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Have a safe and happy holiday whatever you're celebrating

## IJA eNewsletter

### 2013 Membership Drive Runs Through December 26

by Kyle Johnson, IJA Marketing Director

We are happy to inform you about the 2013 Membership Drive that's happening **now through December 26**. Membership prices are discounted, and you can even win a 2014 IJA Festival Event Package or other rewards.

Check out our new promotional video showing the benefits of being an IJA member and a few things about the IJA you may not know. You can help the IJA by sharing this video with fellow jugglers! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbBofEAh1Qo>

#### IJA Membership Drive 2013

Save \$5 off regular prices for IJA membership when you [use the IJA Store](#) to join or renew by December 26th:

Adults only \$24.00  
Youths only \$19.00

**And** new and renewing members will be entered into raffles on December 21 & 28 with the following **Raffle Prizes**:

- 2014 IJA Festival Package!!
- Signed Anthony Gatto Playing Card!
- Juggling Ring signed by the cast of the 2012 IJA Cascade of Stars Show (Cie Ea Eo, Freddy Kenton, Doug Sayers, Pavel Evsukevich, ...)
- Bronze Juggling Club Pendant! (Donated by David Kha.)
- IJA T-Shirt!
- And more!

#### Recruit New IJA Members and Win Rewards, Through December 26th

Whether or not you join or renew, if you get enough friends to become **new** IJA members during the drive, you could win a 2014 IJA Festival Package! (The new members you recruit must never have been IJA members before, in order to count towards your reward.)

When you get new members to join the IJA during the membership drive, have them enter your name in the "Recruited by..." field when filling out their membership info in the [IJA Store](#). You can win a reward based on the number of new members you recruit.

#### Rewards:

- 5 memberships = T-Shirt
- 10 memberships = T-Shirt + 1 Year Membership
- 25 memberships = T-Shirt + 1 Year Membership + Festival Package
- 100 memberships = T-Shirt + **Life Membership** + Festival Package

For updates on the Membership Drive, check the IJA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalJugglersAssociation>

Thank you for your continued support of the IJA and the juggling community.

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#### Juggling Festivals:

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Copenhagen, Denmark  
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Goa, India  
Victoria, BC  
Newcastle, Australia  
Atlanta, GA  
Noensbroek, Netherlands  
Austin, TX  
Lehigh, PA  
St. Paul, MN  
Davis, CA  
Boulder, CO  
West Lafayette, IN (IJA)

**IJA 2014 Festival News**, by Cody "Pyrus" Fioreck**Special Guests**

As 2013 comes to a close, we are excited to announce the first two confirmed Cascade of Stars performers for the 2014 IJA Festival.

**Gena Shvartsman Christiani**

Gena is a fourth generation circus performer. She debuted as a performer at the age of three and her juggling career began at the age of six. Gena has been featured in numerous shows around the world, including Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus. She has been the recipient of various awards such as the prestigious silver medal at the Monte-Carlo International Circus Festival in Monaco and the silver medal at the Cirque du Demain international circus festival in Paris. Her jazz inspired style and dazzling split second dexterity make her a unique addition to any variety show.

**Patrik Elmnert**

Patrik is a Swedish juggler born in Uppsala in 1989. He started juggling in 1996, started youth circus in 1998, did his first performance in 1999, and has since then performed in 5 of the 7 continents on this planet. Patrik has completed circus high school, a post graduate course on the relation between juggling and music, and a Bachelors degree in juggling at the university of Dance and Circus (DOCH) in Stockholm, Sweden. Since he graduated from DOCH, he has been touring with solo performances, the duet show "Between Someonesons", and the trio show "Water on Mars". Patrik will also be teaching a two day Special Workshop at the festival.

**Registration Dates and Adult Event Package Prices:**

**Early Bird:** February 15 - Feb 28 - Adult \$189  
**Regular:** March 1 - June 30 - Adult \$229  
**On Site:** Adult \$259

**Early Bird prices will only be available for two weeks, so register early -- in February -- for the best price!**

This year we'll be using a new online registration system that will help make the process easier and more straight forward.

**Youth Showcase**

The Youth Showcase is a performance highlighting the talents of young people under the age of 18. If you, or someone you know is interested in being a part of the 2014 Youth Showcase, please contact Art Thomas at: [showcase@juggle.org](mailto:showcase@juggle.org).

**Award Nominations**

The IJA Awards Committee is accepting nominations for 2014. Potential awards include: Historical Achievement Award, Award of Excellence, Extraordinary Service Award, Excellence in Education, Bobby May Award, and more. To learn more about the specific awards, visit:

<http://www.juggle.org/history/honoraryawards>

Send your nominations to: [awards@juggle.org](mailto:awards@juggle.org).

**Festival Marketing**

In January, IJA Festival promo post cards will be printed and ready for distribution. Will you help us spread the word? If you are willing to distribute promo cards to your regional festival and/or juggling clubs, please contact Kyle Johnson at [marketing@juggle.org](mailto:marketing@juggle.org).

**Volunteer**

Volunteers are an integral part of the IJA Festival. If you're interested in volunteering during the fest, contact Warren Hammond at [volunteers@juggle.org](mailto:volunteers@juggle.org) to figure out how you can be a part of the IJA Festival team.

Join us, **July 28 - August 3, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana**, and prepare to be amazed!

We're already getting excited, and we hope you are too!



### North Texas YEP Jugglers Enjoy New Props, *by Bob Neuman*



YEP was kind enough to donate new equipment (rings and beanbags) to the Special Friends Juggling Club at the North Arlington Y.M.C.A. The jugglers were delighted to get "professional" equipment from YEP. We are planning a Spring Show!

### More Lessons Learned While Teaching Juggling, *by Bob Neuman*

I have been teaching juggling for about three years. It seems that every time I teach, I am learning new lessons about teaching! My YEP training gave me a great base, but I am always learning more. That is what I am going to share. Hopefully some are very practical, while I know others are more esoteric.

I recently taught juggling at another Camp C.O.P.E. I think most readers of the newsletters are regulars....so, I won't go into detailed description about what Camp C.O.P.E. is. Suffice to say that they provide a weekend for military families to experience a camp getaway - at no charge to the families. Along with many camp activities (canoes, ropes courses, hiking, swimming, etc.), they offer therapeutic sessions with trained counselors for both children and parents, to help cope with the unique stresses of deployments and family life. I created a sixty minute juggling segment that compliments what they are striving for. This camp, like the last few, was at Mo Ranch, in Hunt, TX (very beautiful, Texas Hill Country).

I teach all age groups from 4<sup>th</sup> grade up to 18 yrs. old. The children are divided into small groups with a counselor and an aide. I do a 20 minute demonstration for the younger groups. I also teach a 30 minute class for the parents. The older children and parents all get 3 balls to take home (I make them from playballs, filled with sand). There were about 125 people at this camp. I also got a request to teach some of the Mo Ranch camp staff!

The NEW nitty-gritty of lessons learned:

- Since there are always adults (counselors and aides) present in my groups, I encourage them to try to juggle too. This encourages the children, especially if they are doing better. Their presence also keeps down any behavior problems or just distractions (we juggle outside).
- Distractions will happen – enjoy them. This is a very remote camp (no cellphone, internet, TV, etc. – real old-time camp). As I was teaching, a startled deer bounded thru the “people area” of the camp – near where I was having class. Everyone was so amazed they forgot to get a picture. Now that was a distraction that was worth the distraction. The kids loved my lame line: “Well, not everyone seems to like to watch jugglers.”
- This sounds basic but...always warm-up. I was dead from a full day of teaching Saturday and a demo that night. So, I thought I could get away without a warm-up Sunday morning (it's the demos I do for the younger groups). Well, that first group saw the most drowsy juggler they'll ever see....
- I give the balls away at the beginning of the lesson. I let the kids choose them. First, make them line up or it will be a “feeding frenzy.” Second, tell them that if they want to switch colors they can do it after the lesson – keeps ‘em moving. I make sure I tell them that they are filled with sand and if they take the electrical tape off – the sand will come out and their parents will not be happy (some are always curious).

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- If you want them to really pay attention to you when you are giving them instructions, make them put the balls on the ground. Otherwise, some will end up playing with the balls and distract even more students.
- When the children drop, there is a sometimes a desire for one child to switch balls – without the other child's permission. You can get bogged down in this. I let the child who switched keep whatever ball, but let the other child pick out another ball. While the one child unfairly gets to keep the ball they "took," the other child is rewarded by getting to choose again (quickly) and you get to continue the lesson. Many will disagree – but you get to keep teaching and the whining stops...
- I normally demonstrate: balls, rings, clubs and tennis balls & can. I added cigar boxes this time. Thanks to the great series of progressively difficult cigar box workshops by Sean Haddow & Jonathan Tomick at the IJA last summer, I gained some great tips and confidence. They really know how to teach! The kids loved them, but had no idea what a cigar box was and W.C. Fields was an unknown reference (even for some of the adults).
- I demonstrate torches at the end of each class. I use yellow warning tape for a boundary. But I also make all of the children put down all props. You just know that someone is going to drop something and run past the tape to get it. I make it clear that if anyone steps beyond the tape – I stop and we are finished.
- A basic of fire that I knew but.... It was very windy and I used too much fuel. I had one very wet towel and a jug of water. The torches kept coming back "to life," no matter how I wrapped them in the towel. Luckily everyone thought it was planned. For the rest of the lessons I had TWO wet towels on hand and used less fuel) and had no problems.
- Saturday night I juggled lighted clubs, rings & balls (from Neon Husky). They have a large bonfire near a river,

where the families can cook marshmallows and s'mores. Many of the people hike down at dusk but bring flashlights, and more commonly, they use those LED headbands (maybe it's a military thing – like where the night vision device is). I had never juggled these for non-jugglers. I was unready for the bright LED headbands to ALL shine in my eyes when they watched me. The children were using them to see what they were cooking. It was truly blinding. Professional jugglers used to stage lights might not be affected. The only time I have ever been on stage is when I was elected to the BOD. Someone decided it would be funny for all the BOD members to pass clubs on the Renegade stage. It lasted about 30 seconds. Back to the bonfire.... Luckily, everyone listened when I asked them to turn off their headlamps and not use flash photography. Then it worked well – but I need to practice a lot more to get beyond the initial "wow" of the props.

Final observations:

- At least half of the children could flash 3 balls at the end of camp. Two even decided to juggle in a parade they have at the end of camp, and they did well. Those same two even tried to pass on their own! They were not even in the same groups.
- The parents were very enthusiastic. Only a few did not try to juggle. Again, a good half got close to a flash and most of the rest tossed the 3<sup>rd</sup> ball (the big sticking point, I have found). One soldier, confined to a wheelchair did 6 catches. She was very amazing and determined.

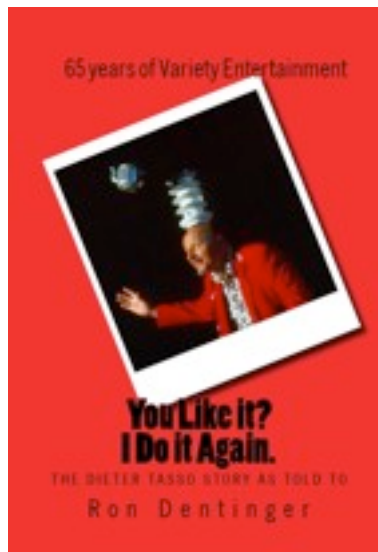
Again, it was a great experience. All of the families and Camp C.O.P.E. staff were very enthusiastic. It was gratifying to see so many military families enjoy themselves. I was exhausted and sore – but very delighted driving home after camp.



### Nominations Sought for Awards

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The 2014 awards committee consists of Jek Kelly (chair), Bob Neuman, Steve Rahn and Alan Howard.



Check out a new book about Dieter Tasso written by Ron Dentinger. Dieter was given the IJA's Historical Achievement Award in 2009 for his remarkable career.

Amazon's description: *The life story of juggler, Dieter Tasso. From his 1934 birth in Germany, to New York's Madison Square Garden, to Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, to Las Vegas, and Caribbean Cruise ships, The Crazy Horse Saloon in Paris and 33 years with The Tommy Bartlett Show. It's the story of one man's 60+ years as a variety entertainer.*

The book is available from the publisher or from Amazon.

<https://www.createspace.com/4050973>

[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

### 2013 IJA Festival T-Shirts Available

The IJA Store has T-shirts from the 2013 IJA Festival.

The front of the shirt features a small design on the left saying "IJA". On the back is a large stylized cityscape showing lots of juggling.

The shirt is currently available in M, L and XL sizes.

You can find it in the Store at:

[http://www.juggle.org/store/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=4](http://www.juggle.org/store/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=4)



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### 2012 Festival video highlights - *For IJA members only!*

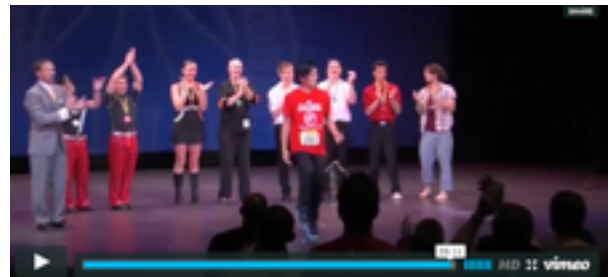
The first releases of video from the 2012 festival are now available to members on eJuggle.

[2012 Fest part 1 - Gym, juggling, kendama & more](#)

[2012 Fest part 2 - Youth Showcase & Juniors Championships](#)

[2012 Fest part 3 - Teams Championships](#)

[2012 Fest part 4 - Individual Championships](#)



### Latest Articles in eJuggle

eJuggle already has a lot of content — more than you would expect to find in a printed magazine. And you find new content more often. Here is a partial list of recently added content. Use the link to eJuggle to see new content, and log in to access content that is just available to IJA members. <http://e.juggle.org>

- IJA Challenge – Ring Bouncing on Palm Richard Kohut**
- Product Review: Three Finger Juggling “Danger Props” David Cain**
- Juggler’s Scoop – November 21th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- Vintage “Learn To Juggle” Sets: 1949 – 1976 David Cain**
- 2012 Festival Video Part 3: Teams Competition Nathan Wakefield**
- The Name Game Ellen Winters**
- IJA Tricks of the Month October “8 Circonvencion Mex... Jorge Vilchis**
- Juggler’s Scoop – November 5th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
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- 2012 Festival Video Part 2: Youth Showcase and Ju... Nathan Wakefield**
- Be Funnier With Scotty Meltzer: Doctoring Jokes Scotty Meltzer**
- IJA Challenge – 3 Ball Blind Box Richard Kohut**
- Juggler’s Scoop – October 20th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- 2012 IJA Festival Video Part 1: Gym Highlights, ... Nathan Wakefield**
- Life is Looking Up for Mark Angelo! Ted Baumhauer**
- Book Review – Jugglers Galore David Cain**
- Obituary – Kumar Pallana David Cain**
- Juggler’s Scoop – October 7th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- Tricks of the month September 2013 by “conejo lunar” Jorge Vilchis**
- IJA Funny Photo Caption Contest #4 Steve Langley**
- The Show Must Go On: Anecdotes of Mid-Show Mishaps... David Cain**
- Tricks of the month August by Conejo Lunar Jorge Vilchis**
- The 2013 IJA Festival Review Nathan Wakefield**

*This is a partial list, earlier articles omitted.... Get the full list at [feed://ezine.juggle.org/feed/](http://feed://ezine.juggle.org/feed/)*

**More Festivals!** For a list of even more festivals, check the worldwide juggling event listings on the IJA website at: <http://www.juggle.org/events>.

### ***Juggling Festivals***

#### **TurboFest 8**

January 2 - 5, 2014

Quebec City, QC

[www.turbo418.com](http://www.turbo418.com)

#### **Danish Juggling Convention**

January 10 - 12, 2014

Copenhagen, Denmark

[www.dansk-jonglor-traef.dk](http://www.dansk-jonglor-traef.dk)

#### **BRNO JC 2014**

January 17 - 19, 2014

Brno, Czech Republic

[www.divadlokufn.net/en/bjc-2014](http://www.divadlokufn.net/en/bjc-2014)

#### **47th Annual MadFest Juggling Festival**

January 17 - 19, 2014

Madison, WI

[www.madjugglers.com/madfest](http://www.madjugglers.com/madfest)

#### **Indian Juggling Convention**

January 20 - 26, 2014

Goa, India

[www.injuco.org](http://www.injuco.org)

#### **8th ... Victoria Juggling and Flow Fest**

January 24 - 26, 2014

Victoria, BC

[Facebook](#)

#### **Newcastle Juggling Convention**

January 25 - 26, 2014

Newcastle, Australia

[www.newcastlejuggling.com.au](http://www.newcastlejuggling.com.au)

#### **36th Groundhog Day Jugglers Festival**

January 31 - February 2, 2014

Atlanta, GA

[atlantajugglers.org/festivals/gh14.htm](http://atlantajugglers.org/festivals/gh14.htm)

#### **[Winter Jongleer Weekend 13](#)**

February 14 - 16, 2014

Noensbroek, Netherlands

[Website](#)

#### **Austin Jugglefest XXI**

February 21 - 23, 2014

Austin, TX

[juggling.place.org/jugglefest](http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest)

#### **Pocono Juggle Fest**

February 28 - March 2, 2014

Lehighton, PA

#### **MONDO XXV**

Juggling and Unicycle Arts Festival

February 28 - March 2, 2014

St. Paul, MN

[www.mondofest.org/festival](http://www.mondofest.org/festival)

#### **Damento Juggling Festival 2014**

March 21 - 23, 2014

Davis, CA

[www.damento.org](http://www.damento.org)

#### **Boulder Juggling Festival**

June 13 - 15, 2014

Boulder, CO

[www.bouldercircuscenter.com](http://www.bouldercircuscenter.com)

#### **IJA Juggling Festival**

July 28 - August 3, 2014

Purdue University

West Lafayette, IN

[www.juggle.org/festival](http://www.juggle.org/festival)

### **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](mailto: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.