

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28. The performance theme will be *Theatrical Impossibilities*. The main meeting start time is 7:00 PM. The business meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

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Theatrical Impossibilities!

Last month's SAM club meeting was a lot of fun. Besides a decent line-up of magicians performing Rope, String and Ribbon magic, we had a lively discussion during our workshop on Building Suspense in your magic act. The workshop theme was designed to wet your whistle for this month's performance theme, *Theatrical Impossibilities*. Building suspense into your act is just one way to create drama and entertain your audience. According to Darwin Ortiz in *Stronger Magic*, "Suspense is the tension built up over time by curiosity, uncertainty, or anticipation concerning a desired result." Darwin even provides what he calls his Suspense Formula, which is "Make them care, then make them wait." This action instills emotion in your audience which has a more lasting impression than intellectual thought. And it's an essential ingredient for good theater.

Theatrical Impossibilities, then, is our May meeting performance theme. It's a challenge to you to find effects in your magic repertoire that can be milked for greater drama and suspense. Think about extending the climax; kicker or multiple endings; imbued emotions, tension and conflict; and role playing. Let's apply what we learnt in last month's workshop and make our tricks more entertaining. This topic is a challenge to you to come up with something new and different. Think outside the box.

One of our most popular annual club activities is the Magic Auction.

This year we are being innovative by proposing to combine this popular event with another social activity, our Annual Sacramento Magicians' Barbecue. These two events are being merged into one special event

on Sunday, June 22nd. It will be held in Carmichael Park, in the Raymond & Hazel Nay Memorial Picnic Shelter. The start time for the BBQ is 11:00 AM. The start time for the Auction is 12:30 PM.

Combining these two events should prove to be fun. It is an opportunity for all of the Sacramento Magic Clubs to come together in a new setting, with family and friends.

Our Annual Stand-up Competition is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13. It will be held at the Mission Oaks Community Center starting at 7:30 PM. This is on an IBM 192 meeting night. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the competition. Winners are encouraged to perform at the Annual Mission Oaks Community Show on September 13.