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## Everyone Laughs Louder when Happy Dan the Magic Man is in the House!

*"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." - Forest E. Witcraft.*

Happy Dan grew up in a time when television delivered positive adult role models worthy of a child's admiration into our living rooms. Sadly, the likes of Mister Rogers and Captain Kangaroo have all but vanished from our children's lives. Happy Dan works to fill this gap as he helps each child discover his or her personal reservoir of confidence, imagination, and merriment. He delivers over forty years of comedic and magical mastery honed before families across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Happy Dan is accomplished at working table to table in a restaurant or banquet setting, roaming through a crowd at a fair or festival, or on stage before a large family audience. His talents stretch to thoroughly holding the attention of children as young as 3 years to golden age adults. Wherever laughter and a caring heart is needed, Happy Dan delivers!

Here's what happens when we work together:

- ***Guaranteed 100% Family-Friendly Entertainment!***
- ***Entirely Self-Contained, Stress-Free Shows!***
- ***A Positive Role Model reminiscent of Mister Rogers and Captain Kangaroo!***
- ***Reliability—Your Entertainment is Assured On Time Every Time!***
- ***Entertainment that your Families will Talk About for Weeks to Come!***
- ***Affordable, Budget-Friendly Performances!***

**YOUR EVENT**



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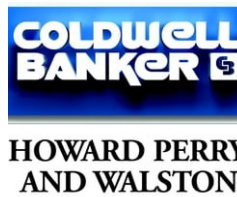
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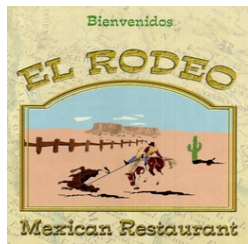
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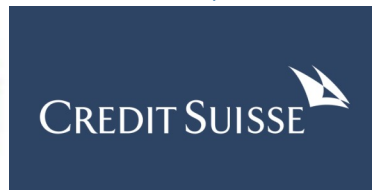
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Sandusky, Ohio native Roger Way first appeared as *Happy Dan the Magic Man* in 1973 while serving with the U.S. Air Force in Athens, Greece. His natural ease with children and his inherent ability to gain their trust served him well as a decorated U.S.A.F. criminal investigator specializing in crimes against children. Over the years, Happy Dan has delivered his unique brand of laughter and magic to hospitals, orphanages, and festivals across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. He also emceed three annual USO/NATO holiday showcase tours entertaining American and Allied military families serving abroad.

Roger retired from active military service in 1992 choosing North Carolina as his home. Happy Dan grew from a free-time hobby into a full-time professional brand. His popularity has spread as he began to build *The Biggest Little Laughs in the Carolinas®*.

He toured for several years with *Standup Underground*, a professional stand-up comedy troupe serving comedy and military clubs across the Southeast. He studied the psychology and stagecraft of the theater arts and how each applied to the performance arts of magic and humor. Even though the stage beckoned, his heart remained faithful to his one-on-one interaction with his youngest fans.

“A man by the name of Linn Sheldon hosted a very popular children’s TV program titled *Barnaby & Me* out of Cleveland for thirty years,” Roger explains. “When I was ten, this celebrity took several minutes on his way to a live appearance to stop and talk to me—just me! Those few minutes form one of my fondest memories and it is that same caring memory that I try to leave with every young fan I meet.”

Happy Dan’s hilarious family shows are regular features at Southeastern festivals, comedy clubs, banquets, trade shows, schools, and family living rooms. Ask any parent and they will tell you that he is more than an entertainer. He’s that slightly silly, can’t-wait-to-see loving uncle that every child adores. This popularity keeps loyal fans demanding his return! He is entering his 25th year as a featured children’s stage entertainer at such festivals as the Apex Peak Fest and Cary’s Christmas Festival. He has been a featured in-demand Kids’ Night ambassador at the same Triangle restaurants for ten years and running.

Roger is an internationally recognized authority on the business and psychology of entertaining children. His expertise has earned him senior columnist status for *The KIDabra Journal* and *The Linking Ring*, top professional journals serving thousands of magicians and kidshow artists worldwide.

In 2005, Roger founded [Magic Youth Raleigh](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching the performance art of magic to Triangle students between the ages of 7 through 17. He continues to serve as program director and hosts bi-monthly classes at [The Magic Corner](#), Raleigh’s premier magic shop on Capital Blvd. His successful pilot program and handbook were adopted by the [International Brotherhood of Magicians](#) leading to his appointment to the Executive Committee and nomination as International Vice President of this prestigious organization.

To learn more, visit Happy Dan’s website at [www.HappyDanMagic.com](http://www.HappyDanMagic.com) or his Facebook page at [@HappyDanMagic](#). Roger lives in Raleigh with his wife, Laura, and his pet Cockatoo, BubbaJo. Their adult daughters, Krista and April, live in Florida with their families.

**BIOGRAPHY**

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## ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE

1965 to 1976	Hobbyist, Magician & Clown
1977 to 1982	Society of American Magicians, Member
1973 to 1992	Part-Time Performer, Magician & Clown
1973	Created <i>Happy Dan the Magic Man</i> kidshow character
1980	Comedy Emcee, USO/NATO European 1980 Holiday Showcase Tour
1981	Comedy Emcee, USO/NATO European 1981 Holiday Showcase Tour
1982	Comedy Emcee, USO/NATO European 1982 Holiday Showcase Tour
1993 to Present	Full-Time Performer, Magic & Stand-Up Comedy, <i>Stand-Up Underground Comedy Troupe</i>
2004 to Present	Magic columnist, The Funny Paper magazine (SPS Publications).
2004 to Present	KIDabra International, Member 00102
2005 to Present	International Brotherhood of Magicians, Member 62778R
2004 to Present	I.B.M. Ring #199, Raleigh, NC, Member Vice President (2006 to 2008) Director, Magic Youth Raleigh (2007 – Present) President (2008 to 2010)
2007 to Present	Magic Columnist/Feature Editor, <i>The KIDabra Journal</i> (KIDabra International)
2007 to Present	Appointed, I.B.M. Youth Committee by International Pres. Philip Willmarth; Authored I.B.M. Youth Program Manual
2009 to 2013	Appointed, Chair, I.B.M. Youth Committee by International Pres. Jack White
2010 to Present	Society of American Magicians, Member 13071
2012 to Present	Appointed, Territorial Vice President/North Carolina by International Pres. John Pye Created <i>Magic-NC.com</i> T.V.P. Website/Editor, monthly full color T.V.P./NC newsletter
2012 – Present	Magic Columnist, <i>The Linking Ring</i> (International Brotherhood of Magicians)
2013 – 2016	Appointed, Chair, TVP Nominations/Ring Counselor Committee by International Pres. William Evans Authored New Ring Guide/Authored Territorial Vice President Guide
2013 – 2016	Appointed, Chair, Ring Coordinator Committee by International President William Evans
2013 - 2016	Relinquished Chair, Youth Committee to Becky Wells – remained active on the committee
2013—2016	Elected, Executive Committee, International Brotherhood of Magicians Nominated International Vice President, International Brotherhood of Magicians

## YOUTH PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

1972 to 1973	Big Brothers, Great Falls, MT
1971 to 1973	Junior Achievement, Asst. Director, Great Falls, MT
1973 to 1976	Hellenikon Young Magicians Club, Founder/Director, Hellenikon AB, Athens, Greece.
1974 to 1976	Girl Scout Cadet Troop, Leader, Hellenikon AB, Athens, Greece
1977 to 1980	Tidewater Big Brothers, Hampton, VA
1978 to 1980	Field tested new national Officer Friendly School Program, sponsored by Sears
1978 to 1980	Tidewater Young Magicians Club, Founder/Director, Hampton, VA
1978 to 1980	Law Enforcement Explorer Post #111, Founder/Advisor, Langley AFB, Hampton, VA
1981 to 1983	Aviano Young Magicians Club, Founder/Director, Aviano AB, Aviano, Italy
1984 to 1986	Established first D.A.R.E. School Program on Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC
1984 to 1986	Law Enforcement Explorer Post #41, Founder/Advisor, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC
1988 to 1992	Law Enforcement Explorer Post #41, Advisor, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC
2007 to Present	Magic Youth Raleigh (I.B.M. Ring 199), Founder/Director, Raleigh, NC

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Happy Dan the Magic Man always prepares his young audiences with his unique preshow warm-up. He creates a caring bond as he welcomes each child with intriguing hands-on sleights and bits of magic. This prelude allows each child and parent to become comfortable with Happy Dan and establishes him as someone with whom to relax and laugh.

A musical entrance welcomes Happy Dan the Magic Man to your performance stage. The children are quickly drawn into his tale of magical fantasy as they perform various feats of magic and more. The laughter never stops as Happy Dan struggles with his misbehaving props and the children fly to his rescue.

Happy Dan weaves Mister Rogers style lessons on confidence, safety, reading, and more into magic bits throughout the show. Children walk away feeling better about themselves and their vibrant imaginations.

Each show is entirely self-contained including, as needed, colorful stage décor, professional sound and lighting systems, magic case, outdoor canopies, ground seating, and more. Happy Dan is right at home in a corner of your living room, outdoor venue, or on the largest theater stage..

Each show runs between 20 to 50 minutes, depending on your needs. He is fully at ease with preschool and middle school aged children as he is with golden age adults. Whether the show is presented for children, adults, or families, Happy Dan always works 100% clean.

Show fees vary depending on your specific needs, seasonal demand, and travel requirements. A no obligation estimate is yours for the asking. For firm date events, early booking is highly recommended.

**SHOW DESCRIPTION**



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**TUESDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**SAN JOSE RESTAURANT (Brier Creek)**

7961 Skyland Ridge Pkwy, Brier Creek, Raleigh (919) 957-1400

Kids Eat Free with Purchase of Adult Entrees

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**SAN JOSE RESTAURANT (Poyner Village)**

5811 Poyner Village Pkwy, Behind Triangle Towne Ctr, Raleigh (919) 790-1919

Kids Eat Free with Purchase of Adult Entrees

**THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**RUDY'S PUB & GRILL**

780 W. Williams St., Apex, (919) 303-5061

Kids Eat Free with Purchase of Adult Entrees

**FRIDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**EL RODEO RESTAURANT**

3404 Westgate Dr., Durham (919) 402-9190

**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 11:00 AM**

**RENAISSANCE CENTRE OF WAKE FOREST**

405 S. Brook St, Wake Forest, NC (919) 435-9566

Tickets: \$5.00 from

<http://www.etix.com/ticket/e/1004352/happy-dan-the-magic-man-wake-forest-wake-forest-renaissance-centre>

**FIRST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, and DECEMBER 6:00 PM**

**BASS LAKE PARK**

900 Bass Lake Rd., Holly Springs, NC (919) 557-2906

Admission is Free!

**REGULAR PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

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★★★★★ "Thank you so much for an awesome 6th Birthday Party!! I would highly recommend you to any parent planning a party!" Rebecca T.

★★★★★ "Happy Dan is amazing! Adrick looks forward to seeing him every year at the Allscripts parties. We are definitely hiring him for his birthday party in May!" Tina M.

★★★★★ "We love you at Apex Peakfest. You always make my boys have the BIGGEST smile on their faces. "Big Smiles Rock" Thank you for bringing joy in their lives!" Lisa C.

★★★★★ "GREAT show this evening! My daughters could not stop laughing & talked all the way home about your magic :)" Kim G.

★★★★★ "Happy Dan the Magic Man is a child-charmer, a balloon-character-maker and a magician. He came to my granddaughter's 7th birthday party today and had the kids (ages 3 - 9) AND the adults completely enchanted. I was so impressed by him and how he interacted with the kids and I just want to get the word out there about him. Invite him to perform at your kids' parties - you will not be disappointed and your kids will have a blast! " Barbara L.

★★★★★ "I cannot say enough positive things about my experience. I don't even want to think of what our party would have been like without this entertainment. Our country club recommended Happy Dan and has used him for decades. I can see why. We will absolutely use him again, and I'm certain many of the guests at our party will as well! Worth every single penny and then some!" Margaret V.

★★★★★ "Happy Dan was the star of our party! He arrived promptly and entertained the boys and girls the entire time. Adults enjoyed him as well. Thank you for everything, I would highly recommend him for your child's birthday party!" Christina G.

★★★★★ "We had a large group of children at a company event and Happy Dan managed to keep them all totally entertained for two straight hours! Our kids were all ages and he was able to tailor the tricks and jokes to appeal to everyone. I definitely will use Happy Dan again for future events and recommended him to my colleagues." Jackie B.

★★★★★ "Happy Dan was fantastic. His 40-min comical magic show had the 25 children (as well as the 20 or so adults) captivated. I've never seen the attention of that many kids held so completely for such a long span. The kids were laughing, squealing, jumping up, and screaming out of fascination and delight. He just really knows how to cater to and handle kids. And he is good! None of the adults could figure out how the heck he was performing any of his tricks. He arrived before the guests and had the kids completely occupied and entertained as the other guests were arriving, leaving me to be able to meet and greet the parents. He also made all 25 kids balloon animals after the show as they ate cake. Worth every penny, and with so many kids parties at jump places and the like, I thought this was a more unique party and I think the kids appreciated that." Allison N.

**REVIEWS**



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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MAGICIANS WEBPAGE: [www.MagicSAM.com](http://www.MagicSAM.com)

**CONTACT**

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VIDEOS and HEADSHOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT [WWW.HAPPYDANMAGIC.COM](http://WWW.HAPPYDANMAGIC.COM)

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In 2007, Roger Way established Magic Youth Raleigh as the Triangle's premier theatrical magic training and mentoring program for boys & girls. This program under Roger's leadership is so successful that it was adopted by the International Brotherhood of Magicians as its pilot youth program.

The program is open to young magicians between the ages of 7 through 17 years. The club (called a Link) generally meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at The Magic Corner Magic Shop, Holly Tree Shopping Plaza, 3684 Capital Blvd. in Raleigh.

Beginner Youth members (less than one year magic experience) meet with adult mentors at 5:00 PM. Intermediate students (One year or more of magic experience) meet at 6:00 PM. Both classes cover magic history, magic ethics, magic and stagecraft, magic performance theory, and hands-on instruction of one or two effects based on the lesson's principle or theory.

Youth members and their families are welcome to attend all adult Raleigh Magic Club lectures and special events at a specially discounted Youth Rate. Escorting parents that are not adult club members may attend free of charge. Nonmember guests and their families pay the full Guest rate.



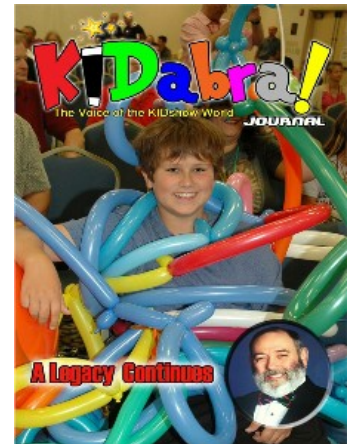
Magic Youth Raleigh has five basic goals:

- To educate young magicians on the ethics, history and skill of the international magic community;
- To provide a safe and professional mentoring association between skilled adult and gifted youth members;
- To promote positive self-esteem and confidence among serious young magicians;
- To sculpt our magical youth into adults who will honor the fraternal traditions of the I.B.M.; and
- To project community awareness of magic as a valued theatrical art and community service.

Magic Youth Raleigh and the Raleigh Magic Club are not secret societies, however, we do guard the secrets of our craft. We believe that revealing a magic secret reduces a beautiful and hard-worked magic effect to a baseless puzzle with no real charm. The beauty of magic is found in her secrets.

At least one magic principle or presentation theory is discussed at each workshop followed by one or two practical examples. Students are provided with all materials, study notes and hands-on instruction on the mechanics of each effect. Instructors are always available by email through the month for questions and assistance.

Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to attend and participate. Students need someone with whom to practice and evaluate new skills. A knowledgeable and supportive parent really helps.



**MAGIC YOUTH RALEIGH**

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The International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.) is the world's largest guild for hobbyist, semi-professional, and professional magicians. The I.B.M. was founded on February 10, 1922 in Winnipeg, Manitoba by Len Vintus (stage name of Melvin Justus Given McMullen) of Transcona, Manitoba, Gene Gordon (aka Gordon Avery) of Buffalo, New York, and Don Rogers (aka Ernest Schieldge). The I.B.M. joins the *Society of American Magicians* and the *British Magic Circle* as the premier global magic guilds.

The I.B.M. formed local clubs known as Rings. Each Ring was originally numbered in sequence, based on when it received its charter from the parent group. Gene Gordon established Ring #1 in Rochester, New York in 1922. This initial Ring eventually disbanded and St. Louis, Missouri assumed the vacated title of Ring #1.

In 1960, a very active group of Raleigh magicians established the Capital City Magic Club. In 1970, the club applied for an official charter with the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Through the concerted effort of William Spooner, the Ring was officially chartered with the I.B.M. on May 1, 1970.



Approaching it's 50th year of service in 2020, I.B.M. Ring 199 has a rich history and a bright future. We have, and have had as our members, many magicians of note and international merit. Our membership includes internationally acclaimed authors, performers, scholars, craftsmen, and past international presidents of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

The Ring was originally named in honor of Wallace Lee (1892-1969) and Mr. Dick Snavelly (1927-1997), two distinguished and internationally known North Carolina magicians. The Ring met over the years in the basement of the home of Dick and Dot Snavelly. As director of the Raleigh Little Theater (1955-1967) and an accomplished actor, writer and magician, Dick was instrumental in the creation, nurturing and perpetuation of Ring #199. Following his untimely death in 1997, the Ring's name was amended to include Dick's name. The Raleigh club is currently known as the Wallace Lee - Dick Snavelly Ring.



Since the Club's creation, its members have raised thousands of dollars for charities and community programs such as Wake Habitat for Humanity and Make-A-Wish with their Magic Showcases. Club members can be seen around the world performing for clubs, restaurants, festivals, schools, libraries, private events and more. In 2012, the club donated over 60 beginner magic books to the Wake County Library System.

In 2007, the youth branch of the Raleigh Magic Club, Magic Youth Raleigh, was selected as the pilot program for the international I.B.M. Youth project. The local program director, Roger Way, was selected to chair the international youth education program. Other North Carolina Rings meet regularly in Wilmington, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Asheville, Charlotte, Canton, and Blowing Rock.

Roger Way, performing as kidshow character Happy Dan, currently serves as the Territorial Vice President for North Carolina, the senior I.B.M. executive for our state's magic community.

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS**