

Houdini Tower in Houdini Plaza Proposal

• Brief description of the proposed project

Creative Downtown Appleton Inc. (CDA) in cooperation with the *Year of Houdini* Appleton volunteer group are proposing a series of 12 images of Harry Houdini to be featured in the photo tower in Houdini Plaza in 2026 in honor of the 100th anniversary of Harry Houdini's passing.

This year, the Society of American Magicians (SAM) will host their convention in Appleton and welcome up to 350 magicians and magic enthusiasts from across the country. Harry Houdini was President of this organization from 1917 to the time of his death in 1926. SAM is excited to honor Harry Houdini in his childhood home of Appleton.

Additionally, there is a slate of unique Houdini related events and happenings in various stages of planning that will take place throughout the year.

The Houdini Tower is a focal point of the plaza and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the legacy of its name's sake.

• Photos/sketches of proposed work

We propose to work with Public Arts committee members and other local Houdini enthusiasts to select the 12 images to feature. We would take great care to ensure images are not copyrighted and are within the public domain to reproduce. In the document are examples of photos that are posted as public domain that could be selected to be featured in the tower. We will need more time to verify reproduction access and resolution of each of these images. There are several more colorful posters that may also be accessible to use.

If the committee is agreeable to our proposal, we would like to come back to the April meeting with a proposed selection of images.

• Site plan/location map showing location of proposed work

Houdini Plaza Houdini photo tower.

• Description of how the work is installed/anchored/attached

Custom 43"x 43" substrate panels. CDA will work with WG, Inc., 320 N. Commercial Street, Neenah, WI 54956 to produce the panels.

We are requesting to have the installation done by the City of Appleton.

• Timeline and duration of installation

The installation goal is no later than June 30th

• How the panels will be paid for

Private funds through Creative Downtown Appleton Inc will be used to pay for the panels.

Panels are \$186.30 each for a total investment of \$2,235.60.

• Ownership

Creative Downtown Appleton Inc will gift the panels to the City of Appleton Public Arts Committee for your future use.



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Harry Houdini, king of cards - Public domain painting

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Summary

Caption: Metamorphosis : change in 3 seconds!

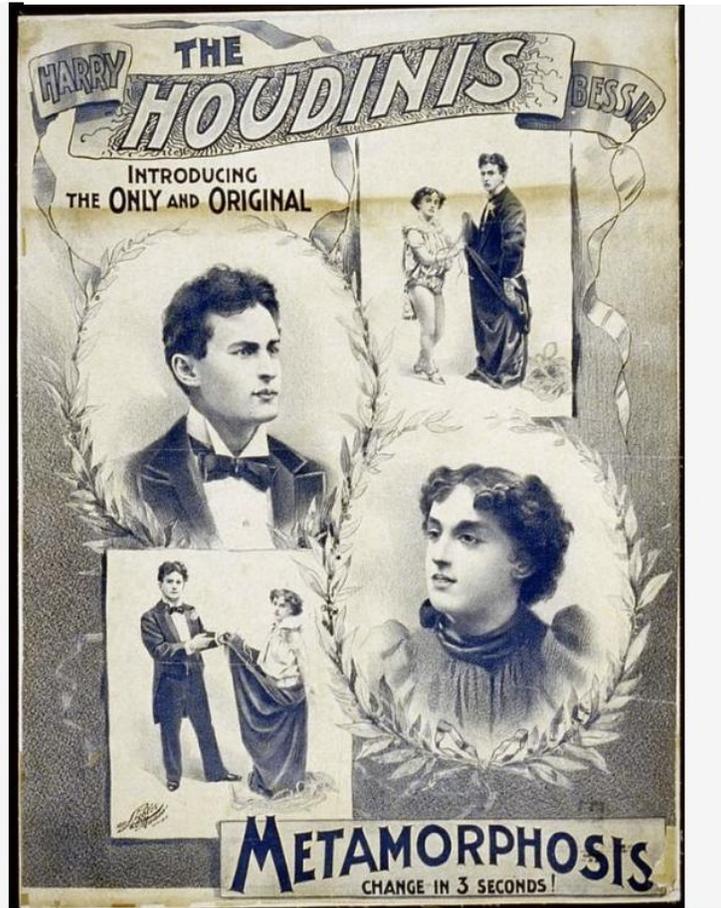
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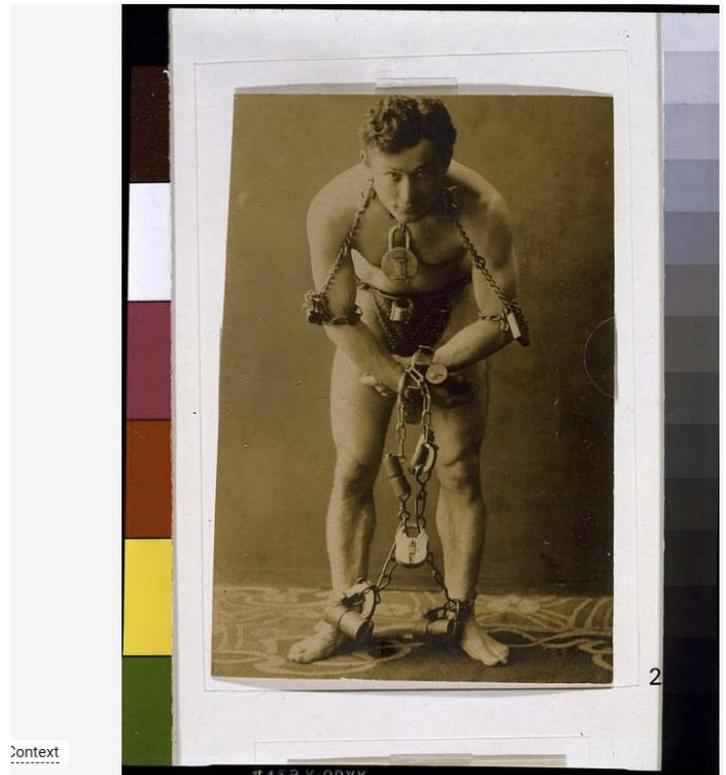
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[Harry Houdini performs the great milk can escape]

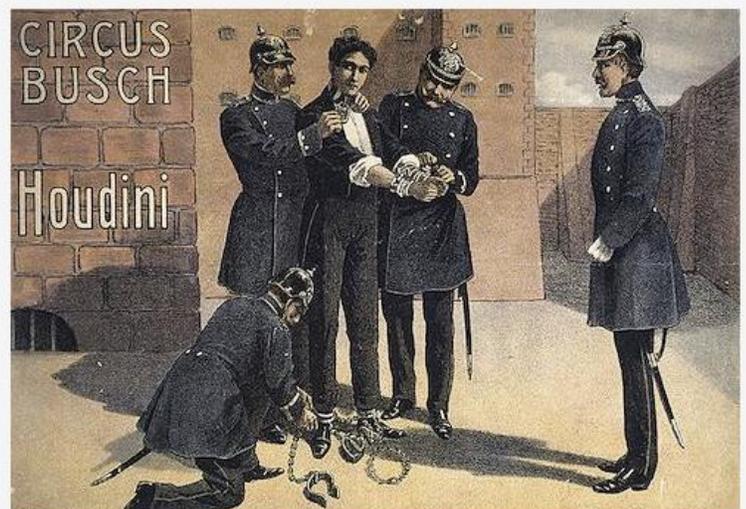
Public domain photograph of 3d object museum collection, metal, no copyright restrictions image - Picryl description Harry Houdini was a Hungarian-American magician and escapologist, born in Budapest in 1874. ... [More](#)

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> Public Domain Media > [Houdini and the circus]





Houdini and the Water Torture Cell. From the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.