

### RULES SPECIFIC TO CLOSE-UP CONTESTS

- ◆ The total number of contestants, including both junior and senior divisions, will not exceed 20.
- ◆ Contestants are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Postmarks prevail. A back-up list is maintained.
- ◆ Contestants must appear at the set-up room at the time designated by the contest chairman.
- ◆ All contestants are responsible for placement and removal of all their own equipment.
- ◆ Each contestant will perform his/her close-up routine twice, once in each of two different rooms with a break in between performances.
- ◆ There are no microphones in the close-up competition rooms. You may be performing for 100 people, who are sitting on bleachers.
- ◆ The Contest Chairman is final arbitrator in case of disputes.

### RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL CONTESTS

- ◆ A \$10 entrance fee covers all contests.
- ◆ Performance in ALL contests must be between *5 minutes and 7 minutes* in length. Points will be deducted for times that are under 5 minutes or over 8 minutes.
- ◆ A minimum of 5 judges will judge each contest.
- ◆ Senior contests include all those who are 18 years of age or older on the day of the competition.
- ◆ All contestants must register for the Columbus MAGI-FEST.
- ◆ Cash prizes of \$300 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place will be awarded in all categories.
- ◆ Judging reports will be given to participants at an appointed time and place during the MAGI-FEST. Summaries will NOT be mailed to contestants.
- ◆ Contestants may be disqualified for using "blue" material at this family-friendly convention.
- ◆ The decisions of the judges is final.
- ◆ The announcement of the winners for all contests will take place prior to the early

ALL-Star show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening of the convention.

- ◆ All contestants are expected to report to the appropriate pre-contest rooms at the time designated by the contest chairperson. Late arrival may disqualify a contestant.
- ◆ Categories for judging:
  - SHOWMANSHIP - 1-10 points.
  - TECHNICAL SKILL - 1-10 points
  - ORIGINALITY - 1-10 points
  - PROGRAM - 1-10 points

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## **RULES SPECIFIC TO STAGE CONTESTS**

- ◆ The total number of contestants, including both junior and senior divisions, will not exceed 20.
- ◆ Contestants are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Postmarks prevail. A back-up list is maintained.
- ◆ Contestants must appear backstage, at the hotel contest staging area, at the time designated by the contest chairman.
- ◆ All contestants are responsible for placement and removal of all their equipment.
- ◆ Time allotted for stage set-up is 3 minutes.
- ◆ All music, light, and sound cues are limited to playing your music, operating the spot light, flood lights and minor cues. Special lighting will NOT be handled by our staff. You may bring your own light and sound personnel.
- ◆ The Contest Chairman is final arbitrator in case of disputes.

## **A WORD FROM COLUMBUS MAGIC CLUB**

The Columbus MAGI-FEST is an annual event that started back in 1932. Contests have become a major part of the success of the convention.

We encourage all levels of competition from the well-rehearsed beginner to the working professional. Therefore we hope you take advantage of seeking out the contest chairpersons, to see your scoring sheets. This gives you an objective evaluation of your performance.

Most of all, we want you to have fun participating in the contests. It takes a great deal of courage to compete at a magic convention, and each of you is to be congratulated on preparation participation, and performance of your chosen routine.

We wish you well in the competition. All members of the audience are cheering for you to do a good job and we know you will. Good luck in your performance.

## Contest Rules for Columbus **MAGI-FEST**



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