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Hotel Registration is open

The IJA has selected the following four hotels for the 2007 festival and reservations are now being accepted at all of them. The Marriott and Embassy Suites are attached to the festival headquarters.

Be sure to mention the International Jugglers' Association to secure these room rates. All rooms are subject to an additional 13% state and local tax.

Marriott Winston-Salem

425 North Cherry Street, Winston-Salem NC, 27101
 (888) 236-2427

<http://www.marriott.com>

\$99 per room (up to 4 people)

Free wireless Internet

All non-smoking rooms

WS Prime steakhouse and pub on site

Embassy Suites Winston-Salem *SOLD OUT*

460 North Cherry Street, Winston-Salem NC, 27101
 (800) 560-7782

<http://www.hilton.com>

\$109 per room (up to 4 people)

Refrigerator and microwave in each room

Includes cooked-to-order breakfast and daily manager's reception

Free wireless Internet

Non-smoking rooms available on request

The Grille Restaurant and lounge on site

Starbucks on site

The Hawthorne (approx 3/4 mile)

420 High Street, Winston-Salem NC, 27101

(800) 972-3774 <http://www.hawthorneinn.com> (Reservations must be made by phone)

\$85 per room (up to 4 people)

Includes complimentary continental breakfast

Free wireless Internet

Non-smoking rooms available on request

The Bayberry Restaurant and lounge on site

Wingate Inn Old Salem (approx 1 mile)

125 South Main Street, Winston-Salem NC, 27101

(336) 714-9844

<http://www.wingateinns.com> (Reservations must be made by phone)

\$85 per room (up to 4 people)

Includes complimentary continental breakfast

Free wireless Internet

Non-smoking rooms available on request

Festival Registration Open Soon

Visit the festival page at www.juggle.org/festival to find out about early bird registration discounts.

Consider helping with Membership

Do you have a few hours a week to spare and you'd like to "give back" to the IJA? Are you handy with a computer, detail-oriented, and you'd like to serve each and every IJA member by being part of the all-volunteer IJA Membership team?

IJA Membership Directors (with Jim Maxwell) Mike and Marilyn Sullivan will be retiring from their duties sharing the IJA membership administration, serving the IJA since the Reno festival in 2003. Since taking over, much of the membership processing has been greatly streamlined and automated, making the workload much lighter on the volunteer Membership team.

Basic requirements are that you have a reliable computer (PC or Mac) with e-mail access and a Web browser (high-speed Internet access is a big plus!), an ink-jet or color laser printer, some familiarity with Word, Excel and FileMaker Pro or any other PC database program, and between two and four hours per week to devote to the effort. Sharing the job with Jim Maxwell, you'd handle membership renewals and new member processing for activity on the IJA's online store, and generate data sets for renewal postcards and JUGGLE magazine labels.

If you're interested in finding out more, please write MikeSullivan@Mac.com or MarilynSullivan@Mac.com for full details. THANKS!

Plans are in the works
for WJD 2007.

Did we mention Prizes?!

Saturday June 16, 2007

WORLD JUGGLING DAY



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It's coming...

Mark your calendars.
Tell your friends.
Think of something cool to do.

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Juggling in Newfoundland, by Melissa Legge

The juggling and circus club of St. John's, Newfoundland, encountered a roadblock when they lost their practice space this fall, but they are putting their best foot forward for the New Year.

James Burke speaks about the loss of the space with almost surprising optimism. "I think that in the end it will kinda be a good thing, mainly because it allows us to grow a lot more," he said. "It will get more people to focus on their own."

For the past four years, the St. John's Juggling and Circus Club called the lobby of the Physical Education Building of Memorial University home. The club consists of just over a dozen members with widely varying interests and skills. Many of the club's members maintained a rigorous practice schedule with three meetings of three hours or more a week, until an article profiling the club was featured in Memorial University's student newspaper this November. Unfortunately, after the article was published, the club was politely evicted from their space.

"I think that probably the main thing was that our club was growing so much, and we were in this public space," said David Mercer. "We were getting to be too big an animal to be kept in that small cage, or lovely little den," he laughed.

As for the club, other priorities have taken over their time for now. "We have a couple of spaces now that we can use sometimes, it's not as bad as it was," said Lauren Smyth, a somewhat newer member of the club. Mercer added, "I think that it will come more into view probably after our next show. Performing right now is the top of our priority list."

Since September, some of the club's more experienced members have organized and put off two shows, Playtime and Luminoso. It was the first time that events such as these had been undertaken by the club. Audience and participants alike have enjoyed the experience so far. "I am very much enjoying

the small shows that we have begun performing, and it looks like they're only going to get better and bigger, which is an amazing process for me," said Mercer.

Traveling and training will also be an important part of 2007 for the club. Jocelyn Wilson, who attended the Bristol Juggling and Circus Skills Convention in England earlier this year, leaves to explore the United Kingdom and other parts of the European and African continents in January. In May, several members of the club plan to attend the juggling convention organized by the Associated Jugglers of Québec in Montréal.

Past that, some of the jugglers are already looking forward to the summer. David Cox, unicyclist and juggler, plans to explore the Mediterranean during a three-week-long unicycle tour in July 2007. He will be the first Canadian to undertake a tour like this. Many members of the club will also be involved in Beni Malone's Wonderbolt Circus, and in the St. John's Busker Festival.

To date, the St. John's Juggling and Circus club has yet to find another consistent practice space. They have been living off of spaces that they can use temporarily or book for specific dates. These spots have included an auditorium at a local nursing home as well as an extra room at the city's Arts and Culture Center. "I don't think that this is the end of the line, I think that this is a road stop," said Mercer.

The club moves forward into 2007 with uninhibited determination to improve, however they get to do it. They don't seem to be worried about the fact that they don't have a space to call their own – either way, the future is looking very bright. Burke put it appropriately when he said, "it's all about what you want it to be."

The St. John's jugglers can be contacted at stjohnsjuggling@gmail.com.

Monsieur Pierre, a video portrait on the web described by Don Lewis

At the recent Quebec City Juggling festival. I was pleased to encounter Pierre Loisel, a long time supporter of Les Jongleurs Associés du Québec. Some years ago he saw a set of Green Clubs that I had made and thought they were ideal for his school program. He showed me his latest variations on that theme that include illuminated clubs and balls using inexpensive parts from a local Dollarama store. He takes as much pleasure from inventing as he does from teaching. He mentioned very casually that there is a short video about his school program. The dialog is all in French, but you don't need to understand the language to get caught up in the enthusiasm. The video is at:

<http://www.dziit.com/2006/11/30/monsieur-pierre-2/> The short text below the video window says "Some say he saved a school in Trois-Rivières. Others say his passion for Circus/Dramatic Arts is contagious. Certainly, he is convinced that learning can be fun; his students certainly agree." The film is

about 11 minutes long, produced by Yannik B. Gelin. The background music is by the Fanfare PourPour, a popular local band. Some translated quotes: «If this circus gives them a taste of projects, great.» «They can do what they like in life, but here they can learn to take risks, because getting up on a stage is taking a risk». «Some students come back to see me in their 20s and say "Do you remember that show?"» «At this level, learning that you can enjoy learning is important». «We don't do circus just for the sake of it, we try to integrate it academically» «The parents are proud to see their kids successfully learning things that seem so difficult» «You don't have to like everything in your day. If you have an hour in your day that you enjoy, that's a gain, like a minimum wage» «One of the beauties of circus is that you learn individually in order to perform collectively, just like real life». «Buying a set of clubs for \$100 is out of the question for most kids, so we make clubs in our school workshop» «I believe in work, and I believe in fun. I believe in a rigorous school, but that takes challenges and fun. You have to expect a lot, because they are capable of giving it»

January DVD Sale Ends Soon

We're celebrating the New Year with a January DVD sale in the IJA store! Until the end of January, IJA members can stock up on many great juggling videos for just \$10 or \$15 each. The combo sale price for the IJA's three special DVDs is only \$35 compared to the normal \$60 member price (Best of the Seniors, Beauty of Three Ball Juggling, and The Jugglers That Jugglers Watch).

These super low prices are good only through January. Regular low member prices return on February 1st. Since member prices on these DVDs are now \$10 less than regular prices, you can save the cost of an IJA membership by buying just three DVDs. The complete list of sale items is below. Buy them through the IJA store.

New on DVD

The complete IJA video back list from the late 1980s is now available on DVD from the IJA Store, with the exception of 1998. We didn't think we could do this, as some of the master tapes had gone missing, but they turned up in a basement. Now if only we could find the missing episodes of Doctor Who as well, we could win a free Dalek.

The IJA Store: <http://www.juggle.org/store>

A- member sale price, B member regular price, C non-member price

Title on sale	A	B	C		A	B	C
Best of the Seniors 1984-2000	\$15	\$20	\$25	2003 Highlights	\$15	\$20	\$25
The Beauty of Three Ball Juggling	\$15	\$20	\$25	2003 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
The Jugglers That Jugglers Watch	\$15	\$20	\$25	2002 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
Three Pack - Best of Seniors, Beauty and TJTJW	\$35	\$60	\$75	2002 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Highlights/Champs twin pack	\$25	\$30	\$40	1997 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Individual Prop/Jazz n Juggle	\$10	\$15	\$20	1997 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Youth Showcase	\$10	\$15	\$20				
2005 Numbers	\$10	\$15	\$20	1996 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Three DVD package	\$30	\$40	\$50	1996 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Five DVD package	\$45	\$60	\$70				
				1995 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Highlights	\$15	\$20	\$25	1995 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20				
2004 Youth Showcase	\$10	\$15	\$20	1994 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Numbers	\$10	\$15	\$20	1994 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Highlights & Champs two DVD package	\$20	\$25	\$35				

Everyone who ordered the 2006 Festival DVDs last year should now have received them. If you ordered them in 2006 and haven't gotten yours, please contact Sandy Brown at distributor@juggle.org and include your mailing address so that we can make sure the DVDs were sent to the right place."

Austin Festival Update

Special guests include Cécile Poncet, Mark Faje, Book Kennison, and 2006 North American Unicycle Champion, Forrest Rowell. If you're interested in performing, teaching a workshop, or just looking for a place to crash, send an email to juggler@place.org <http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest/>



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