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Chair's message, by Nathan Wakefield

Things are going well with the planning of next year's festival! In addition to the free brunch Tuesday through Saturday and over \$35,000 in prize money for the stage championships, expect some more big announcements in the coming months.

Speaking of the festival, we have opened up our nominations for 2016's honorary awards! To find out more about the honorary awards, see the [award descriptions and past winners](#). Do you know of someone who you feel would be a good fit for one of these awards? [Let the Awards Committee](#) know who they are, and why you are nominating them. Don't be shy, let your voice be heard!

The IJA has also recently voted in our 2015-2016 term officers. There is a lot of work that goes into the IJA's festival, programs and operations. Without the dedication of all the wonderful individuals that volunteer their time and energy, the IJA wouldn't exist. If you would like to help out, feel free to drop us a line.

Juggle on,

Nathan Wakefield
IJA Chairman



IJA Honorary Award Nominations Open

The IJA Awards Committee is seeking nominations for honorary IJA awards that are given out at the annual festival. See the awards descriptions and past winners at: www.juggle.org/history/honoraryawards.php

The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2015.

Send nominations or comments to: awards@juggle.org.

2016 IJA Festival in El Paso, Texas, July 25-31

Save the dates for the 69th Annual IJA Festival, in El Paso, Texas, July 25-31, 2016. Preliminary festival information is available at <http://www.juggle.org/festival>, with more details to come.



2016 Championships: Big prize money, April 1 entry deadline

There's going to be a lot more prize money given out to the Championships medalists at the 2016 IJA fest in El Paso, thanks to generous support from anonymous donors iiWii and Unna Med. Over **\$35,000** will be on the line! That includes **\$10,000** for the IJA Individuals gold medalist and **\$10,000** for the winning IJA Team!

Start working on your routine now! The **deadline** for entering the Championships, including submitting a video of your full act, is **April 1, 2016**. That's a bit earlier than in the past, so don't let it sneak up on you.

2016

**HUGE PRIZE MONEY INCREASE
in El Paso for Championships!**

Individuals:

1st: \$10,000

2nd: \$4,000

3rd: \$2,000

Teams:

1st: \$10,000

2nd: \$4,000

3rd: \$2,000

Juniors:

1st: \$2,000

2nd: \$800

3rd: \$400



**Courtesy of our generous anonymous donors
iiWii and Unna Med**

Free fest brunch Tuesday - Saturday thanks to iiWii

Paul Bachman 1934 - 2015



The following is an excerpt from an [eJuggle article](#) about Paul Bachman by David Cain.

Paul Bachman was a well known juggler, juggling historian, and collector. He passed away on October 11th, 2015, following a long battle with cancer. He was a mentor and friend to numerous jugglers and was the 2010 recipient of the IJA's Bobby May Award. He produced a well known instructional DVD on ball bounce juggling. Paul was famous for his love of two things: his family and juggling. Shortly before Paul's passing, David Cain (DC) was able to interview him about his long love affair with juggling.

[Read the full eJuggle article on Paul Bachman.](#)

Seeking Video Editor to contract for 2015 IJA fest video

The IJA is looking for a video editor to contract with to produce the 2015 IJA Festival video, to be about two hours long. We have lots of great raw footage that need to be distilled down to a couple of hours of fascinating juggling entertainment. The task includes creating a DVD of the edited segments, which we generally also make available online for our members to ensure that all members have access to these great memories.

If you're interested or have suggestions for a possible editor, please contact [Nathan Wakefield](#) for more information.

#boxtape, an unexpected opportunity, by Don Lewis

Regular readers will know that I'm a big fan of contemporary dance. In recent years the world of experimental dance has embraced the worlds of circus and performance art as it continues to evolve. Tangente, my favorite dance presenter, now describes itself as a laboratory of contemporary movement. When you go to a "dance" show these days, you just don't know what you will actually be seeing.

A recent show took place in an old factory, three floors up on the top level. It was a paper factory at one time. The walls are brick, and the massive wooden beams hang high above the wooden floor. Upon entering the space, there was a wall covered in paper with "the rules". The first rule was "You are the show!". The second, "Don't climb higher than you are willing to fall". Followed by "There are no rules".

Festooned from the ceiling was a massive web of packaging tape. A work in progress. The clear plastic tape is astonishingly strong when wrapped in layers. One of the constructs was a swing with people swinging. The stuff is strong enough that you can actually climb through the suspended web.

Initially, people stood around looking rather perplexed. The usual routine for most of us is that the ticket holders sit in seats and the artists do something in front of them. Sometimes you get to wander around a performance seeing things from different angles. Spontaneously finding your place in a community driven sensory experience can be a bit challenging to the timid.

The creative team wandered around handing out rolls of tape, encouraging us to add to their creation. Eventually a few people got in the spirit. Cases of clear plastic tape stood ready to supply everyone's imagination.

This event was a remarkable collaboration by a talented group of Montreal artists led, or at least inspired, or encouraged by Peter Trosztmer. Peter has a degree in the classics, and another in dance. He has collaborated with many choreographers. He is currently working on a research project that investigates the capture of movement and the interaction of video and sound.

For this show, more than a dozen local independent movement artists collaborated to explore the possibilities of an unusual medium as a community experience. After some months of experimenting, the team was curious to see what the public would do with it.

I decided that I wasn't really interested in falling at all, so I didn't go clambering around inside the web. I did check out all the different ways they had developed to make the taped construction so structurally sound.

Somewhat later I discovered that Jen had acquired a roll of tape that she was using as yarn to crochet a piece of boxtape fabric. The fascinating thing about that was the number of people that gathered around to see what she was doing. Most had never seen or tried crocheting and were amazed that it could be done with plastic tape. The collaborators were intrigued by this unexpected creative process.

Meanwhile, I discovered that when you use that much tape, you wind up with a lot of paper cores. Boxes of them! They're pretty stiff, but you can push one into another at right angles and roll them up in tape to produce a very poor imitation of a stage ball. If you want to try contact juggling with a totally unbalanced ball, then this is a possibility. I made three and juggled them for a while. They were sort of glittery in the light, and unpredictably sticky. I connected them with pieces of corded tape to make something reminiscent of one of Greg Kennedy's ball and rope props. The sticky bits of the tape made the result more than a bit unpredictable, but fun. Not all experiments work the way you expect them to....

This event ran from 6pm to 10pm so there was plenty of time to wander around and see what others were doing. But I was curious to see if I could tape together a set of juggling clubs from found objects, while staying in the spirit of the evening.

My first idea of taping three round cores together and then taping them to three flattened cores as a handle failed miserably. Flattened cores have no strength and rapidly develop the consistency of a wet noodle. Fail!

For my second try, I taped eight cores together in a cylinder. Then I stuffed one end with some squashed cores for a bit of weight. The other end received a dark brown coffee cup to serve as a visual cue.

Success! This odd creation was actually willing to be flung in the air and caught. I quickly made two more and discovered a minor flaw in the plan.

You can't actually hold two of these in one hand in order to start juggling. They are three inches wide!

There are a few ways to get something like this started. You can place one on something beside you where you can easily grab it once you have thrown the first "club". Another method is to hold one in each hand, and squeeze the third between the other two. You throw up with both arms and let the middle one go. Or you could start with a chin balance and let the object drop into a juggle. Either way, these things are large and heavy. You have to juggle them in a wide pattern!

At the end of the evening, I taped my found object juggling props into the collective tape evolution. People were still talking to Jen about her fanciful tape crocheting. Someone may have noticed me juggling my taped creations

- or not. It was an improbable evening but fun. You just never know when an idea and an opportunity will collide and produce juggling! Check out the links below.

Tangente.qc.ca

[#boxtape](#)



2013 Fest DVD 2-Pack available from the new IJA Store

The 2013 IJA Festival DVD 2-Pack is available for purchase, from the new IJA Store. The price is \$30 for members (\$40 for non-members). To get the member price, sign in at ym.juggle.org. Once you are signed in, go to:

ym.juggle.org/store/ListProducts.aspx?catid=449785

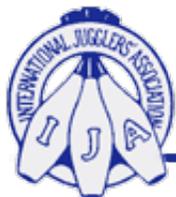
We have DVDs for sale from the IJA fests in: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Each year includes two DVDs and roughly two hours of video.



Reminder - Venue change for Not Quite Pittsburgh Juggling Festival

Because of circumstances beyond the control of the Leave It to Beaver Valley Jugglers, the location of the upcoming Not Quite Pittsburgh Juggling Festival VIII has been changed.

Please visit the Facebook Event Page <https://www.facebook.com/events/838285846224629/> or the website <http://allinjest.com/jugglingfestclub.html> for updated information as the fest draws closer.



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[IJA Tricks of the Month October 2015 Mexico](#) by: [Cristhian Leos](#) by [IJA Tricks of the Month](#)

Upcoming Juggling Festivals

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

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.

Bristol's Biennial Circus Festival - Circus City

8 Oct - 31 Oct 2015

Bristol UK

<http://www.bristolcircuscity.com/>

10a Circonvencion Mexicana (10th Mexican Circus Convention)

5 Nov - 9 Nov 2015

Centro Vacacional Oaxtepec IMSS, Morelos Mexico

<http://www.circonvencionmexicana.com/>

11° Encuentro de Circo y Malabares San Antonio De Arredondo

5 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

San Antonio De Arredondo, Villa Carlos Paz Cordoba Argentina

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1611312169135821>

WJF 11 - Skillcon 2

5 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

Golden Nugget, 129 East Fremont Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101 USA

<http://skillcon.org/>

29eme Convention de Jonglerie de Bruxelles

6 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

Site de Tour&Taxis - Rue Picard 11, 1000 Bruxelles Belgium

<http://www.ecbru.be/les-conventions/>

Cottbuser Jonglierconvention

6 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

Turnhalle der Kolumbus und Blechen Grundschulen, Muskauer Strasse 1, 03042 Cottbus Germany

<http://www.jonglierconvention-cottbus.de>

Grassroots Juggling Festival

6 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

Green Street Hall Mall, 116 N Green St, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501 USA

<http://www.facebook.com/events/487400444731285>

Not Quite Pittsburgh Juggling Festival VIII

6 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

Monsignor Farri Hall in the Pastoral Center at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1501 Virginia Ave., Monaca, PA 15061. USA

<http://www.allinjest.com/jugglingfestclub.html>

WugCon - Weissenburger Jonglierconvention

6 Nov - 8 Nov 2015

Landkreishalle, An der Hagenau 22A, 91781 Weissenburg Germany

<http://www.wugcon.de/tl/>

4ta Convencion de Circo y Artes del Palo La Plata 2015

12 Nov - 15 Nov 2015

Punta Lara Argentina

<http://www.convenciondecircolp.wix.com/conve>

National Circus Festival of Ireland 2015

12 Nov - 15 Nov 2015

Tralee, Co Kerry Ireland
<http://www.circusfestival.ie>

1a. Convencao de Malabarismo e Circo de Florianopolis

13 Nov - 15 Nov 2015

Camping Parque do Rio Vermelho, Rodovia Joao Gualberto Soares (SC-406), km 14 — Rio Vermelho — Florianopolis/SC CEP 88058-300 Brazil

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1488183974815047>

Milton Keynes Juggling Convention 6

14 Nov - 14 Nov 2015

Elizabeth Woodville School, Stratford Road, Deanshanger, MK19 6HN UK

<http://www.mkjc.co.uk>

9. Nurnberger Jonglierconvention 2015

20 Nov - 22 Nov 2015

Wilhelm-Lohe-Schule, Deutschherrnstrasse 10, 90429 Nurnberg Germany

<http://www.jonglierconvention.de>

Primer Encuentro de Circo En Elortondo

20 Nov - 22 Nov 2015

Galpon de la Cultura (ESpana y Vias del Ferrocarril), Santa Fe, Argentina

<http://www.facebook.com/hermanosmostacholes343>

Leeds Juggling Convention 2015

21 Nov - 21 Nov 2015

St Mary's School Menston, Bradford Road, West Yorkshire, LS29 6AE UK

<http://www.juggler.net/leeds>

Festival Internacional de Circo y Chou de Mexico

22 Nov - 29 Nov 2015

Guadalajara Mexico

<http://www.fichofest.com>

Thailand Juggling Convention 2015

4 Dec - 6 Dec 2015

Pai Circus School, Pai, North Thailand

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1069371019762810>

Open Dutch Juggling Championships 2016

2 Jan - 3 Jan 2016

Cacaokade 1, Helmond, Netherlands Netherlands

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1251787971514058/>

Dansk Jonglor Traef 2016 (Danish Juggling Convention 2016)

8 Jan - 10 Jan 2016

Orkildsskolen, Svendborg Denmark

<http://www.dansk-jonglor-traef.dk/?Velkommen>

InJuCo 2016 - Indian Juggling Convention

18 Jan - 24 Jan 2016

Arambol Beach, Goa, India

<http://www.injuco.org>

Chocfest 21 - York's Juggling Convention

23 Jan - 23 Jan 2016

Manor C of E School, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, York, YO26 6PA, UK

<http://www.chocfest.net>

17ª Convenção Brasileira de Malabarismo e Circo

27 Jan - 31 Jan 2016

Barbacena, Minas Gerais Brazil

<http://www.cbmcirco.com>

Mondo Juggling & Unicycle Festival

12 Feb - 14 Feb 2016

275 Syndicate Street, St. Paul, Minnesota USA

<http://mondofest.org>

Bath UpChuck 2016

20 Feb - 20 Feb 2016

Founders Sports Hall, University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7AY UK

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1651621865106505>

Austin Jugglefest XXIII

26 Feb - 28 Feb 2016

Seeger Gymnasium, Texas School for the Deaf, 1102 S. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704, USA

<http://www.juggling.place.org/jugglefest/>

Winter Juggling Convention 2016

26 Feb - 28 Feb 2016

Gravin van Schonbornlaan 4 6431 Hoensbroek Netherlands

<https://www.facebook.com/events/495683307261106/>

New Zealand Juggling and Circus Festival 2016

4 Mar - 7 Mar 2016

Parakai Springs, 150 Parkhurst Road, Parakai, New Zealand 0830 New Zealand

<http://www.nzja.org.nz>

British Juggling Convention 2016

30 Mar - 4 Apr 2016

Bell's Sport Centre, Hay St, Perth, PH1 5HS UK

<http://www.bjc2016.co.uk>

26th Dutch Juggling Convention

5 May - 8 May 2016

Arnhem Netherlands

<http://www.njf2016.nl>

69th Annual IJA Juggling Festival 2016 - El Paso

25 Jul - 31 Jul 2016

El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas USA

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

39th European Juggling Convention, Almere, Netherlands

30 Jul - 7 Aug 2016

Topsportcentrum Almere Pierre de Coubertinlaan 7, Almere, Netherlands

<http://www.ejc2016.org>

2ª Convenção Caipira de Malabarismo e Circo

7 Sep - 11 Sep 2016

R. Daniel Antonio de Freitas, 115 - Distrito Industrial, Sao Jose do Rio Preto - SP Brazil

<http://www.ccmc.art.br>