

History of the MRA



On October 16th 1982 the “Magischer Ring Austria” (MRA) was established in Salzburg as an umbrella organization for the Austrian magic scene. It acts as the overall organisational structure for approximately 400 active magicians, organized in 20 magic societies all over Austria. With MRA, the foundation for numerous fruitful activities ever since has been established. **Peter Heinz Kersten**, the first president of MRA, was succeeded by **Mag. Kurt Baldrian**, **Gerwald Lehoczky**, **Johann Kellner**, **Dr. Rudolf Heuer**, **Jürgen Peter** and, since 2018, **Hanno Rhomberg**.

The members – both men and women – are of all professions and age groups. Some of them are famous professional or semi-professional magicians. But they all have one thing in common: They want to entertain and astonish people with their art.

A membership with MRA brings many advantages: The MRA organizes – every second year – a congress, consisting of performances, seminars, and special magic fairs. Also, within the patronage of the MRA, the Austrian championships are held, at which successful contestants can qualify for the **FISM** world championship. The MRA also organizes workshops for aspiring young magicians.

Through a membership with MRA, one also gets access to international congresses as well as magic societies all around the world. The MRA itself is a member of **Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Magiques (FISM)** which organizes the world championship every three years.

Since 1946, the MRA publishes the magazine “Aladin” with 5 yearly issues.



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