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What's Happening at the IJA ?

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Festivals:
 Urbana Champaign, IL
 Brooklyn, NY
 Rochester, NY
 Montreal, QC
 College Park, MD

Full 2009 IJA festival details are now available on the website, and online registration is open. All fest info is available at: <http://www.juggle.org/festival>

New IJA Festival Promo Video

Check out the new video on the IJA home page! This new video montage does a great job of capturing the excitement of an IJA festival.

Well, you know that the festival is going to be great, but perhaps there are jugglers out there that still don't know what they are missing. Send all your juggling friends a link to the video, and encourage them to pass it on to all their friends! Let's get the viral marketing machine cranked up!

With the economy being kicked around like a deflated stage ball, we need to make sure every juggler knows that there a great low cost alternative to all those expensive tennis holidays, hockey and basketball camps, destination resorts, and exclusive guided adventures. Come juggle with us!



click here ->>> <http://www.juggle.org>

The Place to Be! by the IJA Festival Video Committee

As most of us know, the place to be during the third week of July is always the IJA Annual Convention. This year we have a series of fantastic new videos to get us ready for the Festival!

Every week a different YouTube juggler creates a video offering their own unique take on the IJA festival.

Look for a new video every Friday afternoon! Check out part 1 here:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHZFYb3Rv_A

Rate and Comment! And don't forget to subscribe to the **Official IJA YouTube Channel!**
<http://www.youtube.com/user/ijavideo>

Most of all, Register for the IJA 2009 Festival
<http://www.juggle.org/festival>

It's **the** place to be!

**Winston-Salem 2009:
The Latest News on the IJA Festival**

Winston-Salem 2009: DON'T MISS OUT!!

Wow! There is SO much happening already with the 2009 IJA Festival coming up in July that we hardly know where to begin!

First of all, FESTIVAL REGISTRATION IS OPEN! You can register ONLINE at <http://juggle.org/festival> RIGHT NOW and reserve your spot in the middle of all the action during the IJA's 62nd annual festival, set for July 13-19, 2009 in beautiful Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Special DISCOUNTED festival package rates and space in the Special Workshop (see below) are still available, but HURRY! Space in the Special Workshop is strictly limited, and it's first-come, first-served for all fest reservations and accommodations.

Also, be sure to MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW! The convenient and affordable Embassy Suites Hotel, adjacent to the Convention Center, is nearly completely sold-out for the IJA festival already, but there are still PLENTY of luxurious rooms available at the Marriott Winston-Salem at the special IJA discounted rate of just \$104/night.

Plus, when you register in advance and make your travel plans early, you can reserve a special DISCOUNTED AIRPORT SHUTTLE VAN to and from our downtown headquarters hotels, saving you even more money and making your trip to and from the festival easy and hassle-

free. Full details on the hotels, reservations links, online registration, discounted airport shuttle van service just for IJA jugglers and the full festival brochure are waiting for you now at <http://juggle.org/festival>

Remember, registering in advance is the ONLY way to lock in greatly discounted package plans for the festival and the discounted airport shuttle van, as well as indicating your preference for t-shirt sizing. REGISTER TODAY at: <http://juggle.org/festival!>

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

Check out

<http://juggle.org/festival/2009/2009spclworkshop.php>

for the amazing video sampler produced by Team RdL (Jay Gilligan, Wes Peden, Erik Åberg and Patrik Elmnert) to see just a glimpse of some of the wild new things they'll be teaching in the Special Workshop during this year's festival.

Direct from Stockholm, Sweden, Team RdL will present a three-day, nine-hour hands-on workshop for a limited number of IJA festival attendees, teaching some really cool techniques for inventing new tricks and choreography. It's a unique chance to see how these four world-class artists create and perfect original material that blends movement, juggling and teamwork.

Space is strictly limited, and advance registration is required for this optional workshop, so sign up NOW! See full details online at the link above or in your 2009 Festival Brochure.

FESTIVAL LOGO DESIGN CONTEST -- WIN A FESTIVAL PACKAGE!

How would you like to have your logo design for the IJA festival on every t-shirt, program, sign, banner, ticket and poster at our fest in Winston-Salem this July? You might, if you enter the Festival Logo design contest for the 2009 festival, going on NOW through March 31!

Dream up an original, colorful, eye-catching design for our festival and submit your drafts or sketches in low-resolution PDF or JPG before March 31. If your design is chosen for the official festival logo, you could win a full adult festival package -- valued at over \$200!

The submission deadline is March 31, so get started now! E-mail your low-res comps along with your contact information to festival2009@juggle.org -- and good luck!

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

The IJA depends on a strong and enthusiastic volunteer force to help out with the myriad tasks, big and small, that help our festival succeed. If you can donate even an hour or two of your time to pitch in on this mammoth effort in Winston-Salem, PLEASE contact IJA Volunteer Coordinator Dina Sharnhorst at festvolunteers@juggle.org.

Want to help out with the IJA festival, either in advance or at the fest? Fest tasks in need of volunteers will be continually updated at: <http://www.juggle.org/vols>

Some of the positions Dina would like to fill before the fest include:

- IJA Security Team
- VIP / Guest Chauffeur
- Emergency Errand Runner
- T-Shirt Table Sales
- IJA Table Assistant
- Box Office Assistant
- IJA Ambassador for prospective spectators
- Juggling timekeepers
- Backstage show assistants

...and many more. PLEASE consider donating a few hours of your week to make the fest great for all of us and contact Dina today! THANKS!

For questions on the festival, please contact 2009 Festival Director Mike Sullivan at festival2009@juggle.org.

Board Nominations For Summer 2009 -

To date, two candidates have stepped forward. Thanks to:

Kim Laird
Kevin McBeth

There are *three* positions to be filled this year, for a two year term. Nominations should be mailed to nominations@juggle.org.

If your local juggling club thinks the IJA should be doing more, then get one of your members on the Board and make things happen!

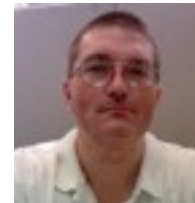
How do you want the IJA to evolve? Who do you think will be able to lead us in a good direction? Start thinking who you want to vote for, and begin convincing them that they should accept a nomination. Consider that the ideal candidate might just be staring back at you in the mirror.

Please consult the IJA nominations and elections web page for deadlines and procedures.

<http://www.juggle.org/business/nominations.php>

Board Profile: Ken Farris

I was always fascinated by juggling but for some reason, never got around to learning. It always seemed like one of those things that I would never be able to do. When I turned 33, I was in a bookstore and saw "Juggling for the Complete Klutz" and decided to learn. I was hooked from that point on.



I was born and raised in Savannah, Ga., where I still reside with my wife and daughter. Apart from juggling, I love movies of any kind, animation in particular. I am also a huge Disney fan. I love everything about the parks, the history of Walt and the company. My wife and I jokingly refer to our Walt Disney World vacations as "pilgrimages".

I am also a Star Trek and Star Wars fan. In fact, I have a Star Fleet emblem tattooed on my left arm.

I have enjoyed my time on the board and I am eagerly looking forward to meeting the wonderful people I have spoken to via phone/email/forum at the festival.

Calling All Tellers of Tall Tales, by Katherine Fernie

I'm putting together a video that will be played at our wedding (May 24, 2009), and one of the things I want to have is a bunch of people telling stories of how they "allegedly" heard we met. We want these to be as wacky as possible, and I know that my friends are a creative bunch. The format would be along the lines of these:

"I heard Dan and Katherine met..."

"Oh, Dan and Katherine? I heard that they met..."

"The story I heard was, that..."

For reference, the real way we met was in an acrobatics workshop at a juggling convention we were both attending in Buffalo, NY in July 2004... as meeting people goes it's a decent enough story in its own right. What we're hoping to collect is stuff like "I heard they were the only two survivors of a plane crash over the ocean, and the Navy found them huddled together on an iceberg 3 days later..."

We want as many as possible, and they can be elaborate and full of details or short and simple. It can be one person looking at the camera, interview style, or multiple people adding to or arguing about the story ("I heard it was 2 blah blah..." "no, I

heard it was 7! And they were purple..." "actually the way I heard it it was 12 and they were on fire...") I only request that there be no profanity or stuff that would offend grandparents and stuff. Um... let me think. In case it's relevant, at the time of the wedding I will be 37 and he will be 32.

Obviously the better the video quality, the better, so if you've got an actual video camera that would be ideal, but even the little video clips that you can take with a digital camera, webcam, or even a cell phone would be fine.

You can email me (opalcat@gmail.com) video files, upload things and send me links, post them on youtube and I can grab them from there, or you can send me a physical disc or something (I will happily cover postage) or any other way you can think of to get it to me.

And yes, I'll definitely post the finished video so that everyone can see what we came up with! So, who's in? (And no, you don't need to know us! We don't need to know you! Total strangers actually make it even funnier, as it takes on the whole aspect of "rumors gone wild" you know?)

Get Involved !

The following volunteer positions are open. Help keep the IJA moving forward by helping your fellow jugglers.

IJA Online Store Manager

You can be anywhere and do this job. Scott Seltzer proved that by doing it from Israel. The store manager updates product descriptions. The IJA store uses OSCommerce software, but you don't need to be a computer expert to add products and update prices.

IJA Video Coordinator

Do you like the videos the IJA has produced? Help keep them coming by taking charge of video production. You don't have to stand behind the camera, or do the video editing yourself. You will solicit bids for parts of the project, and oversee the duplication and initial distribution by a professional duplicator. You'll also have access to previous video volunteers for experienced advice.

Festival Director - Reno 2010

Are you a great host? How about hosting the best juggling party of the year? There are always enthusiastic volunteers to help out so you don't have to do everything yourself. Get involved now, and see how Mike Sullivan makes producing Winston-Salem 2009 look easy and professional.

You want to help, but it just seems like too much? Consider getting your local juggling club to take on a project as a group effort and spread the load. As long as there is a group leader for each project we're open to creative solutions.

Do you want more information about any of these positions? Send an e-mail to volunteers@juggle.org and Volunteer Coordinator Laura Kaseman will make sure your questions get answered.

DONATE YOUR MILES TO THE IJA!

Do you have some airline Frequent Flyer miles you would be willing to donate to the IJA to help bring more world-class performers to the festival in Winston-Salem in July?

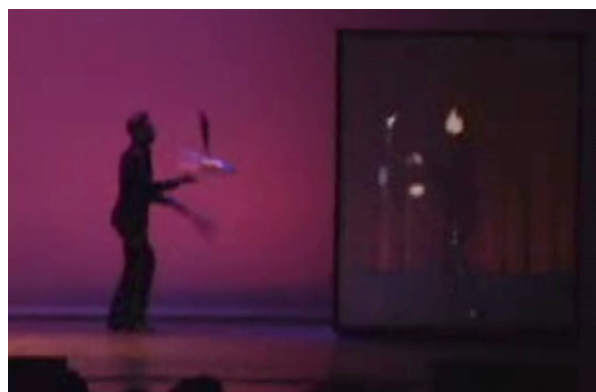
A donation of your miles can help the IJA pack every show with superb talent, and could bring someone in that we otherwise would not be able to budget for.

If you have miles and you'd like to donate them to the IJA (and get a big THANK-YOU from your fellow jugglers and the organization!), please contact 2009 Festival Director Mike Sullivan at festival2009@juggle.org.



Plus Grand Cabaret du Monde

This French television variety show always has interesting acts from the circus and magic milieu. This month Matt Henry did his video juggling act. If you haven't seen it yourself, Matt juggles with a screen image of himself in perfect synchronization. His screen image even gets exasperated when the live TV version drops a club. You don't have to watch French TV to see this act. There is a version up on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4IH6umZkDs>
The act was very warmly received by the studio audience.



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Illini Juggling and Unicycle Club Festival
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
March 6, 7, 8 2009
<https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/ro/www/IlliniJugglingandUnicycleClub/>

Juggling Festivals

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Pacific Northwest Festival

Corvallis, OR, March 27, 28, 29
<http://jugglingconvention2009.blogspot.com/>

Juggle This!

Brooklyn, NY, April 3, 4, 5
<http://jugglenc.com/fests.html>

RIT Spring JuggleFest

Rochester, NY, April 17, 18, 19
<http://www.rit.edu/sg/jugglingclub/jugglein>

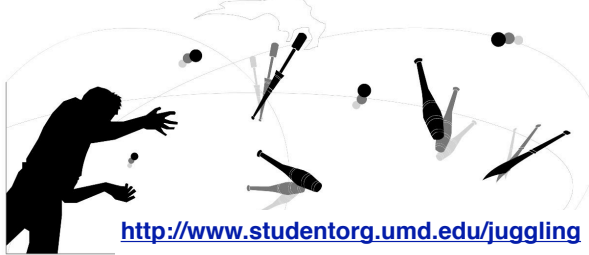
Montreal Juggling Festival

Montreal, QC, May 1,2,3
<http://www.jaq.qc.ca>

Congress of Jugglers

College Park MD May 8, 9, 10
<http://www.studentorg.umd.edu/juggling>

UMD JUGGLING CLUB
 CONGRESS OF JUGGLERS 2009
 MAY 8-10 @ THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
 FREE JUGGLING ALL WEEKEND + PUBLIC SHOW ON SATURDAY NIGHT



<http://www.studentorg.umd.edu/juggling>
 For more info, visit <http://www.studentorg.umd.edu/juggling>

Pacific Northwest Juggling Convention

March 27-29, 2009

Join us at Oregon State University's McAlexander Fieldhouse in Corvallis, Oregon for a 47 hour convention beginning at 5 PM on Friday, ending 4 PM on Sunday, March 27 – 29, 2009.

FREE Family Friendly, Public Show Sat. 7 PM @ LaSells Stewart Center, features Matt Hall, Aaron Gregg and other professional and talented jugglers, unicyclists and stage performers.

Beginners and seasoned performers will find challenges and enjoy the antics of others. Workshops and open gym for all levels.

All activities are open to the public and FREE!

<http://jugglingconvention2009.blogspot.com/>

More Festivals!

Check the world wide juggling event listings on the IJA Website at

<http://www.juggle.org/events>.

The information on that page is updated daily thanks to an XML feed from the International Juggling DataBase. You can submit your own event to the list where it will be reviewed by an editor before being added.

<http://www.jugglingdb.com/events/submit.php>

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 enews@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.

Basic Club Tricks - continued, by Don Lewis**Thumb Roll**

The thumb roll is another one handed trick where the club just stays in your hand. It looks like a simple trick, and it is if you do it slowly.

Stand comfortably with your arms at your side. Raise one forearm so that is horizontal to the ground, palm up. Keep the elbow near your waist. Place a club in that hand with the handle pointing towards you. Hold the club near the centre so that the balance point is just a bit ahead where your thumb and forefinger meet.

You are going to roll the club around the back of your thumb and let it fall back into your hand. Gently swing the handle away from you while opening your hand. As the club swings around, turn your hand so that your thumb is on top, palm about vertical. You want to balance the club on the back of your thumb as it continues to swing around in a horizontal circle.

As the club completes the circle, turn your hand back to the horizontal and let the club drop back into your palm. That is a thumb roll.

Initially it can be a bit difficult to find the balance point, and to stay centered under that point as the club rotates. As you become more adept at keeping the back of your thumb under

the balance point, the easier and slower the trick becomes. Start by just doing one roll and stop. Then do it again. Eventually the club will just fall back into your hand in the right position to keep going. A small flick with the thumb on each rotation turns this into a continuous trick. This is a good trick to practice while watching TV.

To add this trick to your three club cascade, juggle column doubles in one hand while doing as many thumb rolls as you like in the other hand. Since you are doing two quite different things in each hand, this can be a bit of a challenge. Concentrate on keeping the thumb roll going while you get those doubles under control on the other side.

You don't actually have to add this in to your pattern. It looks quite cool all by itself. A thumb roll is an insouciant thing to do on your way to pick up a dropped club.

This brings us to the end of the basic three club tricks workshop. Come and see the real thing in Winston-Salem this summer with live demonstrations.

Meanwhile, look back a few issues to the under the arm trick. This trick is the foundation for Chops which will be described in an upcoming newsletter.