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What's Happening at the IJA ?

Seasons Greetings!

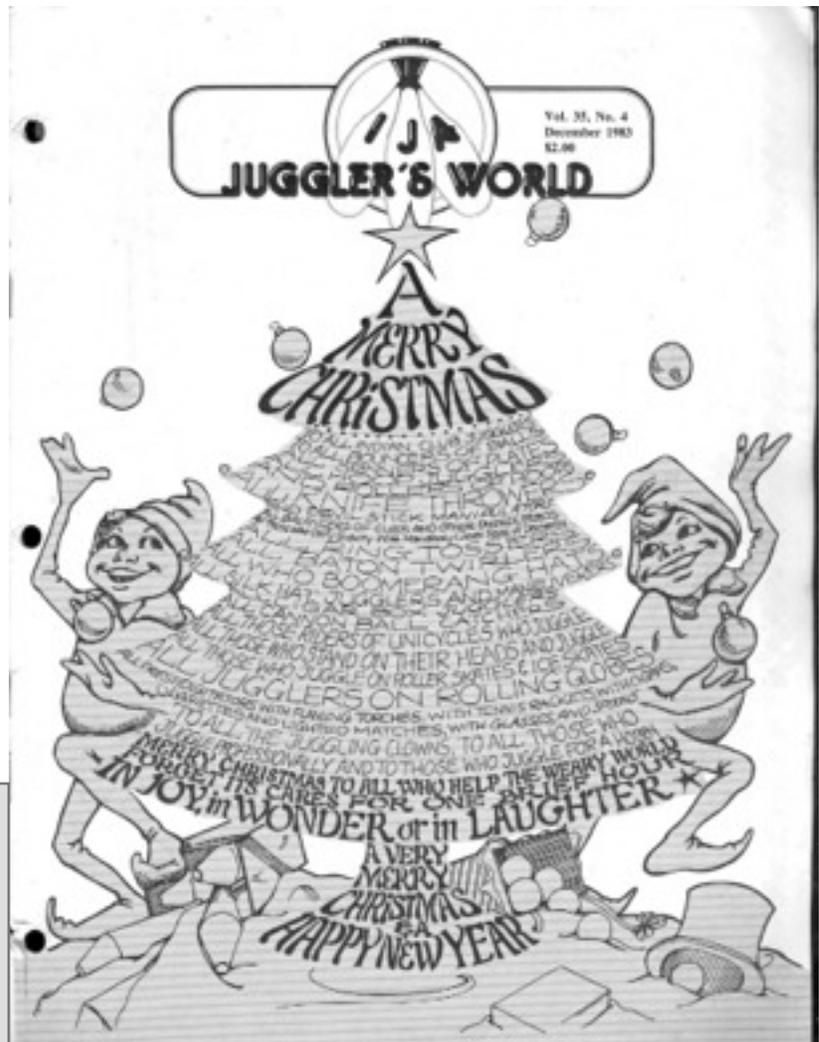
The IJA wishes you all the best for the holiday season

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Festivals:

Quebec City, QC
Madison, WI
Atlanta, GA
Arcata, CA
Brooklyn, NY
St. Paul, MN
Reno, NV



This image is taken from the Juggler's World archive which is online at:

<http://www.juggle.org/history/archives/jugmags/>

Artwork by Linda Greene after a concept from Violet Carlson Beahan.

Festival 2010, Reno, Nevada, by Phil DePalo

The planning for festival 2010 is well underway and what better way to spend the week before the holidays than in beautiful Reno, NV, at the John Ascuaga's Nugget. I flew out to The Nugget on December 18th to meet with many of the folks who will be making sure our festival is the best it's ever been. Our group will have the run of the town as the entire space is dedicated to the IJA Festival. They even placed our festival on their marquee.

Registration to open January 1st, 2010. All who register for a festival Event Package during the month of January will be entered in a giveaway to win that Event Package for free!

Visit <http://www.juggle.org/festival> to register! Tell everyone that this is going to be the best party of the year!!!



Team Catch It Early



Team Catch It Early has a unique approach to raising awareness about breast cancer

Check out Team "Catch It Early" as they juggle to raise money for cancer research. They recently had 15 jugglers participating in a race, something not usually seen outside an IJA festival!

<http://catchitearly.tumblr.com/>

IJA Membership Fees,

by Kim Laird

At the December board meeting, the board of directors, in an effort to continue to bring membership dues in line with the costs associated with running the IJA, approved an increase in membership dues.

Beginning February 1, 2010 membership dues will be \$40 adult membership (new or renewal), \$31 youth membership (new or renewal), \$5 for additional family member.

Royalty Free Music, by Todd Strong

Folks,

Dr. Terry McGraw is a jazz pianist who has produced two CDs, *Rearranged* and *Come What May*. He has graciously given permission for IJA members to use his music for the IJA stage competitions. Terry's permission includes live performance as well as reproduction rights, so the IJA will be able to use Terry's music on the DVD of the stage competitions.

Interested competitors (and others) can preview Terry's music at these two web sites:

<http://www.mcmahonjazzmedicine.com/selections/selection0400.html>

<http://www.mcmahonjazzmedicine.com/selections/selection0399.html>

The only exception is from the *Rearranged* CD. *How Insensitive* was composed by someone else, and jugglers do not automatically have permission to use that tune.

Proceeds from CD sales benefit the Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland.

This is a great offer. Jugglers can preview the music before deciding to buy the CDs. They have permission to use any of the tunes (with the one exception mentioned above) for the IJA stage competitions. The IJA has the right to use the music on the festival DVD. Finally, the money generated from sales benefits a worthy cause.

Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab Awards, by Martin Frost

At a recent reunion honoring the work and life at the old Stanford AI Lab (1966-1980), I was awarded a gold medal -- The John McCarthy Award for Excellence in Research -- for my 1974 News Service System (NS).

NS was a search engine for stories on the AP and NY Times news wires. The wires were fed into the AI Lab computer, where my software stored the news on disk and pre-indexed the stories. That allowed people at the AI Lab, and for a while anyone on the ARPAnet, to have instant retrieval of news by entering one or more keywords. The system could also email users whenever a story came in matching their keywords of interest. NS was one of the most popular programs at the AI Lab.

You can read about the SAIL reunion and awards in these articles at Stanford and in the NY Times:

http://soe.stanford.edu/about/memories/12_2009_mccarthy.html

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/08/science/08sail.html>

(The latter article is also on page D4 of the printed Dec 8 NY Times, complete with color picture.)

You can read more about the award winners at:

<http://www.stanford.edu/~learnest/medalists.pdf>

And you can see closeups of the gold medal at:

<http://www-cs-staff.stanford.edu/~me/>

The AI Lab back in the '70s was a wonderful place, and it was great seeing many AI Lab folks again after all these years.



Festival Workshops for ALL Levels of Jugglers*by Don Lewis*

Increasingly, I've come to realize that a lot of people who *should* be at our festival are intimidated by the very idea of attending. One evening, a friend attending her first IJA festival told me that she was surprised to find that the basic workshops really were for beginners. She hadn't really expected anything below the expert level. And she was impressed that the instructors were able to break down each movement in ways that she could understand.

I was idly standing near the IJA table one day when someone asked if it was allowed to just watch a workshop if one didn't juggle well enough to actually do the workshop. Of course you can. But if you're anywhere close to being able to juggle with the prop, you'll probably find the instructor has ways to get you up and trying.

I teach basic club tricks, and regularly get people who can't juggle clubs yet who just want to watch. They 'know' they can't

do it. But, since I start each trick with single club movements, they soon discover that they actually can master some of the basics of a trick, even if they've never juggled clubs at all. You may not master a movement in a single workshop, but you usually go away with lots of strategies for practicing tricks.

Another popular fear for beginners is that if they walk out on a gym floor full of experts they'll be laughed at. I've never actually seen any expert juggler laugh at a struggling beginner. It is far more likely that someone will step over with a smile and say something like "That movement made me crazy when I tried to learn it, try doing it this way...".

Juggling is a rare sport in which there is a high level of sharing. A lot of talented jugglers take pleasure in helping others to advance.

Now is a good time to remind all the members of your local juggling groups that there really is a place for them at an IJA festival. It is not just for experts!

Get Involved !

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

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.

Championships Director

Changes to the competition rules have made this job a lot more streamlined than it has been in the past. Video preliminaries mean that some of the work can be done from the comfort of your own home. The energy of the competitors is contagious, come catch the spirit!

Volunteer Coordinator

Grease the wheels of progress by helping us attract volunteers and making sure they get everything they need to get the job done.

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



See the promotional video

<http://www.turbo418.com>

Pre-register online and save!

(The poster is in French, but the event is bilingual)



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.

Join us for the 32nd Annual
Groundhog Day Jugglers Festival
Atlanta, Georgia Feb 5-7, 2010



Gym Hours: Friday, Feb 5 5 pm – 10 pm
 Saturday, Feb 6 10 am – 10 pm
 Sunday, Feb 7 11 am – 5 pm

Large recreation hall at the Yaarab Shrine Center
 400 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308
 (from I-75/85 take Freedom Pkwy exit, go east on the pkwy, then left on Ponce de Leon Ave)

- Open juggling all weekend in big gym with great floor and lighting
- Competition for the PHIL trophy on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm
- Late night cabaret on Saturday at Academy Theatre at 11 pm
- \$15 registration for weekend of juggling, raffle ticket and 2 shows

For more information see our web site at www.atlantajugglers.org or call Jay Jones at (404) 288-7954 or email jay@juggler.net

Juggling Festivals

Turbo418 Festival
 January 8 - 10, 2010
 Quebec City, Quebec
<http://www.turbo418.com>

47th Annual Madfest
 January (14) 15 - 17, 2010
 Madison, WI
<http://madjugglers.com/madfest/fest09>

Groundhog Day Festival
 February 5 - 7, 2010
 Atlanta, GA
<http://www.atlantajugglers.org>

10th Humboldt Festival
 March 18 - 21, 2010
 Arcata, CA
<http://humboldtjugglingsociety.org>

Juggle This
 April 8 - 11, 2010
 Brooklyn, NY
<http://www.jugglennyc.com>

MONDO XXI
 April 16 - 18, 2010
 St. Paul, MN
<http://www.mondofest.org/>

IJA 2010 Festival
 July 26 - August 1, 2010
 Reno, NV
<http://www.juggle.org/festival>