

Vorwort - Foreword

With this work I would like to give you an overview of the inventor genius Magiro. And so I catch myself with a lie: When looking at all the documents, which were available to me from Magiros inventions and ingenious improvements, I could unfortunately only give a fraction in this book. After all, there are more than 400 magic tricks that Magiro has conceived and invented during his long-time magic career. His name is mentioned in a breath with other genius trick-makers. For example two of my friends, Herbert M. Paufler and Tony Lackner, who unfortunately both died. Magiro articles are still sought today, especially in the USA and especially with my routines. So I decided to compromise: For my company „Zauber Butike“, Magiro made round about 125 props. Approximately 50 of them are immortalized in this book, with all the routines written by me. This should be my personal legacy to my good friend and patron Matthias Weissl - Magiro.

I dedicate this book to his wife Burgi
and the two daughters Carina and Sabrina

Eckhard Böttcher

Einleitung - Introduction

When Mr. Eckhard Böttcher presented his project for a book with 50 Magiro magic devices, I spontaneously came up with the idea of making a much bigger undertaking. A book about Magiro, his magic props., his work of art. Mr. Böttcher agreed. And so I began to research and search to find information and to bring them together. Unfortunately, this was not easy, because no magician or inventor writes down all his creations, ideas and magical inventions in his lifetime so that he can get a complete overview. So many magic books, offer lists and internet pages had to be searched. Fortunately you can do this almost exclusively on the computer today. Many magic information are digitally available and there is a lot on the internet. This makes the search for suitable content and information much easier.

Quickly, however, I realized that I need help and support for such a project like this. In a magazin of the „German Magic Circle“ I saw an article from Mr. Jens-Uwe Günzel and I contacted directly to him. In „Annaberg-Buchholz“, a small german town, he operates a "Historical Archive and Museum on Magic." After explaining the project to him, he spontaneously expressed his support and cooperation. From him are some photos and a detailed vita about Magiro. Since I have written a vita about Matthias Weissl, which, of course, is similar in many respects to that of Mr. Günzel, we have decided to print both versions here.

In the name of Mr. Eckhard Böttcher, I would like to thank some of the contributors without whom the book would not have been possible in this form. On one hand, I would like to thank Chris Wasshuber (lybrary.com), who gave his consent to the use of the old magic photos and texts. Andy Martin, an American Collector, gave his permission to use some photos of Magiro devices on his website www.martinsmagic.com and, of course, I should like to thank Mr. Günzel. For this book he has taken the camera and made some photos of magic devices as well as, as mentioned above, an extensive biography about Magiro.