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The Oakland Magic Circle  
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at  
Bjornson Hall, 2258 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602  
Doors open at 6:00 pm  
March 2012

Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
Presentation talks by Phil Ackerly and Dennis Fox  
6:00 p.m. Doors open  
7:15 p.m. Short business meeting  
7:45 p.m. Phil Ackerly  
8:30 p.m. Dennis Fox

### President's Message

The year has started on a very high note once again. We sold out for our Installation Banquet and show. OMC members assisting with the running of the evenings' festivities were Gaddy on follow spot, our sound man was Frank Biafore, stage manager, Ace Miles (a.k.a. Capt. Jack Spareribs) made sure the production ran smoothly. Thank you, for your assistance in the show. Another big thank you goes out to Dagmar Theison and her crew of Diane Solo and Ann Marie for getting the tables set as well as the other club members who showed up early to help set up the room. Noticeably missing were our major logistics team of Manya Casto and Mark Tarses who were both out ill for this event. I chatted with them both a few days after the banquet and they both reported that their health was improving.

I think the most amazing part of our banquets is how well everyone works together to assist in the clean up. We seem to have this job completed in record time, leaving the room very tidy with chairs and tables stacked and trash all bagged up in record time. Thank you to all the members that make this happen like magic.

So, what is next up on our calendar?  
Talks on creativity and presentation! Many of

our members know Phil Ackerly as one of the busiest social event magicians in the area. He has a lot to share about his performing experiences. His talk will focus on improvisation for magicians.

Bizarre, old fashioned circus Grind Show is next on the agenda, presented by Dennis Fox. Travel back in time to what once was only seen in the "Dime Museums" and learn the secrets of "what is just right inside the curtained area." The shocking and bizarre awaits you. Could this be a glimpse into the spook shows of the 1930s to 1950s? Dennis will show you how to add a little bit of the strange grind show routining into your otherwise plebian presentation.

### Minutes of Meeting 6 February 2012

A Grand time had by all at the 2012 Installation Banquet and Show! 'nuff said!

### Future Events

April – Flea Market and Auction  
May – Tobias Beckwith lecture  
June – Lloyd Jones Close-up contest for OMC Members  
July – No Meeting, trip to Alameda County Fair  
August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition  
September – OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.  
October – TBA  
November – Nominations for 2011 officers  
December – Election of 2011 officers

## UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

### Balboa Birthday Bash

Gary Meyer's Balboa Theater in San Francisco will feature an evening of interest to all magicians on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>. In honor of the theater's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday he will screen the Harold Lloyd classic silent film, *Safety Last* (which you remember from Hugo). This will be preceded by short films by Georges Melies (who you remember from Hugo). Included will be a live vaudeville show, including James Hamilton performing magic as Georges Melies did early in his career. Prizes will be awarded, birthday cake and libations will be served. Doors open at 6:45, show at 7 PM. For information go to [balboamovies.com](http://balboamovies.com).

March 14, 2012

Ring 216 Presents

### David Neighbor's "Coinjuring and Beyond" Lecture

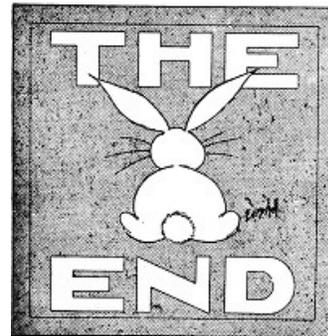
David Neighbors brings to the magic fraternity his latest lecture and open session, featuring David's widely acclaimed original masterpieces (coins, dice, rubber-bands, cards, misc. items, and more coins), and his innovative thoughts on the psychology of close-up magic. It is his understanding of the art and his ability to demonstrate, teach and share it that sets his lecture apart from all the others. Each lecture centers on 2 critical aspects of magic: the performance and the psychology. When: March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Time: 7:30pm Place: Yu Ai Kai Center 588 North 4th Street San Jose, CA 95112 Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$25 Contact: [calvin.tong@ring216.org](mailto:calvin.tong@ring216.org)

## The Merrakech Magic Theater

Where can you see some great magic in the bay area? Check out Peter Morrison's show at The Merrakech Magic Theater. Peter entertains with intriguing feats of mentalism, sleight of hand miracles, and comedy! Check out <http://sanfranciscomagictheater.com/> for more information on this unique destination in San Francisco.

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Please send submissions to either [scott@scottalcalay.com](mailto:scott@scottalcalay.com) or [byron.walker@comcast.net](mailto:byron.walker@comcast.net)



Oh, I forgot to mention...DUES for 2012 are now due. If you have not paid your 2012 dues, please bring a check or cash (\$20) to the March meeting or send a check payable to:

The Oakland Magic Circle  
c/o David Fry, 90 Athol Ave #1C, Oakland, CA 94606

It is your dues that allows the club to continue to function and meet at Bjornson Hall.