



# Standard Operating Procedures International Brotherhood of Magicians

Ring 129 - Heart of America Ring

Kansas City, Missouri

Topic: Ring #129 Stage Magician of the Year Contest

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**Purpose:** The Stage Magician of the Year contest will be held annually to select the magician who best entertains using Stage magic as a medium, to provide an evening of entertainment and fellowship for the Ring members and guests, and to provide a social atmosphere fostering friendship and camaraderie.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to compete in the contest, a performer must be a member in good standing of Ring #129 and shall have won the Magician of the Month competition at least one time in the preceding year. The Magician of the Month competition will be conducted at regularly scheduled Ring meetings.

**Name of Award:** The Magician of the Year Award will be named the H. Claude Enslow Stage Magician of the Year Award in memory of long-time member, H. Claude Enslow.

**Stage Magician of the Year Banquet and Competition:** The President will select a Chairperson by the regular meeting in October. They shall make the following arrangements and make recommendations for Board approval:

- Select and secure a suitable venue.
- Venue must accommodate all attendees in one room for the performances, announcements, and refreshments.
- Set a date for the competition after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.
- Select a Judge's Chairperson. This person is responsible for printing and distributing the Judge's forms to Ring 129 members who attend the event and are in good standing. These members will be the judges for the event. There will be no compensation of any members to judge the event.
- The Chairperson will be responsible for selecting a Stage Manager and securing necessary lights and sound equipment with appropriate operators. They will work with the Treasurer to collect money.
- The Chairperson will arrange for the refreshments and/or food, select a menu, and make any other decisions necessary for the contest.
- Performers will not receive remuneration in any form for participating in the contest.
- The performers order of appearance will be determined by a drawn lot at the most recent Ring meeting prior to the event.
- Cost of admission will be determined by the Board

**Performers' Admission:** Any person attending the event shall pay the full cost of admission as determined by the Board. However, the exception is any performers and their assistants choosing not to have dinner do not have to pay.

**Time Limitations:** Each act is limited to 10 minutes. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The Judge's Chairperson may appoint a timekeeper, or delegate those duties to an appropriate person in the room. Time begins when the performance starts (music, spoken word, or movement, whichever occurs first.) **Acts going over 10 minutes will be disqualified.** Performers will not be advised of their time. The emcee has the discretion to stop any performance that exceeds 15 minutes. The Board has the option to adjust the time if the number of performers is significantly different than normal, but in order to do so, must notify the performers at least 3 weeks in advance of the competition.

**Judging:** The Judges Chairperson will explain to Ring members present the rules prior to the beginning of the contest. All judge's forms will be retained by the Judge's Chairperson and will be brought to the next Board meeting following the event if requested, and if not, they will be destroyed.

**Awards:** There will be awards given to the participants to be determined by the Board.

**Special Venue Requirements:**

Only blue painters tape will be allowed on the stage for marking placement of props. Performers can then apply different color tape to the painters tape if needed. It is the performer's responsibility to remove all tape from the stage prior to leaving the venue.

Use of animals, fire, and pyrotechnics need approval by the Board prior to being performed, with the exceptions as stated in the Stage Magician of the Year S.O.P.s dated 12/20/2001: -.

***(Reference Stage Magician of the Year S.O.P's dated 12/20/2001)***

**FIRE:** Flash pots, Flash paper, and an open flame are allowed, however, none of the above can exceed four inches in height. Anything other than these restrictions will require Board approval no later than the Board meeting preceding the event.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock is allowed only to the extent of birds, bunnies, and dogs. Anything other than these restrictions will require Board approval no later than the Board meeting preceding the event

Failure to adhere to the above limitations will result in immediate disqualification and the act will be immediately stopped.

No performer will be allowed to use as part of their performance anything that could put any audience member in danger.

Please refer to the Fire and Pyrotechnics Rules SOP's on the Ring 129 website for further details.