



# IJA eNewsletter

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A panel of expert judges will evaluate all Video Tutorial Contest entries and score them according to their education, production, and entertainment values. The top ten videos are awarded prize packages donated by vendors from all over the juggling community. This year, one video will also be awarded the title of "people's choice" by an online vote.

**Juggling Festivals:**

- Alameda, CA
- Pai, Thailand
- Philadelphia, PA
- St. Louis, MO
- Tokyo, Japan
- Cleveland, OH
- Helsinki, Finland
- Hamburg, Germany
- Overijssel, Netherlands
- Kingston, Ontario, Canada
- Munich, Germany
- Brussels, Belgium
- Sewickley, PA
- Minneapolis, MN
- St. Paul, MN
- Austin, TX
- Clareville, New Zealand
- Barnsley, S Yorkshire, UK
- Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

## IJA Busking Competition 2014 Results

The weather did not cooperate with the Busking Competition this year, so the event was moved inside to one of the gyms at Purdue. Healthy crowds managed to gather nonetheless, and Bekah Smith was this year's winning busker. Our thanks go to those who entered as well as to the crowds that came, watched, cheered and voted via the buskers' hats. Here are the final results.

- 1st: **Bekah Smith**
- 2nd: Curt Carlyle
- 3rd: Sam Malcolm
- 4th: Dan Edwards



Bekah Smith

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## Acrobats and Modern Dance, by Don Lewis

Compagnie XY is a French acrobatic troupe which recently performed a show called "Il n'est pas encore minuit" (It is not yet midnight) at a dance festival in France. When I think of acrobatic routines, I generally expect something fast paced and of short duration as part of a variety show. This piece is a fusion of dance and acrobatics. All the hard tricks are there, but the transitions are as interesting as the tricks. The show is eighty minutes long, so the artists have plenty of time to move between sequences while still

exploring movement. The show can be seen on the ARTE website as a streaming video. Check it out while it is still online.

<http://concert.arte.tv/fr/livestories/il-nest-pas-encore-minuit-sur-la-scene-comme-au-ciel>

<http://ciexy.com>

## Chairman's Message, by Nathan Wakefield



It's hard to overlook the impact that online streaming video has had on the juggling community. Sure, there were juggling DVDs and VHS tapes sold long before YouTube, but the ease of accessibility and sheer

volume of juggling-related videos online has truly been a game changer. Just by simply going online, you can find tutorials on nearly any aspect of juggling and watch footage of jugglers from all over the world.

As online juggling videos continue to make waves, the IJA strives to keep up with our own video offerings. I'd like to take a moment to talk about some of the online video content and programs that the IJA is currently offering.

We've been privileged to have a large turnout of contributors from all over the world contribute to our Tricks of the Month videos, which are all available on the [IJA YouTube channel](#). Jugglers from the USA, Chile and Mexico have all made their own contributions. We even have regular videos from flow artists, which add even more diversity to the mix. These regular videos have been a huge success, and we are already planning for a Tricks of the Month series for 2015.

In addition to publicly accessible online videos, one of our IJA Member Benefits includes access to our [Members Exclusive IJA Video Library](#). Some of our current premium offerings include:

**Throw Joy** – Wes Peden's latest juggling film. This video completely blew up the online social media juggling community when it was released just a few short months ago (and for good reason). You can watch the entire film and all the extras on eJuggle, simply by being an IJA member.

**Club Swinging with Allan Jacobs** – This is a full length instructional video on the subject of club swinging. This is not only a phenomenal instructional tool taught by an IJA Gold Medalist, but also a great historical piece, as it was originally released in 1990. We were able to track down the original master tape to have it digitally transferred for the best possible quality.

**2012 IJA Festival Video** – The complete release of our 2012 festival video. Our festival videos used to be released only as a two-disk set, but members are now able to view every chapter of the release online, including full Individuals, Teams and Juniors routines, not to mention highlights from the Numbers competitions, XJuggling, Renegade and more. Very soon, the 2013 festival video will also be available online for members to view as well.

**The Third** – Tony Pezzo's most recent juggling film. This video contains jaw-dropping tricks that Pezzo had been working on for nearly two years before recording on video. It also includes bonus tutorials that teach some of the actual techniques that Pezzo utilized in the film.

**IRC Videos** – As the IJA continues to hold regional competitions, we also like to bring the action directly to our members. Right now, we have video from IRC competitions held in Chile, Mexico and Brazil.

In addition to all these wonderful offerings, we have exclusive videos from Jay Gilligan, Anthony Gatto and 2012 Individuals Gold Medalist Etoh Satoshi.

Besides offering Tricks of the Month Videos to the general public nearly weekly, one of our goals is to also provide an IJA Members Exclusive video on a nearly monthly basis. Given that an IJA membership is only \$29 USD, it is a great deal to have access to this constantly growing video library. More great members-only videos are coming soon!

We are also currently in the midst of having our [Fifth Annual IJA Video Tutorial Contest](#). This contest has been a huge hit in the past, and I am thrilled that Thom Wall is once again the Video Tutorial Contest Director. There are so many great prize packages lined up, and I can't wait to see what entries this year holds.

I highly encourage anyone interested in manipulation to enter this tutorial contest. There are no restrictions on skill level, and you do not even need to be an IJA member to enter. Don't be shy -- let's continue to grow the online juggling community and the learning tools that are available out there. No matter what your video is on, your ability to teach and inspire people all over the world is just an upload away.

Juggle on,  
Nathan Wakefield, IJA Chairman

## 2015 IJA Festival Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, July 20 - 26, 2015



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=dktDGP7T7T\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dktDGP7T7T_w)

### Getting to Quebec City, by Don Lewis

It is perhaps a bit early to be talking about the 2015 festival itself. The organizing team is working hard on a lot of fronts to ensure that it is going to be an amazing festival. In the meantime I'm going to address a couple of concerns that some people have asked me about.

**Travel Documents.** There is a border between Canada and the United States. Just because there is a North American Free Trade agreement does not mean that people can travel freely. Everyone needs travel documents. In most cases, that means a passport. Some jurisdictions issue an enhanced driver's license which has some of the features of a passport. For most people, a passport is the best travel document. Canada might admit some Americans with just a birth certificate and another form of ID, but there could be difficulty getting re-admitted to the US without a passport.

For anyone arriving by air, a passport will be required by the airline before you get a boarding pass.

US citizens do not require a visa to visit Canada. However, US residents with non US citizenship may require a visa. There is a lot of information available on the [Canadian Border Services Agency](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca) website.

**Legal Issues.** People who have had legal difficulties at home in the past may find that they are not admissible to Canada. There is a process called rehabilitation which can make you admissible. It depends on the severity of the offense, how long ago it was, and whether the offense would have been considered an offense in Canada. In some cases, you can apply for a pardon in the US to clear old offenses. The CBSA can advise you further on how to proceed to ensure that you will be admissible to Canada. Clearing up old problems can take some time, so it is best to start that process now.

[CBSA rehabilitation information](#)

Everything is interconnected in modern life, which means that a CBSA officer will be able to see everything about you on his or her screen - including unpaid parking tickets and traffic offenses. If you arrive at the border with unpaid

minor fines in the US, you may have to pay a fee to enter Canada.

**Children.** Canada takes the whole issue of missing and abducted children very seriously. All children crossing the border require a passport. Adults traveling with children who are subject to a custody order should have those legal documents with them. In the case of shared custody, an authorization letter from the other parent is required along with contact information. The same goes for groups traveling with adult chaperones. You need to demonstrate parental permission and have complete contact information for the parents in addition to the children's travel documents. And note that children who are resident in the US but are not US citizens may need a visa or other document.

Kids need to understand not to fool around when crossing the border, because the CBSA agents will take them seriously, with all the delays that might entail. Groups cross the border both ways every day without difficulty. As long as you have the [correct documents](#) it is a smooth process.

**Travel.** Air travel can seem quite expensive when crossing a border. Airlines have extra rules to observe and they often pass them along in higher fares. It is easy and convenient to fly directly to Quebec City. There are also other options which might be advantageous.

You can fly to [Plattsburgh, NY](#) or [Burlington, VT](#). and rent a car to drive to Quebec City. Both airports are served by major airlines. The Canadian border is close to both cities. It would be about a three hour drive to Quebec City. Plattsburgh and Burlington are both close to Montreal. There is frequent bus and train service from Montreal to Quebec, as well as between the US airports and Montreal.

**GPS.** Most GPS units come with North American maps installed. But when you go to update them, you sometimes have to select a subset because of a lack of space. Check that your map device does not stop at the border if you plan to use it.

**Courting Chaos**, *Reviewed by Don Lewis*

Alan Clay's recent film, *Courting Chaos*, is now available from Amazon. The film is a romantic comedy about a young model who escapes her domineering mother's aspirations as she discovers the clown within her. The film has won several awards, including:

- Best Comedy - Hollywood Reel Independent 2014
- Best Director - Geneva Film Festival Illinois 2014
- Special Jury Award Worldfest Houston 2014
- Best actor nomination

There isn't much juggling in the film, but what there is underlines that fact that juggling is an important performance skill. One of the key support characters, Madonna (Jessica Howell), is a clown/juggler. Her transition from balls to a diabolo demonstrates the need to keep learning and adapting to avoid sinking into a stale act.

As the story evolves, we get to see some interesting insights about how an act develops. Most people never get to meet their inner clown. It is a treat to watch someone discover and build a trust/risk relationship, essentially with themselves as the clown emerges.

I enjoyed the film, perhaps you will too.

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

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

**New Props for Special Friends**, *by Bob Neuman*

While attending the Purdue Fest, three jugglers approached me to see if "Special Friends Juggling" could use some used props that were in very good condition.

I never asked permission to recognize them by name so, I will just say, "Thanks!" I just wanted to share with everyone what the IJA really means. Jugglers helping one another. These gifts really meant a lot to my juggling group. We received clubs and rings - we had no clubs for the group before, and we did not have enough rings for everyone.

These were a great addition to the props already supplied by the YJA program. The spirit of the IJA is alive and well!



Special Friends with some of their new props



# eJuggle

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## Eleven Shot by Tony Pezzo

Filmed in the spring of 2011, in St. Louis, Missouri, Tony battles heat, wind, light-bulbs, and whitewashed walls with balls, rings and clubs. In the process, notebooks, caffeine, a laptop, a tripod, and a camera with a broken screen were all utilized! The video is divided into 11 sections.

<http://ezine.juggle.org/2014/09/04/eleven-shot-by-tony-pezzo/>



**Latest Articles in eJuggle** <http://ezine.juggle.org>

### [“Drop Everything” podcast with host Dan Holzman: interview with Michael Karas](#)

Drop Everything” Podcast #7 Conversation with the multi-talented Michael Karas. Topics covered include the east coast juggling scene, becoming a theatrical juggler, hugging, and his work with Jen Slaw and Playing by Air. 64 minutes Downloadable mp3 file (91.7 MB)

### [The 2014 IJA Festival Review](#)

The 67th annual IJA festival was held in West Lafayette, Indiana. Like the previous year, this event was also held at a college campus, this year being Purdue University. The Festival Director for this event was Cody “Pyrus” Fiereck, who comes from a background in organizing fire festivals. The main practice space was a large [...]

### [A Tricks of the Month – USA – September 2014 – Jonah Botvinick-GreenhouseJ](#)

Jonah is 15 years old and has been juggling for 5 years. He works mostly on club juggling, although he also practices balls and rings. Jonah plays the cello (not the music in this video) and ultimate frisbee when he is not juggling. This video includes beach juggling and technical juggling in a gym. Enjoy! [...]

### [IJA Tricks of the Month – Mexico – September 2014 by Ana Morales](#)

Ana Morales is a hula hooper from Guadalajara, Mexico. She started at age 13 and has been into circus for 9 years. She's passionate about performing and has dedicated her life to it. She started with dance, then moved on to various circus activities such as double Dutch jump-roping, poi, hula hoop, juggling, contortion, acro, [...]

### [“Drop Everything” podcast with host Dan Holzman: interview with Patrick McGuire](#)

“Drop Everything” Podcast #6 with host Dan Holzman and guest Patrick McGuire. Enjoy hearing about this talented juggler’s journey from IJA Juniors Champion to big time success with Cirque Du Soleil. 66 minutes Downloadable mp3 file (91.7 MB)

### [Open Call for IJA Officers!](#)

The IJA Board of Directors are currently accepting “Letters of Interest” (via email) from people desiring to fill IJA volunteer officer positions. The positions have a variety of focuses and require a minimum of a one year commitment. Officers help to direct the activity of the organization and bring fresh and dynamic ideas to the [...]

### [Juggler’s Scoop – September 7th, 2014](#)

Juggler’s Scoop is a bi-weekly collection of the latest juggling videos and news bits from around the web. Here’s the latest scoop! - Kota Hayashi demonstrates what he feels are basic tricks. - Kevin Axtell explains The Scissor Matrix and manipulates clubs in front of a green screen, causing Shapes on Shapes. - A mini-documentary [...]

*Continued...* **Latest Articles in eJuggle** <http://ezine.juggle.org>

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### **Message from the Chair, August 2014**

Hello jugglers, Nathan Wakefield here. Some of you may have read my eJuggle articles in the past and some of you may have met me at festivals over the years. In any event, I am deeply honored to be starting my term as Chairman of the International Jugglers' Association. It is a great excitement for [...]

### **EJC 2014 – Open Stages**

This is the second in a three part series. See part one: EJC 2014 – General Review. Part three will be about the Legends of the Stage and Gala shows. Before I get into the review, I want to give a big shout out to the wonderful photographers who let me reproduce their work (over [...])

### **Video Tutorial Contest 2014!**

Hey everyone! I'm delighted to announce the 5th annual IJA Video Tutorial Contest. This event is an online educational throwdown open to all jugglers, object manipulators, flow artists, and physical performers across all disciplines. A panel of expert judges will evaluate all entries and score them according to their educational-, production-, and entertainment values. The [...]

### **Breenos – The Forgotten Props Of The Breen Family Jugglers**

One of the most influential American juggling families of the first half of the twentieth century were the Breens. Hailing from Lawrence, Massachusetts, Tom Breen made his debut in 1886 at the Weber and Field's Theater in New York City. His wife stayed at home to raise their children and train them in dance and [...]

### **Juggler's Scoop – August 23rd, 2014**

Juggler's Scoop is a bi-weekly collection of the latest juggling videos and news bits from around the web. Here's the latest scoop! - David Cain has posted a little bit of recent random juggling stuff. - Wes Peden's video "HEPTAD" is now public. In honor of this release, Peden has provided some insight to its [...]

### **IJA Tricks of the Month – Brazil – August 2014 by Artur Faleiros & Matheus Chiló**

Tricks of the Month directly from São Paulo, Brazil by Artur Faleiros and Matheus Cardoso. Located in the streets of downtown and in the tunnels under the Roosevelt Square, they conducted research with clubs and balls, spins, jumps, and experimental juggling. Truques do mês diretamente de São Paulo, Brasil Artur faleiros e Matheus Cardoso nas [...]

### **Chaos Clubs Challenge**

At the 2014 IJA Festival in West Lafayette, IN, jugglers were challenged to get 15 catches of three clubs. While this would seem an easy task, these weren't normal clubs. They were the Chaos Clubs, made by David Cain. These clubs varied greatly in weight and balance, making them extremely difficult to juggle, especially on [...]

### **"Drop Everything" podcast with host Dan Holzman: interview with Ivan Pecel**

Drop Everything podcast # 5 with Ivan Pecel. I get behind the biceps and bravado of one of today's hottest and most successful jugglers. Hear what this state of the art juggling machine has to say about his life, career and future. 57min. 9 seconds  
Downloadable mp3 file (78.6 MB)

### **IJA Tricks of the Month – USA – August 2014 – Nick Thomas**

This Tricks of the Month showcases Nick Thomas from Detroit, Michigan. He started juggling almost 10 years ago and is currently studying software engineering at Michigan Tech. Big thanks to Elliott Alan Photography for helping film! This video features two of Nick's favorite things: 11 ball juggling and mill's mess-y type patterns. Check him out on YouTube.

### **EJC 2014 – General Review**

This was my third EJC. Aside from the previous Millstreet in 2006, I was in Munich in 2011. There is so much to write about, so this review is going to be divided into several parts: In this one, I'll give a general overview of EJC 2014 with many of the events and goings-on. Part [...]

**New Wes Peden video 'Throw Joy' available at eJuggle for IJA members only!**

eJuggle has a new video by Wes Peden for IJA members only. Here is how Wes describes it:

*"With the extras, it's 1 hour and 25 minute of the best juggling I've ever made. I used 100% of my technique and 100% of my creativity to try and make this video the best juggling anyone's ever seen! Definitely the most work I've ever put into anything and I would love people that are passionate enough about juggling to join the IJA to see it! I've gotten a huge response from the juggling community about the film so I hope your members would also love to be able to see it!"*

Read the recent eJuggle review which includes the trailer: <http://ezine.juggle.org/2014/06/09/throw-joy-review/>

**Coming Soon to eJuggle, by Scott Seltzer**

In October, 2014, we are looking forward to publishing the following content on eJuggle:

- Message from the IJA Chairman
- Sean McKinney Memorial Video – commemorating the 10th anniversary of Sean McKinney's death
- "Japanese Juggling With a Ball and Two Sticks" by David Cain
- "Toss Juggling With Your Feet" by David Cain
- IJA Tricks of the Month video from USA
- IJA Tricks of the Month video from Mexico
- IJA Tricks of the Month video from ???
- IJA Tricks of the Month video from the Flow community
- Video Tutorial Contest 2014 Results
- Twice/month Juggler's Scoop current events articles by Nathan Wakefield
- "Drop Everything Podcast #6 Conversation with Juggling Legend Michael Chirrick." Michael talks about his 45 year career as a professional juggler, what it was like growing up in a family of jugglers, and stories about many of the famous jugglers he has known over the years.
- The IJA Challenge (with prizes) by Richard Kohut
- "Be Funnier with Scotty Meltzer" (Members Only)

And possibly in October or maybe November:

- "Miller" full 35 minute video by Nathan Biggs-Penton, plus bonus features (Members Only)
- IRC Mexico video (Members Only)
- Hat Spinning by David Cain

## Juggling Festivals

For a list of even more festivals, check the worldwide juggling event listings on our website at: [www.juggle.org/events](http://www.juggle.org/events).

**Bay Area Circus Arts Festival 2014**  
(Formerly the Berkeley Juggling & Unicycle Festival)  
October 3 - 5, 2014  
Alameda, CA  
[www.bacafest.com](http://www.bacafest.com)

**Thailand Juggling Convention**  
October 3 - 7, 2014  
Pai, Thailand  
[www.facebook.com/events/574591349320440](http://www.facebook.com/events/574591349320440)

**Philly Fest 2014**  
October 4 - 5, 2014  
Philadelphia, PA  
[www.phillyjugglers.com](http://www.phillyjugglers.com)

**St. Louis Jugglefest**  
October 10 - 12, 2014  
St. Louis, MO  
[npscj.tumblr.com](http://npscj.tumblr.com)

**Japan Juggling Festival (JJF)**  
October 11 - 13, 2014  
Tokyo, Japan  
[www.juggling.jp/jjf/jjf2014/en/about.html](http://www.juggling.jp/jjf/jjf2014/en/about.html)

**Cleveland Circus Juggling Festival**  
October 17 - 19, 2014  
Cleveland, OH  
[sites.google.com/a/case.edu/juggling/cleveland-circus](http://sites.google.com/a/case.edu/juggling/cleveland-circus)

**5-3-1 Festival of New Juggling in Helsinki**  
October 17 - 19, 2014  
Helsinki, Finland  
[www.531festival.com](http://www.531festival.com)

**Jonglierconvention Hamburg**  
October 17 - 19, 2014  
Hamburg, Germany  
[jonglieren.cryptobitch.de/convention/2014](http://jonglieren.cryptobitch.de/convention/2014)

**Autumn Juggling Weekend**  
October 17 - 19, 2014  
Overijssel, Netherlands  
[www.catchup.utwente.nl/hjw/English.php](http://www.catchup.utwente.nl/hjw/English.php)

**Limestone City Juggling Festival**  
October 24 - 26, 2014  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada  
[kingstonjugglers.club/fest/14](http://kingstonjugglers.club/fest/14)

**2nd Munich Juggling Convention**  
October 24 - 27, 2014  
Munich, Germany  
[www.muenchen-con.de/2014](http://www.muenchen-con.de/2014)

**28ème Convention de Jonglerie de Bruxelles**  
October 31 - November 2, 2014  
Brussels, Belgium  
[www.jugglingedge.com/event.php?EventID=3696](http://www.jugglingedge.com/event.php?EventID=3696)

**Not Quite Pittsburgh Juggling Festival VII**  
November 7 - 9, 2014  
Sewickley, PA  
[www.allinjest.com/jugglingfestclub.html](http://www.allinjest.com/jugglingfestclub.html)

**Flipfest 2014**  
November 14 - 16, 2014  
Minneapolis, MN  
[www.facebook.com/events/850046531681018](http://www.facebook.com/events/850046531681018)

**MONDO XXVI Juggling and Unicycle Festival**  
January 30 - February 1, 2015  
St. Paul, MN  
[www.mondofest.org/festival](http://www.mondofest.org/festival)

**Austin Juggling Festival**  
February 20 - 22, 2015  
Austin, TX  
[juggling.place.org/jugglefest](http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest)

**23rd New Zealand Juggling Festival 2015**  
February 26 - Mar 1, 2015  
Clareville, New Zealand  
[www.nzja.org.nz](http://www.nzja.org.nz)

**Pocono Juggle/Circus Arts Fest**  
March 6 - 8, 2015  
Lehighton, PA  
website coming next month

**British Juggling Convention 2015**  
March 27 - April 2, 2015  
Barnsley, S Yorkshire, UK  
[www.bjc2015.co.uk](http://www.bjc2015.co.uk)

**68th Annual IJA Juggling Festival 2015**  
July 20 - 26, 2015  
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada  
[www.juggle.org/ija/festival](http://www.juggle.org/ija/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.