



4F Magic Inc.  
2026 Guest of Honor  
**Tom Gagnon**





# 4F 2026 Contents

Welcome to the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of this eBook and our third 4F incorporated as a Not For Profit: 4F Magic Inc. The order of the pages here is meant to compliment the event timing.

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# Tom Gagnon



Tom's lifelong journey in magic began at age nine, sparked by a chance encounter with a traveling magician in a Piggly Wiggly. That moment led him to the Carnegie Public Library—and to *Greater Magic*, a book that still holds a special place in his heart. By eleven, he was already performing publicly, and by thirteen, he found a mentor in retired magician Thurmond Montague, who not only gifted him classic stage apparatus but also introduced him to *Expert Card Technique*—a book that would shape both his magic and his future as an illustrator.

After serving four years in the U.S. Navy, where he deepened his passion for art, Tom's path briefly detoured through construction work before returning—thanks in no small part to his wife Carol—to magic in earnest. Together, they opened a magic shop in Marion, Indiana, which quickly became a hub for local magicians. Tom soon became a respected performer, lecturer, and leader in the magic community, serving as President of IBM Ring 168.

While his performing career flourished, Tom's greatest impact may be in the world of magic illustration. Beginning with his first book *Slightly Original* in 1981, he developed a distinctive style defined by precision, clarity, and his signature use of shadow. Over the years, he has illustrated many of magic's most important works, including *The Vernon Chronicles*, *The Classic Magic of Larry Jennings*, and numerous other landmark publications and lecture notes for some of magic's most influential figures.

In addition to illustrating, Tom is an accomplished creator and author, with his sleights and routines appearing in leading magic journals and books worldwide. His contributions have earned him numerous honors, including the IBM Award of Special Merit, the FFFF MVP Award, the Magic Circle's Cecil Lyle Award, and induction into the Michigan Magicians Hall of Fame.

Respected by peers, admired by friends, and beloved by those who know him, Tom's work continues to influence generations of magicians—both on the page and at the card table.





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# Program

## Wednesday

- 1:00 pm Registration
- 2:00 pm 4F Shop open
- 5:00 pm Dealers' Room opens (closed during lectures/shows)
- 7:30 pm **1<sup>st</sup> Show: Opening Gala** (MC: Joe M. Turner)
- 9:00 pm **Lecture #1: Willy Monroe**
- 12:00 am Dealers' Room closes

## Thursday

- 10:00 am Registration open (closed during lectures and shows)
- 10:00 am Dealers' Room & 4F Shop open (closed during lectures and shows)
- 10:30 am **Lecture #2: Joe Rindfleisch**
- 1:30 pm **2<sup>nd</sup> Show: Magical Moments** (MC: Andost)
- 3:30 pm **ED Talks** (MC: Brian Curry)
- 7:30 pm **3<sup>rd</sup> Show: Friends Old & New** (MC: Keith Fields)
- 9:30 pm **Lecture #3: Tom Gagnon**
- 11:00 pm Hospitality Suite opens (closes at 1:00 am)
- 12:00 am Dealers' Room closes

## Friday

- 10:00 am Dealers' Room opens (closed during lectures and shows)
- 10:00 am 4F Shop open (closed during lectures and shows)
- 10:30 am **Pat Page Workshop: Strolling Mentalism without Cards** (MC: Mike Powers)
- 1:30 pm **4<sup>th</sup> Show: Friday's Frolics** (MC: Meir Yedid)
- 3:30 pm **Lecture #4: Sing Zen Liu**
- 8:00 pm **5<sup>th</sup> Show: Fechter's Frolics** (MC: Michael Dardant)
- 10:00 pm Hospitality Suite open (closes at 2:00 am)
- 12:00 pm Dealer's Room closes

## Saturday

- 10:00 am 2027 Registration & 4F Shop open
- 10:00 am Dealers' Room opens (closed during lectures, shows, and dinner)
- 1:30 pm **6<sup>th</sup> Show: Mini World** (MC: Horret Wu)
- 3:30 pm **One Man Show: Henry Evans**
- 5:30 pm Banquet (ticket required)
- 8:00 pm Guest of Honor Tribute: **Tom Gagnon**
- 8:30 pm **7<sup>th</sup> Show: Closing Gala** (MC: Steve Beam)
- 10:30 pm Hospitality Suite opens (closes at 2:00 am)
- 12:00 am Dealers' Room closes

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# Opening Gala

Wednesday 7:30 pm

MC: **Joe M. Turner**



- 1.<sup>5</sup>   
USA  
**Joshua Messado**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Paul Richards/Eric Jones
- 2.<sup>5</sup>   
Canada  
**Pierre-Daniel Bourgeau**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Mark Montreuil/Chris Pilsworth
- 3.<sup>5</sup>   
USA  
**Glenn Farrington**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Eric DeCamps/ Bill Malone
- 4.<sup>10</sup>   
USA  
**Shank Kothare/Ed Ripley**
- 5.<sup>5</sup>   
Canada  
**Eric Bedard**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Keith Fields/Shawn Farquhar
- 6.<sup>5</sup>   
USA  
**Rick Holcombe**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Steve Beam/Jeff Case
- 7.<sup>7</sup>   
China  
**Jiang Zhenghua**
- 8.<sup>10</sup>   
China  
**Jeffrey Wang**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Joan Caesar/Glenn Brown



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# Magical Moments

Thursday 1:30 pm

MC: **Andost**



1.7   
Scotland

**Neil Stirton**

2.7   
USA

**Michael Breggar**  
Doctorate

3.5   
USA

**Felice Ling**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Francis Menotti/Rick Merrill

4.7   
Mexico

**Juan Carlos Rodarte**

5.7   
USA

**Randy Pitchford**  
Master's

6.7   
USA

**Jafo**

7.5   
USA

**Jim Turnpaugh**  
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8.7   
USA

**Dave Elliot**  
Master's



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# Friends Old & New

Thursday 7:30 pm

MC: Keith **Fields**



1.<sup>7</sup>   
USA

Kirk **Patrick**

2.<sup>5</sup>   
USA

Jay **Jayaraman**

Bachelor's | Sponsors: Steve Friedberg/Mike Powers

3.<sup>7</sup>   
USA

Edmund **Apperson**

Master's

4.<sup>7</sup>   
USA

Meadow **Perry**

Bachelor's | Sponsors: Michael Dardant/A. Duvivier

5.<sup>7</sup>   
USA

Ice **McDonald**

6.<sup>10</sup>   
Argentina

Facundo **Daelli**

Bachelor's | Sponsors: Henry Evans/Daniel Mormina

7.<sup>7</sup>   
France

Boris **Wild**





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# Friday's Frolics

Friday 1:30 pm

MC: Meir **Yedid**

1.<sup>7</sup>



USA

**Lindsey Noel**

Bachelor's | sponsors: Chris Capehart/Brian Curry

2.<sup>7</sup>



Canada

**Billy Hsueh**

Doctorate

3.<sup>5</sup>



USA

**Michael Joseph**

Master's

4.<sup>7</sup>



USA

**David Hudspath**

Master's

5.<sup>5</sup>



USA

**Michael Chaut**

Bachelor's | Sponsors: Chris Capehart/Will Fern

6.<sup>7</sup>



England

**Christian Grace**

Doctorate

7.<sup>7</sup>



USA

**Alyx Hilshey**

Master's



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# Fechter's Frolics

Friday 8 :00 pm

MC: Michael **Dardant**

1.7   
USA

Joe **Garsetti**  
Master's

2.7   
USA

Joel **Greenwich**

3.5   
France

Morgan **De Cecco**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Josn Caesar/Michel Huot

4.7   
USA

Alexander **Great**

5.7   
USA

Michael **Bloemeke**  
Doctorate

6.5   
USA

Ran'D **Shine**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Steve Friedberg/Chris Capehart

7.5   
USA

Rob **Thompson**  
Bachelor's | Sponsors: Robert Bengel/John West

8.5   
Peru

Axel **Luna**  
Bachelor's | Sponsor: Steve Beam/Howard Hamburg



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# Mini World

Saturday 1:30 pm

MC: **Horret Wu**



1.<sup>10</sup>



Brazil

Bernardo **Sedlacek**

2.<sup>10</sup>



Argentina

Daniel **Mormina**

3.<sup>10</sup>



USA

Bob **Bengel**

4.<sup>10</sup>



USA

Will **Fern**

5.<sup>10</sup>



USA

Thomas **Solomon**  
Doctorate

6.<sup>10</sup>



USA

Geoff **Williams**

7.<sup>10</sup>



Japan

Satoru **Furukawa**



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# Closing Gala

Saturday 8:00 pm

MC: Steve **Beam**

- 1.<sup>10</sup>   
USA **Eric DeCamps**
- 2.<sup>10</sup>   
USA **Benjamin Barnes**  
Doctorate
- 3.<sup>10</sup>   
China **Sing Zen Liu**  
Doctorate
- 4.<sup>10</sup>   
Germany **Marcus Billner**  
Master's
- 5.<sup>10</sup>   
Argentina **Gustavo Raley**
- 6.<sup>10</sup>   
Japan **Shimpei**
7.   
USA **Stephen Bargatze | Rick Merrill**



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# Lecturer: Sing Zen Liu

Sing Zen Liu is one of the hottest close-up magicians in China. Liu is dedicated to performing live shows instead of promoting himself on social media. He has performed and gave lectures in many cities in China, (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Hong Kong, Macao, Nanjing, Hangzhou, and more). In addition to this, Liu has also created and shared many ideas with the magic community. Today Liu will be sharing his special brand of magic with all of us.

2012 Shanghai International Youngsters Magic Convention winner

2013 China national magic convention close up Grand Prix

2015 China lecture tour

2017 China lecture tour

2018 Japan UGM magic convention close up winner

2018 Japan JCMA magic convention close up winner & future award

2018 Bangkok International Magic Festival close up Grand Prix

2019 The 1st time to perform at FFFF

2024 The 2nd time to perform at FFFF

2023~2024 China live magic show tour.



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# Lecturer: Willy Monroe

Willy Monroe is a multifaceted artist: co-author of the most popular Spanish language book about balloon modeling “Mr.Balloon: The Shaping of Air”. He is also one of the magicians most recognized by fellow card magicians - both nationally and internationally. A regular attendee of such prestigious (invitation only) conventions as “Las Jornadas Cartomágicas de El Escorial” and FFFF in Buffalo, New York. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that he has performed at the legendary Magic Castle in Hollywood on more than one occasion. And recently he Fool Us and P&T too with his original Rubik cube routine.

This lecture CARD/ART HD (High Dexterity) illustrates the first great block of technical/creative development by Willy Monroe, revealing a profound philosophy of magic based on the techniques discovered through his mentor Gabriel Moreno.



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# Lecturer: Joe Rindfleisch

Joe Rindfleisch is known as a pioneer in the field of rubber band magic. His new rubber band effects are visual foolers and have helped to revitalize the interest in rubber band magic. In addition, Joe has traveled the world teaching not only his incredible rubber band effects but also hundreds of published close-up effects using cards and coins. Joe received a standing ovation at the invitation only Fechtters convention and after you see his performance and lecture, you will understand why.

This lecture will be presented more like a workshop with each attendee being given rubber bands to follow along with. Several effect along with theory will be thoroughly explained and at the end Everyone will be able to walk away knowing how to do at least 3 effects or even more!



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# One Man Show: Henry Evans

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Just some of his many awards:

At the World Championship, comprising of FISM winners from the last 20 years, Henry Evans won The Gold Prize, First Prize, given in a real golden cup valued in 10.000 USD.

1st Prize at the World Championship in Card Magic FISM 2000 in Lisbon, Portugal.

### **MVP Award FFFF Convention 2002, USA**

Two-time nominee for Best Lecturer at the Magic Castle, in Hollywood, California, USA 2001, and 2004.

Magician of the year 1995, 2000, 2005, 2011, and 2012 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### **Guest of Honor FFFF Convention 2009, USA.**

Lecturer in more than 40 countries around the world.

Performer and lecturer at the Magic World Championship FISM 2009 in Beijing.

Cover of Linking Ring magazine April 2009 issue.



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# 4F/ED Talks

Thursday 3:30

MC: Brian Curry

1.<sup>20</sup>



USA

**Gary Brown**

**Alexander**, the Man No One Knows!

Bachelor's | Sponsors: Mike Maione/

2.<sup>20</sup>



USA

**Craig Dickson**

**PK ... in the beginning**

3.<sup>30</sup>



USA

**Gene Anderson**

**You are the Emcee...**



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# Walkaround Mentalism without Cards

Friday 10:30 am

MC: Mike Powers

1.10.7   
USA

Mike **Kirschner**

2.10.7   
USA

Danny **Archer**

3.10.7   
USA

Mike **Breggar**

Doctorate

4.10.7   
USA

Rolando **Santos**

5.10.7   
USA

John **Bannon**

6.10.7   
USA

Matt **Baker**

7.10.7   
USA

Raj **Madhok**



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## Attendees 1/2

### Argentina

Daniel Mormina  
Facundo Daelli  
Gustavo Raley  
Henry Evans  
Hernan Maccagno

### Brazil

Bernardo Sedlacek

### Canada

Alexander Moreaux  
Billy Hsueh  
Bruce Trigg  
Derick Finn  
Eric Bedard  
Gary Wiseman  
Glenn Brown  
Joan Caesar  
Marc Trudel  
Michel Huot  
Pierre-Daniel Bourgeau  
Rod Chow  
Steve Duperré  
Terry Greenwood  
Yannick Lacroix

### China

Jeffrey Wang  
Jiang Zhenghua  
Sing Zen Liu

### England

Christian Grace  
Matthew Le Mottée  
Mark Leveridge  
Eva May Nicot  
Chris Payne  
Darryl Rose

### France

Alexandra Duvivier  
Boris Wild  
Morgan de Cecco  
Tiffany Sauvage  
Xavier Belmont

### Germany

Christian Schenk  
Marcus Billner

### Japan

Satoru Furukawa  
Shimpei  
Yumi

### Mexico

Juan Carlos Rodarte

### Peru

Axel Sáenz

### Scotland

Marcus Gordon  
Tom Crosbie  
Peter McLanachan  
Alan Rorrison  
Neil Stirton

### Spain

Willy Monroe

### Taiwan

Alec Tsai  
Jeffrey Wangi  
Horret Wu

### USA

Jason Alan  
Gene Anderson  
Edmund Apperson  
Danny Archer  
Matt Baker  
John Bannon  
Stephen Bartzte  
Bruce Barnett  
Benjamin Barnes  
Steve Beam  
Bob Bengel  
Glenn Biegly  
Bill Bishop  
Dan Block  
Michael Bloemeke  
Trixie Bond  
Michael Breggar  
Gary Brown  
Tony Cabral  
Harrison Carroll  
Evert Chapman  
Michael Chaut  
Jim Cherry  
Dick Cook  
David Corsaro  
Jeffrey Cowan  
Brian Curry  
John Dahlinger  
Michael Dardant  
Eric DeCamps  
Marc DeSouza  
Craig Dickson  
Roy Eidem  
Dave Elliot  
Lou Entin  
Matt Episcopo  
Bill Evans  
Buddy Farnan  
Will Fern  
Glenn Ferrington

Keith Fields  
David Finklestein  
Alan Fisher  
Mark Fitzgerald  
Gary Freed  
Ken Frehm  
Steve Friedberg  
Tom Gagnon  
Jim Gabor  
Joe Garsetti  
Tony Gerard  
Dennis Gesel  
Gene Gordon  
Doug Gorman  
Alexander Great  
Joel Greenwich  
Howard Hamburg  
Rick Hebert  
Terry Hedges  
John Michael Hinton  
Rick Holcombe  
David Hudspath  
Jimmy Ichihana  
Matt Jacobs  
Jafo  
Jay Jayaraman  
Eric Jones  
Mike Joseph  
Michael Kaminskis  
Kevin Kelly  
Michael Kirschner  
Larry Kohorst  
Shank Kothare  
Allan Kronzek  
Rian Lehman  
Marv Leventhal  
Felice Ling  
Jake Lundgren  
Bob Macey  
Dan MacInnis  
Raj Madhok

## Attendees 2/2

### USA

(continued)

Mike Maione  
 Bill Malone  
 Ice MacDonald  
 Vincent Mendoza  
 Francis Menotti  
 Rick Merrill  
 Joshua Messado  
 John Miller  
 Mike Miller  
 Gary Morton  
 Colleen Murphy  
 Todd Nelson  
 Lindsey Noel  
 David Oestreicher  
 Kevin Oliver  
 Gary Para  
 Kirk Patrick  
 Tom Phelps  
 Randy Pitchford  
 Gary Plants  
 Mike Powers  
 Gene Protas  
 David Prouty  
 Patrick Przywiecki  
 Andrew Quinn  
 Charlie Randall  
 Keith Randolph  
 Bob Rees  
 Prof Rem  
 Paul Richards  
 Joe Rindfleisch  
 Ed Ripley  
 Scott Robinson  
 Gary Rog  
 Ricardo Rosenkranz  
 Rolando Santos  
 David Schwartz  
 Maria Schwieter  
 Michael Seege  
 Ran'D Shine  
 Sam Sléibhín  
 Thomas Solomon

Mike Spade  
 John Sturk  
 Ryan Swigert  
 Michael Tallon  
 Eric Templeton  
 Jerry Templeton  
 Vic Trabucco  
 Joe M. Turner  
 Jim Turnpaugh  
 Arie Vilner  
 Don Voltz  
 Randy Wakeman  
 Tony Weiland  
 Bill Wells  
 Scott Wells  
 John West  
 Rick Wilcox  
 Geoff Williams  
 Tim Williams  
 Mark Yeager  
 Meir Yedid  
 Mark Zacharia





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## First Time Performers Guide 1/4

Welcome to 4F! We are really excited to have you perform for the first time and want the experience to be great for you. To make your performance as stress-free as possible, we've created this document to give you a better understanding of what you can expect for the performing conditions. The number of magicians in the audience ranges from 175 to 225. The first few rows of seats are at floor level and then the seating is tiered on two additional levels of risers. The viewing angles at the sides is almost 180 degrees, but not quite.



### **Airport Rides**

The M Hotel offers a shuttle service – call them at **(716) 681-2400** when you arrive. If there is no shuttle service available, take a cab and the hotel will reimburse you for it.



## First Time Performers Guide 2/4

### Performing

Everyone has to perform their first time at 4F. You have up to five minutes to do your routine, 10 minutes if it is a competition act (e.g. FISM). If you are doing a FISM act, please let Glenn know. Our advice is to do what you do best - some solid magic, rather than a new routine you are still working on. The 4F family wants you to succeed, so take a deep breath, relax and enjoy yourself.

### Lights

If you haven't performed on a stage before, one element of the set-up is that there are stage lights shining on the performance area. This makes it difficult to see the audience past the first few rows. During your practice sessions, you may consider having a few bright photography lights directed towards yourself to mimic the conditions you'll experience at the convention. If you are standing for your set and not seated at the close-up table, remember to stay in the area where the lighting is the brightest. This will ensure that you will be seen by the audience. On the edges of the performing space, you will be able to see the audience better, however, they will not be able to see you as well.





## First Time Performers Guide 3/4

### **Music**

Some performers set their magic to music. Ken Frehm needs to know before you get to 4F is whether or not you will be supplying music to accompany your performance, and if so, instructions so that things will run smoothly. If Ken does not receive this information by April, then you may be performing without music. Ken Frehm will be emailing all performers a queue sheet which you need to complete and e-mail to him at [kfrehm@gmail.com](mailto:kfrehm@gmail.com) with your music; if not, bring the files on a USB Flash drive. There will be time on the morning of your performance to run through your cues. Keep in mind that there will be 6 or 7 other performers on your show, so be aware that you won't have unlimited time to go through a large number of music cues.

### **Staging**

If you have any staging requirements, please let John Michael Hinton, [john@johnismyfriend.com](mailto:john@johnismyfriend.com), know as soon as possible.

### **Microphones**

If you have a talking act, you will be given a microphone to amplify your voice. The wireless microphones are head mounted. The microphone fits over one ear and typically clear tape is attached to the microphone arm and your cheek. This prevents the microphone from moving around during your performance. The transmitter is a belt pack that clips onto your pants or belt. If you are from the UK, you will clip the belt pack onto your trousers. Ladies will have different options.

There are two or three microphones in use, so when one performer is finished, their microphone is transferred the next performer. There is sufficient time to set the microphone and you will have help from the stage crew.



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## First Time Performers Guide 4/4

### Table

The table for the close-up is semi-circular. It has a green surface which is suitable for quite a bit of the performers. If your act requires a specific surface to accomplish your magic, bring it along.



### Screens and Video

There are two large screens on each side of the performing area that allow some of the audience at the sides and further back, a better view. The camera position is elevated at the back where the AV crew is located. The camera can have a wide shot or if requested can come in for a tighter shot. That can be discussed with the AV crew during your run-through.

### Backstage Crew

The backstage crew will either add or remove the table for you. If you have two volunteers while performing at the table, they will also put two chairs for you. There are MCs at each performance, so the transition between performers is covered by their notes and jokes. In some cases, a curtain was also moved into place to allow for a special set-up. You can discuss your requirements with the backstage crew during the rehearsal.



## Guests of Honor

1977	Jim Ryan	2001	Herb Zarrow
1978	Eddie Fechter	2002	Max Maven
1979	Larry Jennings	2003	<b>Meir Yedid</b>
1980	Gene Gordon	2004	Pat Page
1981	Bob Read	2005	<b>Anderson/Garrett</b>
1982	Sid Lorraine	2006	Aldo Colombini
1983	Steve Dusheck	2007	Ton Onosaka
1984	Rick Johnsson	2008	<b>Boris Wild</b>
1985	Tom Mullica	2009	<b>Henry Evans</b>
1986	Jay Marshall	2010	Obie O'Brien
1987	Tom Craven	2011	<b>Steve Beam</b>
1988	Phil Willmarth	2012	David Stone
1989	Gary Ouellet	2013	<b>Stephen Bargatze</b>
1990	Shigeo Takagi	2014	Shawn Farquhar
1991	Harry Lorayne	2015	Oscar Muñoz
1992	Daryl	2016	The Fat Brothers
1993	Paul Gertner	2017	Rocco
1994	Derek Dingle	2018	Pit Hartling
1995	Paul Daniels	2019	<b>Mike Powers</b>
1996	Jerry Andrus	2023	Mark Mason
1997	Johnny Thompson	2024	Jimmy C, Charming Choi, & <b>Christian Schenk</b>
1998	Juan Tamariz	2025	<b>Eric DeCamps</b>
1999	Lennart Green	2026	<b>Tom Gagnon</b>
2000	<b>Bill Malone</b>		

\* those in bold are here this year; those in grey are deceased



1982	Karl Norman	2004	Armando Lucero
1983	Steve Dusheck	2005	Reed McClintock
1984	Bob Stencil	2006	Flicking Fingers
1985	Jerry Andrus	2007	Shoot Ogawa
1986	Shigeo Takagi	2008	<b>Boris Wild</b>
1987	Rocco	2009	<b>Dick Cook</b>
1988	Gary Kurtz	2010	Obie O'Brien
1989	David Williamson	2011	<b>Steve Beam</b>
1990	Juan Tamariz	2012	Denis Behr
1991	Aldo Colombini	2013	Dani DaOrtiz
1992	Lennart Green	2014	<b>Michael Dardant</b>
1993	Jim Krenz	2015	Eva May/Roger Nicot
1994	<b>Steve Beam</b>	2016	Jimmy Cieslinski
1995	Paul Daniels	2017	Christian & Katalina
1996	Pat Page	2018	<b>Howard Hamburg</b>
1997	Alex Elmsley	2019	<b>Maria Schwieter</b>
1998	<b>Tom Gagnon</b>	2023	Tom Craven
1999	Lennart Green		& <b>Eric DeCamps</b>
2000	<b>Bill Malone</b>	2024	<b>Tom Phelps</b>
2001	Tim Ellis/Sue-Anne	2025	<b>Fred Fechter</b>
2002	<b>Henry Evans</b>		
2003	David Stone		

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# Bookmarks

Every year, David Prouty makes bookmarks for the Guest of Honor and MVP. 4F attendees sign the jumbo originals as souvenirs for the honorees:

53RD ANNUAL  
**FECHTER'S FINGER  
 FLICKING FROLIC**  
 APRIL 22 - 25, 2026

**TOM GAGNON**  
 Guest of Honor  
 2026

PAST GUESTS OF HONOR

- 1977 - JIM RYAN
- 1978 - EDDIE FECHTER
- 1979 - LARRY JENNINGS
- 1980 - GENE GORDON
- 1981 - BOB READ
- 1982 - SID LORRAINE
- 1983 - STEVE DUSCHECK
- 1984 - RICK JOHNSON
- 1985 - TOM MULLICA
- 1986 - JAY MARSHALL
- 1987 - TOM CRAVEN
- 1988 - PHIL WILLMARTH
- 1989 - GARY OUELLETT
- 1990 - SHIGEO TAKAGI
- 1991 - HARRY LORAYNE
- 1992 - DARYL
- 1993 - PAUL GERTNER
- 1994 - DEREK DINGLE
- 1995 - PAUL DANIELS
- 1996 - JERRY ANDRUS
- 1997 - JOHNNY THOMPSON
- 1998 - JUAN TAMARIZ
- 1999 - LENNART GREEN
- 2000 - BILL MALONE
- 2001 - HERB ZARROW
- 2002 - MAX MAVEN
- 2003 - MEIR YEDID
- 2004 - PAT PAGE
- 2005 - GENE ANDERSON & DAN GARRETT
- 2006 - ALDO COLOMBINI
- 2007 - TON ONOSAKA
- 2008 - BORIS WILD
- 2009 - HENRY EVANS
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- 2016 - THE FAT BROTHERS
- 2017 - ROCCO
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- 1991 - ALDO COLOMBINI
- 1992 - LENNART GREEN
- 1993 - JIM KRENZ
- 1994 - STEVE BEAM
- 1995 - PAUL DANIELS
- 1996 - PAT PAGE
- 1997 - ALEX ELMSLEY
- 1998 - TOM GAGNON
- 1999 - LENNART GREEN
- 2000 - BILL MALONE
- 2001 - TIM ELLIS & SUE-ANNE WEBSTER
- 2002 - HENRY EVANS
- 2003 - DAVID STONE
- 2004 - ARMANDO LUCERO
- 2005 - REED MCCLINTOK
- 2006 - FLICKING FINGERS
- 2007 - SHOOT OGAWA
- 2008 - BORIS WILD
- 2009 - DICK COOK
- 2010 - OBIE O'BRIEN
- 2011 - STEVE BEAM
- 2012 - DENIS BEHR
- 2013 - DANI DAORTIZ
- 2014 - MICHAEL DARDANT
- 2015 - ROGER & EVA MAY NICOT
- 2016 - JIMMY CIESLINSKI
- 2017 - CHRISTIAN & KATALINA
- 2018 - HOWARD HAMBURG
- 2019 - MARIA SCHWIETER
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- 2025 - FRED FECHTER & FAMILY



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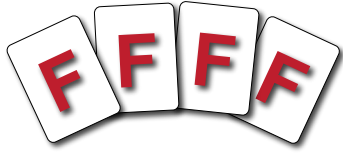
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