

**Magic Festival to Culminate in Night of Wonder**  
*Wylie Hosts Week-Long Celebration of Magic, Illusion*

**Wylie, TX, Sept. 22, 2016** – The City of Wylie, in conjunction with the Dallas Magic Club, proudly presents the Second Annual Magic Festival, The Magic of Wylie, Oct. 23 - 27, culminating in the Night of Wonder, a family-friendly gala featuring five award-winning illusion acts. The show is Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:30 pm, at First Baptist Church Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Ave. in historic downtown Wylie. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Wylie Police Department.

Headlining Night of Wonder is magician Trigg Watson, who recently performed on the CW's "Penn & Teller's Fool Us" and "Masters of Illusion" and can be seen on Pop TV's "Don't Blink." Watson was named 2015 Dallas Magician of the Year and 2013 Dallas Performing Artist of the Year by Indie Arts Awards. He was the highest-scoring American magician at the World Magic Contest in Las Vegas at only 25 years of age.

Also taking the stage will be Mike Squires, Ian Richards and The Beckers. Mayor Eric Hogue, also an accomplished magician and a member of the Society of American Magicians, the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Dallas Magic Club, will act as master of ceremonies.

Tickets for Night of Wonder are \$10 and can be purchased at the Wylie Art Gallery or online at [www.themagicofwylie.com](http://www.themagicofwylie.com).

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Other activities include Mayor Hogue's National Magic Week proclamation at the Wylie Municipal Complex at 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 23. Dr. Reade Quinton, Dallas County deputy chief medical examiner, will present his show, Magic and Medicine, at the Wylie Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25, 11:30 am at the Woodbridge Golf Club. There will be a sponsor-only Parlor Magic Show featuring Magic Castle favorite Jared Kopf at the Wylie Art Gallery on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8 pm. Magicians will perform tableside in Ballard Avenue restaurants Monday – Wednesday, Oct. 24 – 26, from 5 pm until closing. Street magicians will perform tricks on Ballard Avenue during Boo on Ballard, the annual trick-or-treat event sponsored by the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association and the City of Wylie, Thursday, Oct. 27, 6 to 8 pm.

During the month of October, a collection of memorabilia from the great magicians of yesteryear will be on display at the Wylie Art Gallery, 201 N. Ballard Ave.

The International Brotherhood of Magicians and Society of American Magicians combined to form The Dallas Magic Club. Legendary illusionist Harry Houdini personally presented the club's charter in 1924. For more about the Dallas Magic Clubs, visit [Dallasmagic.org](http://Dallasmagic.org).

For more information about the magic festival, visit [www.TheMagicOfWylie.com](http://www.TheMagicOfWylie.com). For Boo on Ballard information, visit [www.discoverwylie.com](http://www.discoverwylie.com).

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2016, financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City in the Nation for Families.