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The **festival brochure**, with complete fest info, is included in the Spring JUGGLE magazine, which should have hit members' mailboxes in March. In case you don't have the magazine, you can find all the fest info on the website and you can even download the 6-page fest brochure from the web.

Full fest information (including online registration, hotel info, a room/ride-sharing forum and more) is available at: <http://www.juggle.org/festival>

École de Cirque de Québec at Lexington by Melissa Legge

The École de Cirque de Québec in Quebec City, Canada has been invited to do a presentation this year at the IJA festival. Yves Neveu, the general director of the school, says that the school hopes to show a little bit of what it's about to the IJA.

The school is in the midst of preparing itself for a forty-minute showcase of both circus and juggling numbers. They are in the process of choosing what numbers will be presented at the festival. Although many of the details remain to be decided, there are already some finalized participants. American juggler Cate Flaherty and Ryunosuke (Ray) Yamazumi from Japan are two of the participants who have already been confirmed to attend.

Flaherty specializes in combination juggling and handbalancing, and Yamazumi juggles up to five spinning balls, and specializes also in walking globe. Both are trained in acrobatics, dance, physical theatre and a variety of other circus disciplines. Neveu says that they have been chosen for their unique skill sets and to show to the IJA the type of evolution that can happen to a juggler at the school.

Neveu says that he looks forward to get to "share what we are with other people." He says, "For me the school is a place that's warm, inviting, welcoming; where many people can find their place. We're maybe not on the most typical or traditional path."

The school has already had some publicity this year in the juggling community because of Turbo Fest 2008, held in January. "In the circle of jugglers we have a certain reputation, partially because of Turbo 418, who have done a good job promoting what the kind of work we do here is," says Neveu. He looks forward to having the chance "to show to the public the evolution that has taken place here over the past few years."

Neveu says that the school is flattered to have been invited to Kentucky and are looking forward to being there. He is confident that the showcase will be of an interesting and impressive level, and to anyone who expects a student-level show he says, "We will take them by surprise."

Stage Championships Registration Deadline Monday June 9th.

All competitors are required to submit six (6) copies of their act. See the Stage Championships Homepage for more details.

<http://www.juggle.org/champs/stagechampionships.php>

Green Club Step By Step Photos

Still a bit perplexed about how to build Green Clubs? Now you can check out a photo essay that shows each step with photographs and tips. I've been seeing a lot of Green Clubs appearing at regional festivals. Every set that gets made represents another potential club passer and eventual IJA member!

<http://www.juggler.org/diy/clubs.shtml>

IJA 2009 Festival in Winston-Salem !!!

It is unusual to return to a location without an interval of several years between visits. We also like to move the festival around regionally so that everyone has a good chance of being close to a festival.

It is also true that it is getting harder and harder to find cities that have the facilities we want at a price that we can afford. Winston-Salem was impressed with the Juggling festival and has offered us a very good deal, a far better deal than Todd Strong, our site selection guru, could find anywhere else. With the cost of everything rising, we decided that Winston-Salem offered the best chance to keep festival prices as low as possible.

Members regularly suggest returning to the model of holding the festival on university campuses. If we could, we would. The trouble is that virtually all universities and colleges use their facilities year 'round now. They can make far more money renting gyms to camps for the whole summer than they can get from us for a single week. Somewhere there might be an illusive college that would be perfect for us, and if there is I'm sure Todd will find it.

Meanwhile, Mike Sullivan has taken on the job of Festival Director for the 2009 festival. He is determined to offer a fabulous festival for our second visit to Winston-Salem.

The IJA Electronic Roster *by Don Lewis*

The online Roster is published several times a year for the benefit of members. This document is available on the forum as a PDF format document.

There is a feature of the PDF format that limits the ability to copy the contents. The reality is that this protection only works on some computer systems while other systems completely ignore it.

At a recent IJA Board meeting, a motion was tabled to remove the copy protection from the roster. The rationale is that the current limitation simply makes it difficult for the member who wants to cut and paste a single address, without offering any real impediment to someone who would try to extract all the addresses.

There is a lively discussion on the IJA forum that is split between fear of rampant spam and ease of use. A series of guidelines is emerging that will likely appear on an upcoming Roster publication. Check out the discussion and join in. If you prefer to express an opinion by email, please send a message to boardplus@juggle.org

The forum discussion can be found at:

<http://www.juggle.org/forum/read.php?6,14367>

You can get a copy of the Roster at:

<http://www.juggle.org/forum/list.php?14>

Gas Prices Got You Down? *by Don Lewis*

I've heard quite a few jugglers worry that the price of gas is going to limit their ability to get to festivals. There is no getting around the fact that gas prices are expensive. On a recent trip through the US I paid as much as \$3.49 a gallon. When I sat down and worked out how much extra the trip had cost compared to the last time, it was about \$20. And that was over a distance of nearly 2000 kilometers. Not enough to keep me at home. It is easy to have a reflex reaction when faced with cost increases. But work it out and decide if you're going to let it rule your life.

Just to keep gas prices in perspective, I've been paying as much as \$1.34 per liter for regular gas in Quebec. That works out to over \$5.00 per US gallon.

JAQ Montreal Festival**May 2, 3, 3 2008**

École Lucien-Pagé
8200 boul St. Laurent
Montreal, QC
métro: Jarry
<http://www.jaq.qc.ca>

24 hour Juggling
Workshops
Fire Jam
Unicycle Basketball
Open Stage
Sleep on site (in a separate gym)

Gala Public Show featuring:

- Ewan Colsell
- Michael Karas

Plus performers from:

- École de Cirque de Québec
- École Nationale de Cirque
- and other great local talent

Other Upcoming Festivals:**Isla Vista Juggler's Festival**

May 2-4, 2008
UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California
<http://www.sbjuggle.org>

Reading Juggling Fest

May 31, 2008
Kutztown University
<http://www.readingjugglersclub.com>

Philly Fest

October 4, 5 2008
One Week Earlier than Usual!

St Louis Jugglefest

October 17 - 19, 2008
Washington University
<http://www.wujuggling.com>

Having a Juggling Festival? List it here!

If you're organizing a juggling festival (or if you simply know of a juggling fest) and you want to advertise it in the IJA eNewsletter, just drop a note to eNewsletter editor Don Lewis@juggle.org. Such listings are free.

The eNewsletter generally comes out near the end of each month. Your festival can be listed for a few months, and you don't have to be an IJA affiliate to have a fest listed. Hey, jugglers want to know about juggling fests. Help them out and get more jugglers to your fest at the same time.

Don't Get Caught Unprotected!**IJA Group Liability Insurance: only \$150/year**

It's that time of year when many other insurance policies are coming up for renewal. Other IJA members still don't have any kind of protection!

Take this opportunity to get insured.

HRH is providing IJA members and affiliate clubs with jugglers' liability insurance and fest coverage. Insurance...It's not just for performers anymore.

For more information about the IJA insurance policy go to...
<http://www.juggle.org/insurance.php>

For the policy application go directly to...
<http://einsurance.hrh.com> then click on JUGGLERS

OR

Call Dale Whittick, Jr. at 610-260-4342 or 1-800-HRH-4700