

**December 2016**



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## December Double Header!



**Tuesday December 6**

7:00 PM

St Matthews Baptist Church

**Harry Allen**

**Daytona Magic Dealer Show**

Harry can make you laugh while he astounds you!!!

He is one of the most amazing magicians working today.

Harry is a "magician's magician"

## LMC Annual Holiday Banquet

Kosair Shrine Center ~ 4120 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

Saturday

December 10

7 PM Dinner

(RESERVATION REQUIRED)

Show 8:15

**SHOW ONLY TICKETS \$5.00**



## CALENDAR

**DECEMBER**

Tuesday, December 6

**HARRY ALLEN**  
**DAYTONA MAGIC**

at St Matthews  
Baptist Church

Saturday, December 10

**LMC ANNUAL**  
**HOLIDAY BANQUET**

Kosair Center  
4120 Bardstown Road  
Dinner at 7:00 Pm

*Show featuring*

*Tom Causey*

*Aaron & Samantha Harp*

*Cody Clark*

*Starts at 8:15*



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**TOM CAUSEY WINS SENIOR DIVISION  
OF THE 2016 DR. ROBERT ESCHER  
CLOSE-UP AND PARLOR COMPETITION**

The 2016 Dr. Robert Escher Close-up and Parlor Competition was held on November 15th before a crowd of over 50 spectators. They got to see a good variety of close-up magic by several senior and junior competitors.

Tom Causey won first place with his cups and balls routine. I wonder if he is going to share his cash prize of \$50.00 with his spectator assistant who seemed to be doing all of the work. Cody Clark came in second with Graham Maupin winning third.

Evan Scott won first place in the junior division with Jayden & Aries winning second place as well as the People's Choice award. All winners will receive cash prizes and a certificate. Thanks to all who attended and/or participated.

Another big thanks to judges David Garrard, Brent Braun, and celebrity judge Don Miller. As indicated at the contest, Don Miller was the People's Choice winner of the SAM national convention restaurant magic competition. Look for his expert comments in another article in this bulletin.

It's not too early to start practicing for next year.

*– An amateur practices until he gets it right.... A professional practices until he can't get it wrong.*

**LMC MAGICIAN GIVES LECTURE ON COLONIAL MAGIC TO  
CONVENTION IN CONNECTICUT**

Tom Crecelius traveled to Hartford, Connecticut to give a lecture on Colonial Magic. His lecture was the first to start the convention and was well received by all in attendance. International magicians Dirk Losander, Meyer Yedid and Leslie Melville who perform magic around the world as well as here in the U.S. gave lectures.

The convention was on "Story telling" magic. This type of magic involves telling a historical or fictional story that has magic happen along the verbal travel through the account. Crecelius says, "Telling a story about the magic routine, the item you are working with, or about an event makes the performance of that magic mean something, other than just a trick to fool someone." One of the routines Mr. Crecelius does involves a tale of a young girl that is bullied and more than one magical occurrence happens in the telling of the tale. A moral is usually given and explained to the audience at the conclusion of the routine.

"I feel honored to have been chosen to give a lecture at the convention which contained many such respected magicians." Crecelius was inducted into the Inner Circle of Bizarre Magic on Saturday night of the convention.

**LMC members and guests meet informally for dinner  
around 5:30 p.m. on meeting nights.  
W.W. Cousins when meeting at St Mathews Baptist Church  
and Panera Bread when meeting at the Kosair Charities Centre**



# My Monthly Musings

Jim Harris, President

I can't believe how fast this year has flown by! It's December already, time to wrap up the year with Harry Allen and our annual Holiday Banquet. We already have 70 reservations for the banquet, so it's going to be epic! No buffet this year - we'll be treated like royalty with professional servers - and you don't have to worry about being the last table called.

After dinner we'll be treated to a fantastic performance by Aaron & Samantha Harp. The Harps were this year's stage contest winners at the Unconventional Convention. I can't wait!

Happy Holidays everyone!!

Jim



**It's time to pay your 2017 dues!**

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 SHOW WEBSITE**  
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Check out the LMC website for informative links to performers and lecturers.

## From the Editor:

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS



It's that busy time of year with lots of hustle and bustle. This month we start off with our yearly visit by Harry Allen of Daytona Magic, which happens on Tuesday, December 6, make note that this will be at St. Matthews Baptist Church.

Then on Saturday, December 10, we hold our annual holiday banquet at the Kosair Center on Bardstown Road in the Buechel area. This year we will have a plated dinner and not a buffet, you'll have a salad and bread followed by a dinner of turkey and dressing, and vegetables and cherry cobbler for dessert. A cash bar will be available.

After the dinner we'll present our awards from the contest and have a magic show featuring Cody Clark, Tom Causey and Aaron and Samantha Harp.

I want to give a special thanks to Pat Miller for arranging for us to have the Kosair Ballroom at a huge discount and also for Sandy Escher who graciously took dinner reservations.

Michele and I want to wish all of you Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting and the holiday banquet.

--Michael

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Don Miller was our celebrity judge at this year's Dr. Robert Escher Close-up and Parlor Competition. I invited him because of his experience as a close-up magician and particularly because of his experience winning the People's Choice award at the national SAM convention restaurant magic competition.

I asked Don to provide our members some information about how he approaches a table, his general patter, and the types of tricks that work well for him. The following are his comments.



Here are the answers to your questions:

I use comedy lines because I'm a comic magician. It works well for me. I've had other friends who don't do any comedy but simply amazing magic at each table. So I think it's personal preference. I think comedy in a restaurant situation works very well because people are there to have fun.

The tricks that I performed in the contest came from my regular restaurant and strolling routines. I carry about 8 to 10 tricks with me all the time. The ones that I used in the contest were: the mini linking rings, two dollar bill routines, a chosen card to a surprise location with a color change, a vanishing wand, and Jay Sankey's holy moly with my changes and additional surprise ending. I always have my doctors bag with props for many other tricks close by. The extra tricks come in handy when I have small children or a group of over served adults. I do avoid long patter with my tricks and substitute questions about who the people are that I'm entertaining.

When I approach the table I have a number of different sets of questions and or opening statements. I always approach the table with a smile and often times I have a tag or button that tells people who I am. Many times my approach the table ask them,"if they're aware of the fact that there's a very handsome magician in the restaurant tonight"....after a pause I'll say a little disheartened,"OK it's me."

Hope this is helpful.

Don

I hope this information is helpful to any of our members considering restaurant magic.

Ken Abbott

*-- If you don't practice, you are just coasting. The only way you can coast is downhill.*

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