



The Flash Paper

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“Enjoying magic...with others...for others.”

Bob Gehringer, Editor



Adam's Antics

Spooky Season Is Here!

It's spooky season—the time of year when everyone starts thinking about magic, mystery, and Halloween! That also means September and October tend to be especially busy months for magic shows.

I enjoyed my first day of shows at Vala's Pumpkin Patch in September, and I'll be back in October with some of my larger illusions! You can catch me at Vala's on Friday, October 16, with shows every hour starting at 4:45 PM, and again on Sunday, October 18, starting at 9:45 AM for five shows throughout the morning.

Magic Around Omaha

September also included a few corporate events where I got to perform strolling magic. Then, at the beginning of October, I performed at an event at the Hispanic Center, which happens to be right next door to the Abbott House. There was no connection between the event and the Abbott House—it's just a small world!

Even more coincidentally, I'll be back at the Hispanic Center on Sunday, October 11 at 12:30 PM performing for CenterFest.

A Little Disney Magic

We also just got back from Disney, where we somehow managed to cram a whole lot into one week! It was great getting to experience a different kind of magic—the magic of show business. Seeing the new rides and shows was a highlight, and I especially enjoyed getting to explore Epic Universe for the first time.

Convention Season

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make it to AbraCorndabra this year because I had a gig that Saturday. I was really trying to make Friday night and Saturday morning work before coming back, but the timing just didn't cooperate.

The good news is that I've already blocked off the dates for next year, so I should finally be good to go!

I'm also looking forward to MagiFest in Ohio. I already have the dates off and my registration booked. I'm especially excited that **Colin McLeod** has been announced as one of this year's featured magicians.

October Monday Night Magic

I'm really looking forward to this month's Monday Night Magic! We have six amazing performers lined up:

David Fox, Bruce Jacoby, Jered Schaugaard, John Shiebel, Neil Babble, and Easton Boettcher.



Please be sure to scan the QR code and RSVP. This will help us know how many people to expect, how much pizza to order, and everyone's pizza preferences. You can also email Adam at: schacht2222@gmail.com



Family at the Club

I'm also especially excited this month because my parents will be visiting Omaha, and they'll get to attend our October Monday Night Magic meeting. I'm looking forward to having them there and introducing them to everyone!

See you all soon, and have a magical and spooky October!



September Re-Cap by Jered Schaugaard

AbraCORNdabra's 16th Annual Convention

Before the official schedule kicked off on Friday, the energy in Des Moines was already building Thursday evening with the open mic night. With no set time limits and a stage open to anyone brave enough to step up, it served as the ultimate testing ground. Many performers used the relaxed atmosphere to test out material destined for the Kernels Showcase and Magic Masters contests. It was a wild, fun-filled warm-up featuring performances ranging from the good to the bad to the downright ugly; Clint himself would have been proud!

AbraCORNdabra Day One: Big Laughs, Classic Elegance, and a Joey

The Midwest's favorite "magical family reunion" officially got underway on Friday, September 11, as performers and magic enthusiasts gathered in Des Moines for the opening day of AbraCORNdabra 2026. The energy in the hotel lobby was immediate as old

friends reconnected, badges were collected, and attendees settled in for a full weekend of magic.

Early arrivals had the chance to hunt for hidden gems at the morning Flea Market, scouting out pre-owned books, vintage effects, and practical stage gear. Shortly after, the convention officially commenced with a warm welcome greeting from the organizers, complete with the traditional AbraCORNdabra souvenir gift handed out to every registered attendee.

The educational portion of the day opened strong with a high-energy show and lecture by veteran comedy magician **Robert Baxt**.

Performer Spotlight - Robert Baxt: *A seasoned comedy magician and prolific creator, he is renowned for turning classic magic routines into razor-sharp, side-splitting audience participation pieces.*

Focusing on commercial comedy, Baxt walked the room through the mechanics of turning simple props into reliable crowd-pleasers using precise timing and smart audience participation.

Following the opening lecture, the doors to the magiK-MART Dealers Room opened, allowing attendees to test out new releases, stock up on essential supplies, and session directly with featured creators. When dinner time rolled around, members of the Omaha Magical Society gathered for a private pizza party hosted by the OMS. A special thanks goes out to **Gina** and **Steve** for organizing everything and making sure the club was well fed and taken care of!

Refueled and ready, convention-goers returned for an evening packed with back-to-back presentations from two industry giants:

- **James Dimmare** brought classic parlor elegance to the stage, demonstrating how posture, clean sleight mechanics, and fluid movement transform standard routines into visual art.

Performer Spotlight - James Dimmare: *A multi-award-winning illusionist and former Magic Castle Magician of the Year, he revolutionized bird magic by bringing a*



suave, Fred Astaire-inspired elegance to classic dove manipulation.

- Kevin James offered a fascinating look inside his creative mind, detailing his step-by-step process for conceptualizing, prototyping, and building world-famous original illusions.

Performer Spotlight - Kevin James: *Known globally as "The Inventor," this Broadway and America's Got Talent star is famous for creating iconic visual illusions, including David Copperfield's celebrated "Floating Rose."*

The night wrapped up in classic AbraCORNdabra style with the late-night "Jolly Time & Joey Jam" in the lounge. Magicians stayed up trading sleights over free popcorn and soda, capping off a stellar first day with a one-of-a-kind photo opportunity alongside a live baby kangaroo.

As the scheduled events wrapped up for the evening, the action moved to the hotel bar area for late-night jamming.

The bar area quickly filled with magicians sessioning in groups of two to eight. With drinks flowing, the room became a hub of close-up magic, featuring everything from cards and coins to linking rings and silks. The Omaha Magical Society (OMS) had the largest presence, running a casual round-robin where everyone took turns showing a routine. The clear standout of the night was **Trevor's** handling of the Die of Destiny, which completely fooled the room.

With Day One in the books, attendees geared up for Saturday's lineup, featuring the F.O.V. Silent Auction, youth show cases, hands-on workshops, and the annual OscEARS Awards Party.

AbraCORNdabra Day Two:
Packed Lectures, Youth Spotlights, and the OscEARS Awards Party

Saturday at AbraCORNdabra delivered a jam-packed schedule of learning, friendly competition, and celebration from morning until late into the night. Early risers kicked off the day in the magiK-MART Dealers

Room, grabbing coffee and free donuts while enjoying a quiet first pass at the vendor tables.

The morning sessions moved quickly into technical magic instruction with **Steve Myers**, who delivered a tight, 30-minute breakdown on clean handlings and mechanical refinements for three classic sleight-of-hand routines.

Performer Spotlight - Steve Myers: *A respected authority on classical sleight of hand, he specializes in refining foundational mechanics to revive timeless masterwork handlings from the legends of magic.*

Out in the lobby, bidding opened for the World Famous F.O.V. Silent Magic Auction, giving attendees a chance to vie for estate items, books, and vintage props to benefit the Young Magician's Fund.

Mid-morning featured the rising talent in the community during The Kernels Showcase Show. **Easton** from the Omaha Magical Society did a commendable job taking on double duty as both the event emcee and a featured performer. Following the showcase, the convention treated everyone to a complimentary pizza and pop lunch in the hospitality area-providing a great mid-day break to recharge and talk shop.

The afternoon kicked into high gear with a pair of unique sessions:

- **The Lock Box Challenge:** This timed, creative event pushed performers to think fast under pressure. Omaha Magical Society members **Easton** and **Joyce** both put on solid displays of adaptability and practical trick-building.
- **Eric Stevens Workshop:** Stevens led a hands-on session that got attendees out of their seats to fine-tune hand positioning, misdirection, and visual mechanics.

Performer Spotlight - Eric Stevens: *A dynamic performer and instructor, he focuses on practical routines and interactive, hands-on teaching to help magicians elevate their visual mechanics.*

After winning bidders collected their auction treasures and everyone enjoyed a relaxed dinner break, the main



event of the evening began: the annual OscEARS Awards Party. Guests gathered for pre-show drinks before the convention staff kicked off the entertainment with the lighthearted Old Maid's Staff Show. Outstanding community members and contributors, including the Omaha Magical Society, were honored during the awards presentation, leading directly into the OscEARS Wrap Party Show featuring strong performances by **Daryl Rogers**, **Lil' Miss Firefly**, **James Dimmare**, and **Kevin James**.

***Performer Spotlight - Daryl Rogers:** A versatile regional favorite, he is known for his engaging stage presence and polished, crowd-pleasing magic routines.*

***Performer Spotlight - Lil' Miss Firefly:** Standing at 27 inches tall, this powerhouse entertainer brings an unforgettable mix of charismatic stage presence and unique performance arts to the showcase.*

A highlight of the evening came when convention honorees **Kevin James** and his performing partner of over 30 years, **Antonio Hoyos**, were officially unveiled as this year's Mystery Magicians. Though Antonio couldn't be there in person, he sent in a heartfelt thank-you video that played to a warm room. In keeping with AbraCORNdabra tradition, a pair of commemorative souvenir coins were created to mark the occasion. Sold together as a pair, the set featured a clever visual component that magicians instantly appreciated: while Kevin's coin came in a standard size, Antonio's was crafted slightly smaller, a perfect nod to their iconic stage dynamic.

The night concluded with an intimate autograph and photo session, giving attendees time to visit with the headliners and get souvenir posters signed.

With Saturday in the books, the convention headed into its final morning, featuring an exclusive mystery interview session and **Kevin James's** master class.

AbraCORNdabra Wraps Up with Industry Insights and an Exclusive Master Class

Sunday morning marked the final day of AbraCORNdabra 2026, bringing a successful weekend of magic, learning, and community to a thoughtful close.

The day began with an insightful interview session led by long-time AbraCORNdabra favorite **Oscar Munoz**, who sat down with seasoned touring pros **Kevin James** and **James Dimmare**. The candid, open-format discussion offered attendees valuable real-world perspectives on the business side of magic, covering everything from venue management and contract negotiations to the everyday realities of building and sustaining a long-term performing career.

At 11:30 AM, the convention hosts officially took the stage for the closing remarks. The team expressed their gratitude to the lecturers, dealers, staff, and attendees who make AbraCORNdabra such a unique staple on the Midwest magic calendar year after year.

For a select group of registrants, the magic didn't end at the official closing. Early Sunday afternoon, **Kevin James** hosted an exclusive two-hour Master Class. The intimate session allowed participants to dive deep into advanced trick construction, structural mechanics, and the creative psychology behind building original routines.

With bags packed, new props acquired, and fresh ideas to take home, magicians said their final goodbyes, already looking forward to reuniting at next year's convention!



Club members socializing at AbraCORNdabra



Monday Night

Magic

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FEATURING
PIZZA AND PRESTIDIGITATION

A Godfather's pizza buffet combines with sodas and an hour of Close-Up In The Corners™ - featuring routines from our club's close-up magicians.

Much like in a restaurant the magicians will move from table to table.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TOO!

SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST ON ZOOM:
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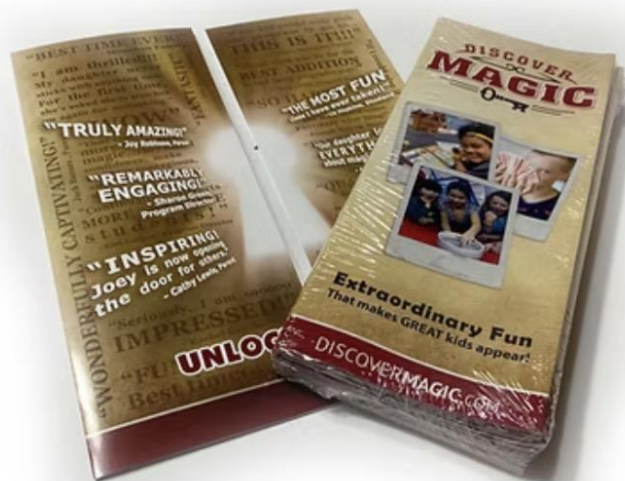
\$3.00 SUGGESTED DONATION PER PERSON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 | 6:30–8:00 PM (CST)

The Joslyn Castle Carriage House
3902 Davenport Street • Omaha, Nebraska



Discover Magic Classes



My favorite time of year is Fall and my favorite month is October! This is Halloween with its atmosphere of ghosts and goblins. The perfect time to restart Discover Magic classes after our summer hiatus.

We'll start the session by teaching some spooky magic at The Abbott House! The House of Mystery is the perfect place to learn some tricks and have some treats. Then, we'll resume our Discover Magic classes and finish up the year.

Currently, we have spaces available for new students starting in February 2027. If you have a youngster who would like to learn magic, please help yourself to our new fliers. These were very generously created by **Dave Arch**!

Also, our **CARE Team** visits senior community facilities on a regular basis. You are invited and encouraged to join us whenever you can. Not only will you be able to delight the residents, you will also be able to practice your skills on a very non-threatening and appreciative audience. Following a recent series of performances one of our long-term residential CARE team members **Neil Bable** was overheard saying "I love our residents!" You can contact **Patrice Fisher** at: patricekfisher@yahoo.com for more details.



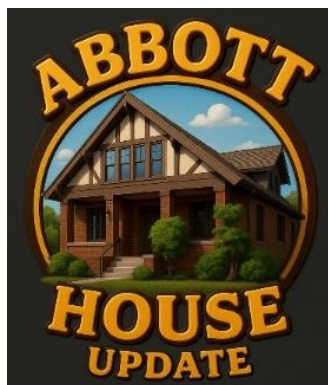
Jered Blake led the third installment of his coin lesson series transitioning from foundational sleights like the classic palm, finger palm, and French drop into the art of a live parlor performance.

Kicking off the meeting at the Abbott House's Donna Roth Little Theater, Jered drew on his years of professional stage experience to deliver a quick primer on stage presence. He went over the basics on addressing the crowd, maintaining eye contact, squaring your body to the audience, and different ways to utilize the space/props between you and the crowd.

Putting theory directly into practice, members took to the stage for dress rehearsals of their routines featuring performances by **Matt Spielman, Steve Osborn, Thomas Gray, Bob Gehringer, Becky McIntyre, and Drew McIntyre**. At the end of the night each performer received targeted and constructive feedback from the room to help hone in their routine ahead of the upcoming final session where everyone will present and record their fully polished acts. It has been extremely fun to see fellow members' skillsets progress through the different lessons and seeing their confidence on stage showcases how beneficial these lessons are to the club. Special thanks to **Jered Blake** for providing a well-rounded set of coin lessons to the group and for also challenging the group while keeping it fun.



Here are **Matt Spielman, Steve Osborn, Thomas Gray, Becky McIntyre and Drew McIntyre** practicing their routines.

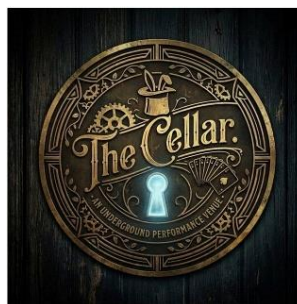
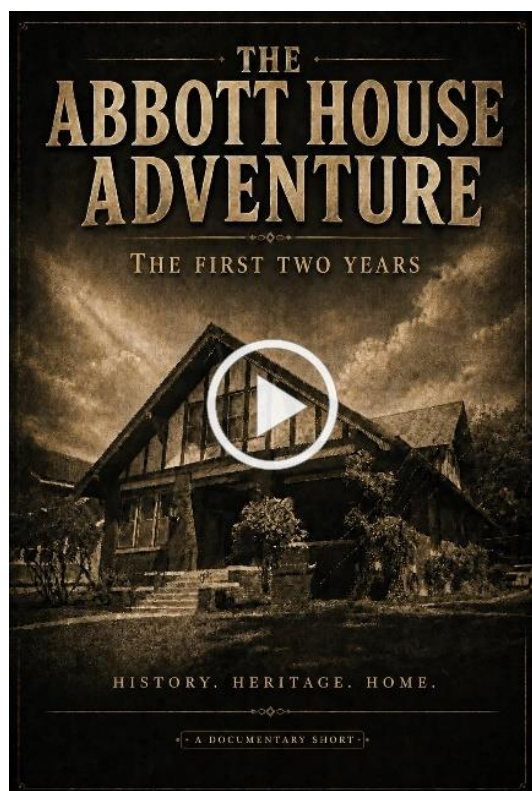


The Abbott House Adventure Documentary Short

The public premiere was on Sunday evening, September 13th in conjunction with the **Kevin James** reception for Abbott House and 20/15 Members.

Here is the link to the video displaying the Abbott House Progress over the first two years.

Just click the start arrow.



Financial sponsorship for completion on the lower level of The Abbott House has been achieved!

The goal is to have the space refurbished in time for our complimentary public annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 6 (from 1- 4 PM).

Donna Roth Little Theater Grand Opening



Larry Brodahl performed for **Donna Roth** and her special guests on September 17th to officially open our **Donna Roth Little Theater** upstairs at the Abbott House. His show brought amazement and plenty of laughter to Donna's special guests. Afterward Donna was asked to come on the stage and she gave a heart filled thank you to the Omaha Magical Society members for welcoming her into the club for so many years.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Historic Abbott House

You're invited to an Open House on Sunday,
December 6th from 1-4 PM at the historic David P.
Abbott House (3316 Center Street in Omaha).





Our App Library was given mention in the latest issue of MUM magazine, the magazine of our club's parent organization The Society of American Magicians.

Magic Apps

By Dave Arch

SAM Assembly 7 has released a series of web-based magic apps for their members and is sharing them with all M-U-M readers.

These apps include magic tricks, games, puzzles, paradoxes, and challenges. These are entertainments to be shared, some of which can be performed by you as a magician.

This exclusive line of smartphone magic apps is not available in app stores but is designed to work on both iPhones and Androids. By copying, pasting, and texting the QR codes, the app can be shared with young friends and family who would enjoy some interactive magic.

Using the camera on your phone, just point at one of the QR codes here and click on the link that will pop up on your screen.

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If you encounter a technical glitch, please contact Dave Arch at SAMassembly7@gmail.com.



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HAUNTED HOUDINI PHONE APP RELEASED

Now in our club App Library and also available at: <https://haunted-houdini-frame.base44.app>
this is perfect for showing others during the Halloween season.

Remember if you open the above link in the Safari browser on the iPhone or the Google Chrome browser on an Android phone you can tap the three dots and "Save To Home Screen" from where you can tap the icon and open it just like an app.

2026 OMS Officers

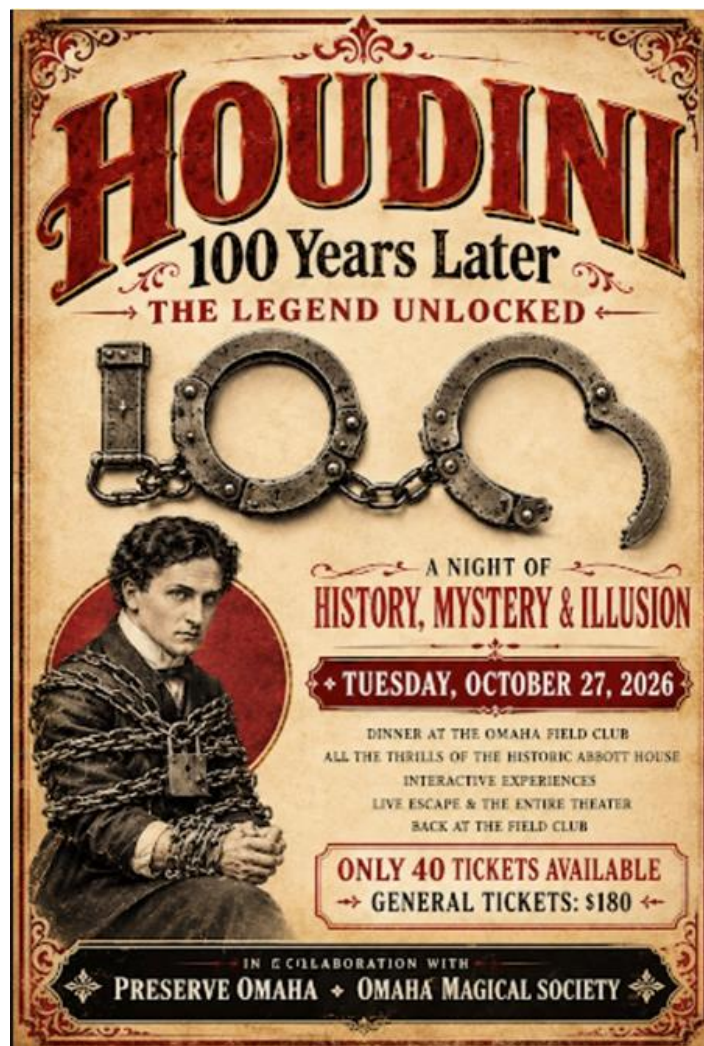
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Preserve Omaha and the Abbott House

There is a very limited (40 guests) special event as described in the poster below. It begins with dinner at the Field Club followed by a trip on Ollie the Trolley to the Abbott House for an interactive experience in remembrance of **Harry Houdini**.

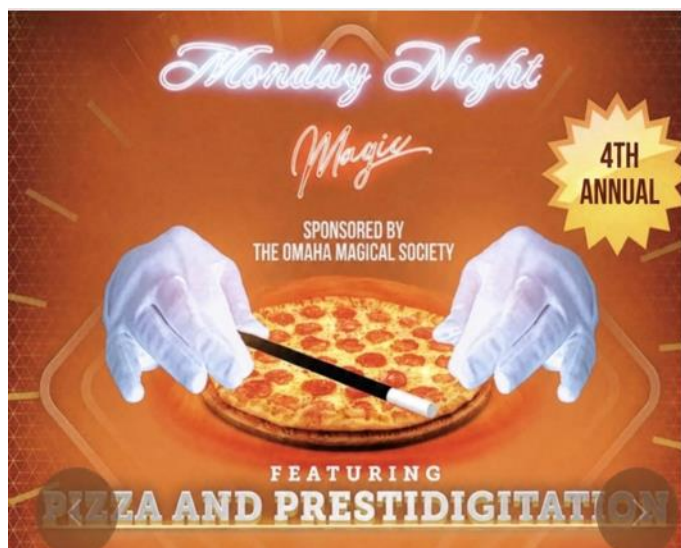
For more details or to purchase a ticket check this link:

<https://www.preserveomaha.org/event-6832502>



Check out our website:

<https://omahamagicclub.org>



This month's Magic Event is on **Monday**

October 19th

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Joslyn Castle Carriage House
3902 Davenport Street**

Or just click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/4028718108>
(which is the same link we use for all of our monthly meetings).

Note the time change! Be sure to RSVP to Adam so he knows how much pizza to order.
Also remember the \$3.00 suggested donation to help cover the cost.

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