **David Wright** presided over the first meeting in our new location, the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. Attendance was up for this meeting and everyone present was please with the new venue. The club voted to start the business portion of the meeting at 6:30 PM in the future and to begin the magic performance portion at 7:00 PM. The reason for the earlier start time was to allow sufficient time for the club to conduct workshops each month after the performances and before exiting the building at 9:00 PM. Members who do not enjoy the discussions that are part and parcel of the business meeting can choose to arrive at the later start time.

The magic performance theme for this meeting was **Rope Magic**. Vice-President **Leland Eiben** served as Master of Ceremony. We had nine magicians volunteer to perform for the group.

**Leroy Goodenough** took the stage first. He performed a one-rope routine, including the instant appearance of a knot (first right-handed and then left-handed), a Bowman's Knot, a sliding knot and a slow motion knot-off-rope finale.

**Lynn Goodenough** was up next and she performed a Ring-and-Rope routine followed by her version of *Daryl's Amazing Acrobatic Knot*.

**Jenny the Genie** followed Lynn and performed a two-rope routine where a tied silk jumped magically from one rope to the other.

Fourth on the Bill was President **David Wright**. David performed a one-rope routine where the ends of the rope kept switching places with the middle.

**John Iacono** performed *The Professor's Nightmare* after tying a knot in the rope and magically turning it into three knots. Joe Chez performed a

*Cut-and-Restored Rope* routine and followed this up with a trick he called the *Wyoming Linking Ropes*.

**Dale Lorzo** performed the *Cut-and-Restored Rope*. first by cutting off the ends, then by cutting the rope into three pieces, and then by pulling off the knots to magically restore the rope into one piece. Dale then performed a funny rope escape.

**Jim Johnson** was our seventh magician to perform. Jim performed a kid's rope routine with a story about his first trip to a magic store where he bought a magic shoe lace.

Performing last was **Gary Berard**, who showed us he managed to keep his high school ring while going steady with several girlfriends.

The evening's workshop theme was *Magic With the Aid of Assistants*. We had a lively discussion on how to manage your audience volunteers, including how to pick the right assistants, give them clear instructions, avoid making them feel like they are the butt of your jokes, and getting the most applause for your volunteers.

All in all, this was a fun meeting and a great beginning in our new location at the **Ronald McDonald House** in Sacramento.

Coming in August!

FISM Winner

**Manuel Muerte**

Lecture on Saturday, August 25  
Performance on Sunday, August 26 at  
**S.A.M. Assembly 72's  
20th Anniversary Banquet**

## Manuel Muerte coming to Sacramento in August

Manuel Muerte, half of Germany's "Flicking Fingers" team, is coming to Sacramento to help SAM Assembly 72 celebrate their 20th Anniversary on the weekend of August 25th and 26th. He will present his lecture on Saturday and then perform at the 20th Anniversary Banquet on Sunday (which is open to everyone.) Their book has become a modern classic of Close up magic.

Their lectures at FISM and the Desert Magic Seminar in Las Vegas, won Siegfried & Roy's prestigious *Sarmoti Award* and have achieved legendary status. Their DVD, *The Movie*, is generally considered one of the funniest, most informative and all-around best magic DVD of recent years.

In 2007 they have been honored to be named the *Lecturers of the Year –2006* at the Magic Castle.

Manuel Muerte, the team's official Master of

Misdirection presents not only several original effects for Parlour and Close Up work, but he also offers insights into principles of misdirection.

The two hour long lecture is presented in English and will help you to make your magic more deceptive and entertaining. It is the perfect blend of theory and practice!

**Manuel Muerte won Second Place in Close Up at FISM 2000 and First Place in Comedy at FISM 1994 in Yokohama, Japan.**

Muerte has lectured in all of the major cities in Europe. He did several lecture tours in America and finally performed his lecture at FFFF, at the Magic Castle and at FISM 2003

This lecture will also introduce Manuel Muerte's brand new DVD that covers in detail the concepts and effects presented in the lecture. More details about the lecture and Anniversary Banquet will be out soon!

### ***The Magic Flash***

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**Our next meeting is Wednesday,**

**May 23rd • 6:30 P.M.**

**at the Ronald McDonald House!**

**Performance theme: Original Magic**

**Workshop: How to be Funnier!**