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Chair's message, by Nathan Wakefield

You know those moments when you are at a juggling festival and you witness tricks so amazing, so breathtaking, and so epic that they completely BLOW YOUR MIND? Yeah, it can get pretty intense. We've recently started a new video series dedicated to this very theme, aptly named 'Mind Blown'. The idea behind this collaborative video series is to have a trick theme for each video and have selected jugglers from all over the world that specialize in that particular style contributing their best tricks for that theme. The result: an in-your-face viewing experience so extreme that it will BLOW YOUR MIND! Check out the recently released first video in this series on pinball and BBB tricks.



In IJA Board news, Jared Davis has re-joined the IJA Board of Directors, filling in the vacant Board seat. Jared was an IJA Board member from 2013-2015, and we are glad to have him back in the mix!

Speaking of the IJA Board, nominations are open for the upcoming election. If you've ever wanted to get involved in the IJA or know someone that you think would be a good fit, send a nomination over to: ijanominations@juggle.org

April 1st is the deadline for Stage Championships entries (not an April Fools joke!). This year, we are going to make a point to announce the names of those competing in the stage championships earlier than we have in recent years. With so much prize money on the line this year, who wouldn't want an early sneak peak at the competition?! Just what sort of competition will we see in the championships this year you may be asking? While I do not know specifically at this point, one thing is for certain, the championships will BLOW YOUR MIND!

Festival info, including registration, is available at: http://www.juggle.org/festival.

Juggle on, Nathan Wakefield IJA Chairman

2016 Championships: Big prize money, April 1 entry deadline is almost here!

There's going to be a lot more prize money given out to the Championships medalists at the 2016 IJA fest in EI 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!

The **deadline** for entering the Championships, including submitting a video of your full act, is **April 1**, **2016**.

For complete information, go to http://www.juggle.org/championships.





HUGE PRIZE MONEY INCREASE in El Paso for Championships!

Individuals: Teams:

3rd: \$2,000 3rd: \$2,000

Juniors:

1st: \$2,000

2nd: \$800

3rd: \$400



Courtesy of our generous annonymous donors iiWii and Unna Med

Free fest brunch Tuesday - Saturday thanks to iiWii

Seeking volunteers for 2017 Festival Registrar - Earn a full Festival Package, by Mike Sullivan

The IJA is seeking a couple of dedicated volunteers to be the Festival Registrars for the historic 70th Annual IJA Festival in Cedar Rapids, lowa, set for July 10-16, 2017. Volunteers can earn a full Festival Event Package for their efforts and be part of the core team that makes the festival so much fun for hundreds of jugglers from around the world.

After reading the description of the role below, if you think you might be interested, please contact 2016 Festival Registrar Mike Sullivan at registrar@juggle.org soon so that you can possibly get some hands-on training with Mike this year, both before and at the 2016 festival. He'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

The effort for next year begins early in 2017 with the setup and testing of the online event registration system. Work with the festival team to get festival registrations ready around February or March, and then provide weekly registration reports until online registration ends in June. Once set up, the system is run by automation through the end of online registration, requiring no administrative effort except weekly reports and a few customer service requests.

After that, you'll help the festival team with data processing and logistics for the festival registration desk, including:

- Preparing festival packets for pre-registered jugglers
- Giving festival team members data on vendor, juggler and guest registrations
- Handling customer service for jugglers inquiring about the fest or their registration
- Coordinating with event directors on event registrations for joggling, numbers, etc.

Registration setup and testing requires about 30 hours of work spread across a couple of weeks in January and February. Once registration

opens, 2-4 hours/week should be all that's needed to monitor and report on registrations as well as handle the few customer service issues that come up.

Once on-site at the festival in Cedar Rapids, you'll lead the IJA registration desk team, including

- Staffing the desk from 9am-4pm daily along with 3-4 other IJA volunteers
- Checking in pre-registered jugglers and sell gym passes & other fest items
- Working with the Square Register system to record and process all transactions
- Preparing and making bank deposits of cash and checks received daily
- Updating the festival team and Treasurer on daily sales each night
- After the fest, preparing summary and detail sales reports

It's a lot of work, but it's very rewarding and you'll be part of the core team that makes the 70th annual IJA Festival an unforgettable week of fun in a beautiful, small Midwestern gem of a city.

If you're interested, please email 2016 Festival Registrar Mike Sullivan at registrar@juggle.org. Hands-on training is available starting now and continues with on-site training at this year's fest in El Paso.

Board nominations open, by Martin Frost

Want to help steer the IJA? Got some good ideas for what the IJA should (or should not!) do? Run for the IJA Board, or if you think you know someone who would be a good Board member, talk to them about running. The current volunteer directors on the IJA Board are working hard to keep the IJA alive and vibrant. Each year the IJA needs new volunteers to join the Board and help decide the directions the IJA will go. About half of the seven Board seats are up for election each summer for a two-year term. You help out for two years and then you can relax and let someone else step up if you want to. Or, you could offer to run again.

Serving on the Board can be very rewarding. Submit a nomination to <u>ijanominations@juggle.org</u> by the **May 15th** deadline. Email that same address if you have any questions about serving on the Board. Help promote the IJA and build on a legacy of success. For more details, see: http://www.juggle.org/business/nominations.php.

2016 IJA Festival in El Paso, Texas, July 25-31, by Jim Maxwell, Festival Director

Online fest registration ends at 11:59pm EDT on June 30, 2016.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to get the full week of epic shows and historic Championships prize money at an impressively low price. If you miss the online registration deadline, you'll still be able to register at the fest.

Fest info and registration: http://www.juggle.org/festival

Event Package purchase date	March 1-19	Mar 20- Jun 30	At the fest
Adult (age 18-64)	\$199	\$239	\$259
Youth/Senior (11- 17, 65+)	\$139	\$189	\$219



All your favorite events are back: Stage Championships (with much bigger prize money!), XJuggling, Renegade, Numbers Championships, Joggling, Welcome Show and Cascade of Stars, plus the return of the Gauntlet.

We have special IJA rates at three top-tier hotels, all within an easy walk of the beautiful El Paso Convention Center. See the hotel info below.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Emil Dahl will perform his ground-breaking Magnet Opus in the IJA Cascade of Stars gala, as well as offer a two-day special workshop.

Special guests confirmed to appear at the IJA fest include:

Aleksandra Savina Amanda Crockett Institute of Jugglology La Flaka Peter Irish Zak McAllister Team Rootberry Kelsey Strauch Emil Dahl

as well as these IJA Regional Competitions gold or silver medalists from Latin America:

Braulio Lopez Jorge Vilchis Gabriel Estrada Fernanda Sumano

Among our emcees for shows and championships are:

Dan Holzman Bekah Smith The KamiKaze FireFlies Scotty Meltzer & Katrine Spang-Hanssen



Aleksandra Savina Cascade of Stars Performer



Amanda Crockett
Welcome Show and Cascade of Stars Performer



Institute of Jugglology
Cascade of Stars Performer



La FlakaWelcome Show and Cascade of Stars Performer



Peter IrishCascade of Stars Performer



Zak McAllister Welcome Show Performer



Team Rootberry
Welcome Show Performer



Emil Dahl of SwedenPerforms his ground-breaking Magnet Opus in the IJA Cascade of Stars Gala



The KamiKaze FireFlies
Cascade of Stars Emcees



Fernanda Sumano 2011 IRC Mexico Gold Medalist



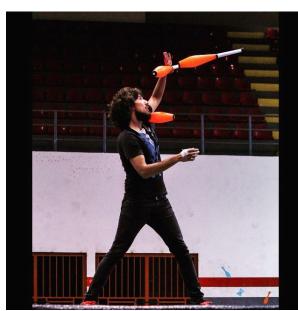
Bekah SmithJuniors Championships Emcee



Braulio Lopez 2015 IRC Mexico Gold Medalist



Dan Holzman Welcome Show Emcee



Jorge Vilchis 2013 IRC Mexico Silver Medalist



Kelsey Strauch Welcome Show Performer



Gabriel Estrada
2015 IRC Central America Gold Medalist



Scotty Meltzer & Katrine Spang-Hanssen Individuals and Teams Championships Emcees

Festival update: The Gauntlet 3, by Jim Maxwell

This year's festival is shaping up to be one for the ages. If you didn't make the Early Bird registration, never fear — online registration is open through June 30. If you're planning to compete for this year's historic prize money in the 2016 IJA Stage Championships, you have only a few more days before the April 1 deadline. Special thanks to our anonymous donors, iiWii and Unna Med, for their significant contributions to this year's payouts. For full details including Championships rules and how to enter, see: www.juggle.org/championships

The same team who brought you Gauntlet 1 and Gauntlet 2 are hard at work designing and planning a whole new set of obstacles to test your juggling agility and nimbleness. But to do it up right, they could use your help. Go to this website https://ym.juggle.org/donations/fund.asp? id=14311 to join the Gauntlet 3 crowdfunding campaign. Unna Med has graciously agreed to match your contribution dollar-for-dollar. Here are some of the challenges you can expect to see in Gauntlet 3.

- 1. **"Ball Hall"** Contestants run down 12 feet of balance beam while balls drop from a ceiling above them. This obstacle is as much a challenge for the contestant as for the builders. Engineers will marvel at the yet to be constructed ball return system. Possible ideas include either an Archimedes screw, conveyor belt or blower system to move balls from the floor to the ceiling of the 'ball hall'.
- 2. "Math is Hard!" Yeah, but jugglers are so smart...or are they? Jugglers will face a massive computer driven multiple choice wall. Contestants will have 3 chances to punch the correct answer to multiple choice arithmetic equations which briefly flash on screen on the wall. This summer, we finally test contestants' brain power.
- 3. "The Volcano" Contestants have to throw one ball up high through a giant, narrowing conical 'volcano' suspended overhead and then catch the ball on the rebound as it navigates its way down the side over various foils, cantilevers and ledges on the outside of the giant volcano cone.
- 4. "The Car Wash" Giant spinning wheels of pool noodles confront and confound the juggler as she runs through the field of spinning styrofoam 'blades of death'.
- 5. "Tie Run" It works for training Marines, so why not jugglers. It's the classic test of agility and speed, all while juggling.
- 6. **"Giant Slide"** Contestants will test their nerve as they climb up stairs to an 8 foot high platform to slide down a 12 to 14 foot custom-built slide, all while juggling. Don't worry, there will be railings on the stairs, but will they contain the contestant's fear of heights and free-fall speed?
- 7. "Ring Mover" Ring neck pull downs may have gone out of style on the main IJA competition stage in 1986, but they very well may be back in style this summer when contestants need to move one juggling ring hanging from a peg on a wall, across an 8 foot gap, and hang it to rest on a peg on an opposing wall, all while juggling.
- 8. "Teeter-Totter" The crowd pleasing obstacle from Gauntlet 1 is back as contestants race up and then crash down the other side of a giant teeter-totter.
- 9. "The Bike Rack" We will push contestants' precision coordination to the edge as they are forced to make one catch and one throw in their cascade from in between each of the vertical slots of a long run of vertical PVC pipes. Sound easy? Go try it at your local bike rack right now. Don't worry, we'll wait right here for you while you drop 6 million times.
- 10. "Sleepy Time" Don't get too sleepy for this bouncy, shaky obstacle. Contestants have to run across a giant field of inflatable mattresses.

Check out the new G3 promo video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Abn6sTJzsnQ

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

Our three El Paso hotels are taking IJA room reservations for next summer at IJA rates. Go to the IJA festival website, move your mouse over Festival and click on **Lodging** to see all the details.

<u>See this hotel information grid</u> for a summary of all three official IJA festival hotel options in downtown El Paso.

Camino Real Hotel El Paso - \$89.00 + tax DoubleTree El Paso Downtown - \$95.00 + tax Holiday Inn Express El Paso Central - \$89.00 + tax



Festival room and ride sharing, by Jim Maxwell

If you're going to the IJA festival and are interested in sharing room and/or transportation costs, but don't yet have people to share with, we can help. Just fill out this simple survey. Someone will be in touch: http://goo.gl/forms/UTV5wP687I.

As we've provided in past years, we also have a <u>Rideshares & Roomshares Forum</u> on our website if you want to seek out people to share with there. You need to be a logged-in IJA member to post in the forum.

Pass it on! by Don Lewis

All juggling festivals seem to have one thing in common. There are budding club jugglers who are just itching to pass like the experts. But, they're shy. They've probably been learning to pass with local jugglers, who are all juggling with people from away that they haven't seen for awhile. Maybe the beginners are practicing drops with other beginners and just getting discouraged. Probably they are standing around just watching you, even if you're only doing a basic four count.

Once you are comfortable passing clubs, a festival is a great place to meet up with old friends and try insanely complex patterns. After all, that is one of the great benefits of a festival. Who can blame the local jugglers for abandoning the beginners who have been frustrating them for months while they seek out their own challenges? But you can fill in the gap by seeking out some of those that are eager to learn but too shy to ask.

A good place to start is by seeing if there is a basic club passing workshop. If you don't mind following the lesson, you can offer to partner someone trying to learn. If there isn't a workshop, you can offer to teach one. Or just let whoever is coordinating workshops know that you're willing to do some one-on-one with beginners. Usually you just have to look around to see who needs some help to move up a level in confidence.

Sometimes you get surprised. Some years ago I attended a weekend festival in New York. There was a guy standing around with clubs in his hand so I asked if he wanted to pass. "Oh, no. I've only passed a couple of times, I wouldn't be good enough" was the answer. My response was, "OK, let's see what you can do". It turned out that he could do a shaky four count, but he had a stable cascade and a decent sense of the count. Five minutes of the three-around exercise took most of the shake out of four count passing. Pickups started to become routine once he got the idea that you don't have to rush. By the end of half an hour he was confidently returning left and right doubles and beginning to throw doubles back at me. On to three count, since I don't like to see people stuck on one side forever like too often happens. Once he convinced his left hand to throw to me somewhere close to where I could catch it we started in on doubles there too. I'd never seen anyone advance that quickly. At the end, we actually got through several rounds of Jim's 3-count. All that in an hour! It would have been fun to be a fly on the wall the next time he passed with the locals.

Noblesse Oblige. A whole bunch of people probably taught you how to pass clubs along the way. Take a few minutes to pay that forward at every festival you attend. The people that you help today will probably be juggling the arms off you next year.

Mr. E's Night of the Jugglers - Saturday, April 2nd, 2016

Mr. E's Night of the Jugglers will be Saturday, April 2, at 7:30pm at the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center (UDPAC), Upper Darby, PA.

The show stars Jen Slaw Napolitano, Michael Menes, Michael Lane Trautman, and Michael Karas and is hosted by Mr. E (Jackie Erickson).

The all-juggling format, immensely popular in each previous show in the ten-year run, will highlight the varied talents of each performer and showcase an excerpt from the off-broadway show "Perfect Catch" featuring Karas and Napolitano as a couple that meets because of juggling and proceeds to ... well ... be a perfect catch for each other.

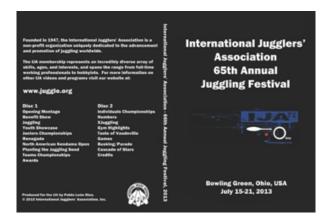
Tickets are available online at UDPAC or at the box office and are \$12.50.

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.





Latest articles in eJuggle

Nathalie Enterline on "Drop Everything" podcast with host Dan Holzman

Host: Dan Holzman Guests: Nathalie Enterline talks about her performance career and her 25 year relationship with one of the world's greatest jugglers, Francis Brunn. Also on itunes: https://itunes.apple.com/il/podcast/ejuggle/id1063204159

IJA Tricks of The Month March 2016 Ecuador by: Compañia Circomico

La Fundación Casa de la Música ubicada en Quito — Ecuador fue el lugar destinado para realizar Los "Tricks of the month — Ecuador — Marzo 2016", allí Caetano León del colectivo Circo Cebra, Diego Marcillo de la Compañía Circómico, Álvaro Soto de Circo Social Quito, Melissa Coulardet Artista independiente y Adrián Martínez de Jugglar [...]

Fun with Multiplexes

The multiplex is common knowledge among the juggling community. Used as a fancy start for a routine, a photo-opportunity (1-up 4-up anyone?) or for a quick bail-out after a bad catch, many jugglers have mastered one or two multiplex tricks. Due to all the possible combinations of throws in a multiplex, the variation in these [...]

Mind Blown Collab Video — Pinball and BBB

We are excited to present the first video of the new IJA video series — Mind Blown! Mind Blown — Pinball and BBB — 2016!" Mind Blown" is a new IJA collaboration video series for eJuggle, organized and edited by Gino Crovetto of Perú. Each video will focus on a different style of juggling. Various jugglers from [...]

Team Rootberry on "Drop Everything" podcast with host Dan Holzman

Host: Dan Holzman Guests: Team Rootberry. The comedy juggling duo share stories from their long and successful partnership. Also on itunes: https://itunes.apple.com/il/podcast/ejuggle/id1063204159

Juggling Coaches

As with many life skills, juggling can be learned by yourself if necessary, but it often helps to have a coach, mentor, teacher, or trainer. These people can apply their knowledge, experience, and lessons learned to their student to increase or expedite success and improvement. Coaches can help to identify strengths and weaknesses, teach specific [...]

Juggler's Scoop — March 10th, 2016

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! — Daniela Palicková is smiling on the inside as she demonstrates her innovative club patterns. — Students at Bronxville High School have made a short documentary about Chris Pert, 'The Joggler.' — Kellin [...]

Just a Dream Comic

Click to enlarge

The Salerno Candle — The Journey Of A Single, Amazing Juggling Prop

I recently received an extremely interesting prop for my juggling museum. It is a self-lighting candle used by the legendary gentleman juggler Salerno in his act. If you're not familiar with Salerno, click here to read a previous article I wrote about him. As I stated in that article, Salerno (1869-1946) was not only an [...]

IJA Tricks of the Month — March 2016 — Ethiopia by Nhatty

Natnael Haylu, aka Nhatty, lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He began circus arts 7 years ago, and has been bounce juggling for 3 years. During those 3 years, he has had many challenges and rewards. One challenge, for example, has been obtaining juggling and bounce balls in Ethiopia, because there are no juggling or circus [...]

A Message from the Chairman, February 2016

BOOM! POW! Do you hear that? That's the sound of our 2016 Festival planning kicking into high gear! BASH! Festival Director Jim Maxwell and company continue to work tirelessly on what will no doubt be a festival for the ages. Now, we are pleased to be able to make more and more news of [...]

Dream Tricks Challenge #3 — Old School / Gentleman Juggler Tricks

The two previous Dream Tricks Challenge articles challenged jugglers to attempt tricks that had never been done, at least on video. The results were quite amazing. This edition of DTC stays true to idea of attempting tricks that haven't been done on video, but this time we're going to go back in time quite a [...]

Book Review — Pearls Of Juggling

Pearls Of Juggling is a new book written by British juggler Anthony Trahair. The author, who now lives in Rome, Italy, took four years to research and reflect on the art of juggling and integrated his 21 years of juggling experience with his expertise in yoga and three years of study at the Dimitri Physical [...]

Jacobe Sharpe on "Drop Everything" podcast with host Dan Holzman

Host: Dan Holzman Guest: Jacob Sharpe talks Diabolos, street shows, circus festivals and more. Also on itunes: https://itunes.apple.com/il/podcast/ejuggle/id1063204159

<u>Graphic Juggling Notation by Rauli Katajavuori</u>

Rauli Katajavuori, formerly known as Samuli Männistö, older brother of juggler Sakari Männistö. (Name change is because I got married and took my wife's last name and started to use my real first name with it.) Introduction to Graphic Juggling Notation I got an idea for Graphic Juggling Notation that explains siteswaps and body [...]

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.

British Juggling Convention 2016

30 Mar - 4 Apr 2016 Bell's Sport Centre, Hay St, Perth, PH1 5HS UK http://www.bjc2016.co.uk

Tucson Juggling Festival 2016

1 Apr - 3 Apr 2016

11570 N Oracle Rd; Tucson, AZ 85737 USA

http://tucsonjuggling.org

39th Annual RIT Spring Juggle IN

8 Apr - 10 Apr 2016

RIT, 1 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester NY 14623 USA

https://sites.sg.rit.edu/juggling/juggle-in/39th-rit-spring-juggle-in/

UCSCJC - 2016 UC Santa Cruz Juggling Convention

22 Apr - 24 Apr 2016

Santa Cruz, California USA

http://www.facebook.com/events/1034046879981337

10^a Convention di Giocoleria della Brianza

25 Apr - 1 May 2016

Imbersago (LC) 23898 via Adda Italy (Italia)

http://www.conventiongiocoleriabrianza.it/

26th Dutch Juggling Convention

5 May - 8 May 2016

Arnhem Netherlands

http://www.njf2016.nl

Isla Vista Jugglers Festival

6 May - 8 May 2016

UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA USA

http://www.sbjuggle.org

Congress of Jugglers 2016

6 May - 8 May 2016

Ritchie Coliseum, College Park, Maryland 20740 USA

https://www.facebook.com/events/1540482139595491

Bungay Balls Up 2016

20 May - 30 May 2016

Hulver Farm, St Michael South Elmham, NR35 1NF UK

http://www.bungayballsup.com/

Galway Juggling Convention 2016

27 May - 29 May 2016

Áras na Mac Léinn A. Galway, Ireland (Éire)

https://www.facebook.com/GalwayJugglingConvention/?fref=ts

Second Russian Juggling Festival

1 Jun - 5 Jun 2016

Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

https://www.facebook.com/events/1015523838511472/

Eindhovens Jongleer Festival 2016

17 Jun - 19 Jun 2016

Sportcentrum van de Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Onze Lieve Vrouwestraat 1, 5612 Eindhoven Netherlands (Nederland)

http://www.jongleers.nl/ejf2016

French National Juggling Convention - Jongl'ô Païs 2016

13 Jul - 17 Jul 2016

Vanosc France

http://www.facebook.com/events/997628380312149

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

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