

International Jugglers' Association

61st Annual Juggling Festival

July 14-20, 2008

Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, Kentucky USA

Register online at: www.juggle.org/festival



2008 Guest Artists

Quebec Circus School

"Who Were Those Guys?" was the front-page headline of the Sep/Oct 1998 issue of *JUGGLE* magazine. A virtually unknown team of jugglers seemingly came out of nowhere to take the juggling world by surprise in winning the 1998 IJA Teams Championships. "Those Guys" were Les Tourisks and they were from L'Ecole de Cirque de Quebec. Now, ten years after Les Tourisks captured the hearts of the juggling community with their unique blend of juggling and acrobatics, L'Ecole de Cirque de Quebec is proud to once again send its latest generation of promising young talent to the IJA stage.

L'Ecole de Cirque de Quebec is a relatively young school in Quebec City (not to be confused with the better known L'Ecole National de Cirque in Montreal). Students are trained in theater, physical conditioning, dance and flexibility in addition to their chosen circus disciplines.

Individuality and creativity are emphasized, and students are encouraged to create their own acts with strong guidance from the staff. Although young, L'Ecole de Cirque de Quebec is growing quickly and is quietly gaining a reputation for producing unique high-quality circus acts. Many former students have achieved great success in Cirque du Soleil and in other circuses and performances around the world.

The school has a very strong juggling program, and this school year probably has the largest crop of jugglers in school history. L'Ecole de Cirque de Quebec is proud to introduce this latest group of young and talented jugglers, including Cate Emily, along with acrobats and other circus artists, to the IJA during the first half of this year's Cascade of Stars.

Niels Duinker

Niels Duinker is one of the hottest new professional jugglers. His show is a combination of top notch juggling, performance and youthful enthusiasm.

Niels has performed all over the world, entertaining audiences in Japan, Las Vegas and Europe with his unique blend of artistry and energy. The Dutch Telegraph Newspaper has called him a "juggling wonder."

Niels Duinker performed his first show at the age of 13 and soon joined the Rotterdam Youth Circus to improve his skills. There he performed with a duo show called "Big Troubles." In 2003 on his 18th birthday, Niels performed – including juggling 7 clubs – at the European Juggling Convention in Denmark.

In 2005 Niels won two gold medals in the Dutch Juggling Championships. During the spring of 2006, Niels performed in the program of the greatest Dutch comedy performer Freek de Jonge. Later that year he won a gold medal in the IJA's Extreme Juggling competition. In the fall of 2007 Niels performed his solo juggling show for three months in the largest theme park in Japan.

Niels will amaze us in the Cascade of Stars and will also teach a free workshop.

Casey Boehmer

Casey Boehmer was born without a left forearm. Through hard work and dedication he has become the only one-handed technical juggler in the world. He excels at balls, clubs and rings. By combining numbers juggling (up to five clubs) and multiplexing, he has created a one-of-a-kind performance.

Casey has performed professionally in hundreds of venues across the USA, including Branson and the Wisconsin Dells. He has wowed audiences in Singapore and is included in the historical juggling book *Virtuosos of Juggling* by Karl-Heinz Ziethen and Alessandro Serena.

Casey is a three-time IJA award winner and two-time winner of a "Phil" at the annual Groundhog Day festival in Atlanta, Georgia. The Boehmer Family Jugglers won the IJA People's Choice Award in 2001.

An inspiration to watch, Casey is a world-class juggler who will captivate your attention in the Cascade of Stars on Friday night.

Special Workshop

Juggling University

This year's special three-day workshop is Juggling University, with a different juggling "professor" and prop each day (Tue-Thu, 1-4pm). While not for raw beginners, each class will cover levels from beginner to advanced. Explore new tricks and drills, enhance your performance skills and gain valuable feedback from our three talented professors of juggling.

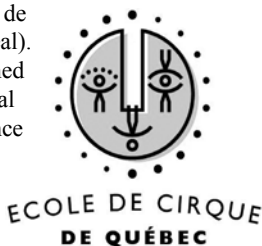
Pre-registration is required, and space is limited, so sign up early! The cost is an additional \$100. For more info email Richard Kennison: festival2008@juggle.org.

Day	Prop	Professor
Tue	Clubs	Michael Karas
Wed	Rings	Sean Blue
Thu	Balls	Jim Barlow

Michael Karas is the creator of Juggling Insanity, a web haven for new and experimental juggling. He's a seasoned performer and has released a number of videos. His 2006 IJA bronze-medal act shows his desire to fuse theater, dance and juggling into a coherent harmony. Michael concentrates on making juggling more dance-like and transitional. His club technique focuses on trapping and "spin-downsizing." Attend his class to find out what that's all about.

Sean Blue is an artist, juggler and teacher from NYC (see seanblue.net). He has taught at circus schools in Finland, Sweden and Canada. In Sean's ring workshop you'll discover a broad spectrum of ideas, techniques and tricks from beginner to advanced, from manipulation to numbers. Experiment with shuffling, traps, satellites, origami, balances, rolls, slides, grinds, multiplexes, pancakes, flats, and anything else ring related. All skill levels and all varieties of rings are welcome.

Jim Barlow has juggled for 22 years since discovering the Illini Juggling and Uni-cycle Club (and is still a member). He's an experienced teacher of many regional workshops. Jim is a student of juggling – he has spent extensive time not only learning patterns and tricks, but also studying notations and principles behind them. He will bring many ideas to his class, and his students will leave with a solid base for learning, creating and extending their ball juggling skills.



Shows

Welcome Show

Join us Tuesday at The Lexington Opera House for the kickoff of the week's entertainment schedule. This show will feature the best acts from within the IJA family. For info on performing, email Richard Kennison at festival2008@juggle.org.

Renegade Shows

There will be Renegade shows late on Tuesday and Wednesday nights after the evening shows let out. These shows provide a more relaxed atmosphere for performers to try out their newest material and wildest stunts. Refreshing adult beverages and pub food will be available. Performer signups will be at the festival.

Youth Showcase

This non-competitive event on Wednesday evening will feature young performers up to age 18. Beginners and experienced jugglers are welcome. This is a great chance to try the stage for the first time. For more information on performing, email producer David Groth at youthshowcase@juggle.org. Stage time will be limited so sign up early!

Planting the Juggling Seed

On Thursday morning the gym will fill with hundreds of local schoolchildren. This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce the magic of the manipulative arts on the stage of *Planting the Juggling Seed*. After the show the kids will get a juggling lesson and an opportunity to speak with professional jugglers. Interested in performing? Contact organizers Kim Laird and Rob Barowski at jugglingseed@juggle.org.

Cascade of Stars

Friday night brings the show you've been waiting for all week, a spectacular convergence of international performers and juggling superstars! To top-off our week's entertainment, The Quebec Circus School, Niels Duinker, Casey Boehmer, and more invited guests will create a world-class exhibition. On this night the Lexington Opera House will become the center of the juggling universe – we hope you are there. We expect this show to sell out so purchase your extra tickets early.

Awards Banquet & Show

Saturday night enjoy a buffet-style dinner with your extended IJA family topped off by the awards ceremonies and performances by IJA favorites. For info on performing, email Richard Kennison at festival2008@juggle.org.

Competitions

IJA Championships

This event attracts jugglers from around the world who present their very best work in hopes of capturing an IJA gold medal. This intense competition is one of the highlights of the festival and shouldn't be missed. The Juniors Championships are on Wednesday, July 16, the Individuals and Teams Championships on Thursday, July 17. Over \$4000 in cash prizes plus medals and trophies will go home with the 2008 champions!

Significant changes have been made to the competitions this year. Please read the Special Notes below, and see <http://www.juggle.org/stagechampionships> for complete info. Entry fee: \$25 per event. Contact Championships Director Chuck Hawley at championships@juggle.org.

Special Note – Judging system and criteria have changed. The goal of the IJA Stage Championships is to reward a stage-performed juggling act that is entertaining to a broad audience. The method of scoring and the criteria on which an act is judged have changed significantly. *All competitors are responsible for understanding all rules and procedures before the competition – see the above web page for details.*

Special Note – Routines must be submitted on six DVDs by June 9. To enter the Championships, you must submit six copies of a DVD showing your act (actual costume, music and routine). The video on DVD must be from a single continuous shot of your act, with no editing at all. The top acts will be selected for the stage finals in each category.

Special Note – Copyright music is allowed in IJA Championships and Individual Prop Competition but may be overdubbed on IJA DVDs.

Competitors may use any music for which the IJA or the competitor has procured live performance rights. If a competitor cannot procure adequate publishing rights, music will be replaced with royalty free music on the DVD. For more info, see:

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

Individual Prop Competition

The Individual Prop Competition will be held on Thursday afternoon. Look for the best in 3 balls, 3 clubs, 1 diabolo, 1 devil stick, 3 cigar boxes and 3 rings. Routines should be no longer than 2 minutes and choreographed to music – see the **Special Note on copyright music above**. Cash prizes totaling \$1200 will be awarded. Entry fee: \$20 per event. For more information, contact organizers Matt Hall and Kevin Axtell at propcomp@juggle.org.

XJuggling

What is XJuggling? It's not stage, circus or birthday party juggling. You don't even have to have your tricks mastered. All that matters is the biggest, baddest, most extreme juggling tricks you've ever seen. If you can rock a trick every time, it's probably TOO EASY! Watch the best jugglers in the world pull off huge tricks and gnarly moves or crash and burn. This is all about radical, cutting edge tricks that push the limits of creativity and possibility...and all you gotta do is pull your trick off ONCE (within the time limit, or course). Look for this competition on Friday afternoon. For more info visit www.xjuggling.com or contact organizer Jack Kalvan at xjuggling@juggle.org.

Jogging Championships

Jogging is simply juggling while jogging or, in this case, sprinting! This year's event is scheduled at 9am on Tuesday. Entry Fee: \$10. For more information, contact Jogging Director Bill Giduz at jogging@juggle.org.

Photo: Emory Kimbrough



Numbers Championships

The IJA Numbers Championships were established to provide a forum for competitors to challenge each other, past champions and the laws of physics. The purpose of these events is to accurately record who can successfully juggle, individually and in teams, the greatest numbers of balls, clubs, rings and bounced balls. Look for the Numbers Championships on Friday at noon. Cash prizes totaling \$1000 will be available including a special prize for competitors breaking IJA Numbers records. Entry fee: \$15 per event. See <http://www.juggle.org/championships> for rules and entry information.

Games of the IJA

The games are always a festival favorite. Kick back in the gym and watch or, better yet, join in the fun. Questions or ideas? Contact Games Director Scott Slesnick at games@juggle.org.

Being There



Photo by Eleanor Coonce courtesy of the Lexington CVB

Workshops

The festival will be packed with dozens of one-hour workshops each day from Tuesday morning to Saturday afternoon. Featuring a wide range of props, skill levels and styles, all workshops are free and open to festival registrants (except the special three-day Juggling University workshop). Interested in sharing your skills? Contact Workshop Coordinator Chuck Hawley at workshops@juggle.org.

IJA Auction

No item is too old – or too odd – for this year's annual auction. Donate an item by contacting auction@juggle.org, or just show up and bid on juggling articles, props, memorabilia and photos. Proceeds will benefit the IJA Archives Fund.

Vendors

The main gym will be home to a wide variety of vendors selling props, clothing, jewelry, toys, books, videos and more. Vendor spaces are available on the registration form. Each person working in the gym as a vendor needs either an Event Package or Gym Admission. For more information contact vendors@juggle.org.

Annual Business Meeting

At noon on Wednesday, you'll meet candidates for the Board of Directors, discuss ideas to improve the IJA, and more!

DVD Special

Each person getting an Event Package can also buy the Championships and Highlights DVD 2-Pack for the very low price of only \$15. DVDs will be shipped directly to you after production in the fall of 2008.

Spectator Passes

Spectator passes are \$5/day per person for the general public and non-juggling relatives or friends of registered jugglers. Spectator passes provide gym access for watching juggling and browsing the booths. They do not include admission to any shows.

Welcome to Lexington, Kentucky

Located at the heart of Central Kentucky's famed scenic Bluegrass region, Lexington is known around the world for its role in producing champion racehorses and fine bourbon. The downtown has many restaurants located within a short walking distance from the Hyatt and Convention Center. Lexington's central location makes an ideal base from which to explore the entire Bluegrass region. Within a short drive you'll find pioneer forts, outdoor theatres, crafts fairs, historic railways, scenic byways and much more. Drop by <http://www.visitlex.com> for more info.

Juggle in the Lexington Convention Center

The Lexington Convention Center is in the heart of Lexington's historic downtown, in the center of Kentucky, and in the center of 75% of the population of the United States, at the intersection of I-64 and I-75. The Convention Center is connected to the Hyatt Regency Hotel and offers over 100,000 square feet of well lit, climate-controlled juggling space. The main juggling space of 30,000 square feet will feature both carpet (one color) and smooth concrete. Nearby are retail boutiques, restaurants and many entertainment opportunities all within easy walking distance. The IJA has arranged for free wireless Internet access for jugglers in the Convention Center.

Lexington Opera House

The Lexington Opera House is known as one of the premiere performing arts centers in the region. Seating over 1000, the distinctively 19th century flavor found in the original Opera House is one of the most charming features of this restored theatre. Plush decor, red velvet curtains and golden ornamental plaster castings adorn the grand stairway, the proscenium and the queen boxes. This fully modernized theater is the perfect showcase for our lineup of first-class competitions and performances.

Photo: Joyce Howard



Hotel

Hyatt Regency Lexington

Phone: 859-253-1234
401 West High Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
<http://www.lexington.hyatt.com>
\$102/night with Group code **G-JUGG** for a stay within July 12-22 – reserve by June 13
Internet access: \$9.99/day

Make your hotel reservations directly with the Hyatt Regency Lexington, our festival hotel in the heart of downtown, only steps away from the Lexington Convention Center. At the Hyatt Regency, you'll enjoy high-speed Internet access (for a fee), an indoor pool, a health facility, complimentary overnight self-parking, and a free airport shuttle. **(Wireless Internet access requires a fee in the hotel but is free in the Convention Center.)**

To get the IJA rate of \$102 per room (with up to four people), mention the International Jugglers' Association or Group code G-JUGG and reserve your rooms by June 13. All rooms are subject to an additional 13.4% state and local tax.

Parking

Parking is provided in the Lexington Convention Center parking lot, directly across the street from the Hyatt Hotel. Parking is complimentary for overnight guests of the hotel.

Camping

Approximately 8 miles from the Lexington Convention Center, set amidst the rolling hills of the Bluegrass is one of America's finest resort campgrounds – the Kentucky Horse Park Campground. Call 888-459-7275. Website: <http://www.kyhorsepark.com/sub.php?pageid=54>

Airport

Lexington's Blue Grass Airport (airport code LEX) is about a 15-minute drive from festival headquarters and has six major airlines providing 13 non-stop destinations and over 85 flights daily. The Hyatt Regency Lexington offers complimentary shuttle transportation to and from Lexington Blue Grass Airport on a first come, first served basis.

Volunteers

The IJA is an all-volunteer organization. This means we need YOU to help make the fest a smooth running experience for all of us. If you can share a little time at the fest, please contact festvolunteers@juggle.org.

Three Ways to Register

1. Internet: Register and pay online (or by check) using our secure registration form at:

www.juggle.org/festival

2. Mail: If you use US Mail, your registration form must be RECEIVED by July 1.

Send registration form with credit card information or a check payable to IJA, to:

International Jugglers' Association
PO BOX 273
South Deerfield, MA 01373-0273
USA

3. Fax: Fax the registration form with credit card information by July 1 to 302-397-2345.

Fees and Deadlines

Youth Group Discount: Event Packages are available through June 1 for only \$79 each to groups of **10 or more youths** attending with a chaperone and registered together. For details, contact Richard Kennison at festival2008@juggle.org.

Early Bird: Register by April 1 and pay only \$159 for an Adult Event Package or \$89 for a Youth-Senior Event Package.

Advanced: Register April 2 through June 15 and pay \$189/Adult or \$109/Youth-Senior.

Last Minute: Register after June 15 and pay \$229/Adult or \$139/Youth-Senior.

Registration Notes

Youth-Senior prices are for ages 11-17 and 65+. Youth Group ages are 11-17.

Daily gym admission and show tickets are also available separately. Full payment must accompany your registration.

A few weeks after you register, you'll get a confirmation email. Your festival registration materials will await you in Lexington.

(See the Hotel section about reservations at the Hyatt Regency with the IJA rate.)

Questions about registration?
Contact Registrar Holly Greeley:
registrar@juggle.org or 413-522-0033.

2008 IJA Festival Schedule of Events

Monday July 14	Tuesday July 15	Wednesday July 16	Thursday July 17	Friday July 18	Saturday July 19	Sunday July 20
10am: Facility Open	9am-5pm: Registration	9am-5pm: Registration	9am-5pm: Registration	9am-5pm: Registration	9am-5pm: Registration	
Noon-5pm: Registration	9am-noon: Jogging	10am: Affiliates Noon: Business Meeting	11am: Planting the Juggling Seed	10am-Noon: Auction	10:30am-Noon: Endurance Games	
FREE JUGGLING	1-4pm: Special Workshop	1-4pm: Special Workshop	1-4pm: Special Workshop	Noon-3pm: Numbers Championships	1-4pm: Games	FREE JUGGLING
			3-5pm: Individual Prop Competition	4-6pm: XJuggling	4pm: Big Toss-Up photo follows games	3pm: Gym closes. See you next year!
	8pm: Welcome Show	7pm: Youth Showcase 9pm: Juniors	7pm: Teams & Individuals Championships	8pm: Cascade of Stars	7pm: Awards Banquet & Show	
	Midnight: Renegade Show	Midnight: Renegade Show				

All schedules and guests are subject to change without notice.

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2008 IJA FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM

Remember, you can register quickly and securely via the web at:

www.juggle.org/festival

You must be an IJA member to register for the festival. If you're not a member or your membership expires before July 20, 2008, fill out the Membership section below. (Check your magazine's mailing label for your membership expiration date.)

Choose the **Event Package** to get access to the gym, all the shows, and the awards banquet plus a T-shirt (with the Event Package, you can pay \$15 extra to have the Festival Highlights and Championships DVD 2-Pack delivered to you when they are ready). Or you can choose items individually in the **A La Carte** section. Either way, *if you're interested in the special Juggling University workshop, you must register for that separately.*

A few weeks after you register, you'll get a confirmation email. Your festival registration materials will await you in Lexington. Questions about registration? Visit www.juggle.org/festival or contact Registrar Holly Greeley: registrar@juggle.org or 413-522-0033.

Youth Group Packages of 10 or more registered by June 1: \$79 each – contact festival2008@juggle.org for details.

Member Name	Phone	Year of birth
Address	Email	
City, State/Province	Zip/postal code	Country

Member Status (please circle one): New Renew Individual Family Life Member

Family Member 1	Year of birth
Family Member 2	Year of birth
Family Member 3	Year of birth
Family Member 4	Year of birth

(Add any more family members on a separate sheet of paper.)

MEMBERSHIP

Each participant must be a current member to attend the IJA festival. You may join for multiple years.

Individual membership: 18 or older, includes 4 issues/year of JUGGLE magazine.

Youth membership: 17 or under, includes 4 issues/year of JUGGLE magazine. Youth members may not add Family Members.

Additional family members: Individual Members may add additional family members living at the same address for \$5 each. All additional family members, except one, must be 22 or younger. Children 12 and under are free. Family members will not receive a separate copy of IJA publications.

	Years	Quantity	Total \$
Dues, circle membership price: Individual \$30 Youth \$23			
Additional Family Members, \$5 each			
Life Membership \$1500			
Total Membership (US\$)			A

EVENT PACKAGE

Event package includes everything listed in A La Carte **except** Juggling University workshop and vendor options. A Youth is between the ages of 11 and 17. Children 10 and under: free Gym Pass; half-price Show Tickets. Shirt sizes available are Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL — add "Ladies" if you want a Ladies style...note that these run slightly small. If you want the Highlights & Championships DVDs for \$15, indicate quantity below. Indicate number of vegetarian meals, if any, for the banquet.

	Vegetarians	Shirt Size	Quantity	Price	Total \$
Adult Event Package, if registered by 4/1/07				\$159	
Adult Event Package, after 4/1/07 and by 6/15/07				\$189	
Adult Event Package, after 6/15/07 or onsite				\$229	
Total Adult (ages 18-64) Event Packages					B
Youth/Senior Event Package, if registered by 4/1/07				\$89	
Youth/Senior Event Package, after 4/1/07 and by 6/15/07				\$109	
Youth/Senior Event Package, after 6/15/07 or onsite				\$139	
Total Youth/Senior (ages 11-17, 65+) Event Packages					C
Festival DVD 2-Pack (Limit 1 per Event Package)				\$15	D
Subtotal A + B + C + D					\$

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A LA CARTE

Adult (18-64) Gym Admission	Quantity	Price	Total \$
Circle days: TUE WED THU FRI SAT Circle price: 5 days: \$130 4 days: \$110 3 days: \$85 2 days: \$60 1 day: \$35			

Youth (11-17) or Senior (65+) Gym Admission	Quantity	Price	Total \$
Circle days: TUE WED THU FRI SAT Circle price: 5 days: \$60 4 days: \$50 3 days: \$40 2 days: \$30 1 day: \$20			

Tickets Seniors are 65+. Adults are 18-64. Youths are 11-17. Children are 10 and under.	Number of Adults		No. of Youths and Seniors		Number of Children		Total \$
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Welcome Show	Tue		\$15		\$15		\$7
Youth Showcase and Juniors Championships	Wed		\$15		\$15		\$7
Individuals & Teams Championships	Thu		\$20		\$15		\$10
Cascade of Stars	Fri		\$30		\$20		\$15
Awards Banquet/Show: how many vegetarians: _____	Sat		\$30		\$25		\$15

Miscellaneous	Quantity	Price	Total \$
Festival T-Shirt, circle size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Ladies style []		\$15	
Special Workshop: Juggling University		\$100	
Vendor Space (12' wide, 2 tables) Electric Hookup \$60 extra []		\$150	
Vendor Additional Tables (\$40 extra each)		\$40	
Spectator (non-juggler, gym access only), circle days: TUE WED THU FRI SAT Circle price: 5 days: \$25 4 days: \$20 3 days: \$15 2 days: \$10 1 day: \$5			

Grand Total (US\$) of all the above	\$
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WAIVER/CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH & VIDEO RECORDING

All registrants (or parent/guardian of those under 18) must sign the following WAIVER/CONSENT to help the IJA continue to produce its annual festival and related videos and photographs. Thank you!

IN CONSIDERATION OF MY BEING ACCEPTED as a registrant with the right to participate in the 2008 annual festival of the International Jugglers' Association, Inc. ("IJA") in Lexington, Kentucky, USA, I, the undersigned registrant, hereby:

- (1) WAIVE any and all rights I may have against the IJA and any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives, acting within the scope of their duties as such, to recover any claims, losses, damages or expenses of any kind asserted against, or suffered or incurred by me in any way arising out of or caused by an activity associated with the IJA Festival; and
- (2) CONSENT to the making of filmed or digital photographs and videotape or digital image recordings of my person and my performances at the IJA Festival, as expressly authorized by IJA, and LICENSE IJA and its agents to register copyright in any such photographs and recordings in its own name and reproduce and distribute copies thereof. This consent and license shall not be construed as conveying any rights in the design or choreography of any performance of mine except for the photographs and recordings hereby authorized.

Signature of Member, or if under 18, of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Family Member 1 _____ Date _____

Signature of Family Member 2 _____ Date _____

Signature of Family Member 3 _____ Date _____

Signature of Family Member 4 _____ Date _____

PAYMENT [] Check to "IJA" enclosed [] Visa [] MasterCard (Fill in credit card info below.)

Card Number	Expiration Date
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Name on Card	3-digit Security Code (from back of card)
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Signature

Mail to: **International Jugglers' Association, PO Box 273, South Deerfield, MA 01373-0273**
 Or fax to: **302-397-2345**. Within a few weeks, you'll get a confirmation email.
 Thank you for registering for the 61st International Jugglers' Association Festival in Lexington!

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