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2008 IJA Festival, Lexington, Kentucky

Lexington Notes by Richard Kennison

Everyone,

I just spent two days in Lexington, KY. I am very thrilled to tell you that I think it is a wonderful site. I will not go into long details here but:

You can park your car (for free if you stay the the Hyatt) and never have to use it again to take part in all IJA activities. There is a free hotel shuttle to and from the airport. I drove— just at six hours from St. Louis, MO.

There are tours and historic activities to do if you choose to.

There is a children's Explorium within walking distance.

There are lots of restaurants of all types within walking distance. I did do a quick visit to a number of them. But there are dozens of them.

The Lexington Opera House, where our evening shows will be, is within walking distance -- very close and just beautiful for our needs. It is connected to the convention center by an enclosed walkway. There are a total of almost 1,000 seats, including two balconies. The theatre was built in 1896 and has been renovated. It is a real stage. They have touring Broadway shows on this stage.

The Hyatt is connected to the convention center. The convention center has a food court and shops and they are open on a daily basis. There is a vibrant downtown area right around the convention center.

The convention center contact person, the hotel contact person and the theatre contact person are all professional and excited that we are coming. Bond Jacobs—the visitors bureau contact person is an asset and will go the extra mile for us. Our convention is considered a large one for this convention center so they are motivated to help us.

The site selection team did a great job. I am very optimistic about attendance as Lexington is within a day's drive from a large part of the country.

More details to come.

Help Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the IJA positions below, please pose your candidature to board@juggle.org

Treasurer

We are currently looking into re-structuring the treasury position to make splitting up some of the functions a practical proposition.

If you are interested in helping out, but can't make a major time commitment, please contact Holly to discuss what might be possible and practical.

World Juggling Day Co-Ordinator

Don Higgins did a great job last year, and he is eager to pass on his experience to the next WJD person. Please contact board@juggle.org if you are interested in helping with this important project this year.

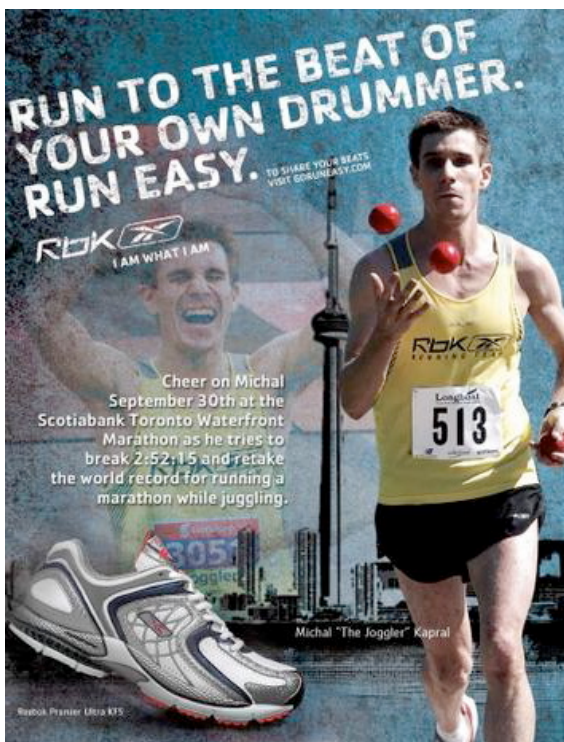
IJA looking for marketing help, by Dave Walbridge

Are you a marketing professional? The IJA is seeking a marketing professional or firm to do some consulting on creating our marketing plan. If you would be willing to help us hammer out some ideas to grow membership, increase visibility and develop marketing goals -- great! Contact us at board@juggle.org

Committees**Competition Rules by Chuck Hawley**

The new IJA Stage Competition Rules are in development. I have received a number of emails with ideas and suggestions for the new judging system. The working group has raised a number of different issues that are being discussed and debated. A draft proposal will be posted to the open discussion forum soon for comment and critique. If you have any last second thoughts please email them to me. Hawley@juggle.org.

The **Bylaws** group is considering changes to the IJA bylaws. Contact Will Penman@juggle.org to express an opinion on changes to IJA governance.

**Juggling Gets Respect !**

Many of you may have seen this ad which appeared in a recent Running Room magazine. Michal Kapral set a new record of 2:50:09 juggling all the way. That's just amazing! And it is pretty neat to see a major manufacturer supporting this specialty niche.

Awareness of juggling has never been higher, and we should be taking advantage of that to spread the joy of juggling just a little further. Cities large and small have running specialty stores and large numbers of enthusiastic runners. Perhaps the only thing holding some of them back from trying juggling is a bit of basic juggling instruction. So consider dropping into a running store and offering to run a juggling workshop. They already know how to run. And for once, we don't need to cure them of throwing forward!

It would be a useful project if some of our jugglers could develop a basic juggling reference sheet. That would give members who want to offer workshops a bit of added credibility, and it would be a good resource to have on the IJA web site. We might even find a sponsor. If you want to help write the juggling reference sheet, Contact Don Lewis@juggle.org.

INSURANCE MEMBER BENEFIT, by *Kim Laird*

IJA members have asked for this member benefit in the past. Now it is a reality. The IJA now offers our members a discounted liability insurance through Hilb, Rogal and Hobbs of Philadelphia. Whether you are a performer, president of a club, organizer of a juggling fest, or a hobbyist who juggles in public places, this insurance is for you.

For \$150 per year you are covered for comprehensive liability limits of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate as well as \$2 million in coverage on products and completed operations. You are also covered for \$1 million in personal and advertising injury and \$300,000 for fire damage legal liability. There is NO charge for additional insured certificates. This liability coverage can even be extended to cover business operation from an office location including your home office.

Coverage for fests is available. Call Dale Wittick for a quote for your next fest!

For more information or to apply for this exciting member benefit, go online to www.juggle.org/insurance or email Kim Laird at laird@juggle.org. You can also contact our insurance agent, Dale Wittick, directly by phoning 1-800-HRH-4700.

TurboFest - Quebec City January 4, 5, 6 2008

Last year was the birth of a new juggling convention in Quebec City. Turbo 418's "Carnabal" attracted over 600 people in its first year. Quebec Circus School jugglers hope that it will be bigger and better the second time around.

The school is second home to a number of talented jugglers from Canada, the United States, Switzerland, and Japan throughout the year. It is housed in a beautiful building that was originally a church, and there's a ton of space. The welcoming atmosphere and friendly environment there are ideal for a juggling festival, and this year's second edition, TurboFest, promises to be even better than the last.

TurboFest will be held on January 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2008. You can check the November edition of the newsletter for further information, and videos and other media resources can be found on Turbo 418's myspace, at <http://www.myspace.com/turbo418>.



Geneva World Circus Year 2010

http://www.worldcircus.org/en/2010_World_circus_year.html

Lexington General Interest

From the Lexington Convention Bureau

Located at the heart of Central Kentucky's famed scenic Bluegrass Region, Lexington is known around the world for champion racehorses and fine bourbon.

Lexington is the center of the world's Thoroughbred horse industry and is where the top racehorses are bred, born, trained, officially registered, bought and sold, retired to stud and buried. In the Bluegrass, you can meet previous Derby champions - or perhaps catch a glimpse of a future winner on the world's most famous horse farms. Keeneland Race Course, a beautiful park reminiscent of those in England, holds race meets annually in April and October and sales

throughout the year. The Kentucky Horse Park, a 1,200 acre park dedicated to all breeds of horse, offers visitors a chance to interact with horses and will be the first North American host of the World Equestrian Games in 2010. Lexington truly is the Horse Capital of the World!

Nearly 100% of the world's bourbon is produced in Kentucky! Visit the home of true Kentucky bourbon where time-honored methods developed in the early 19th century are still used today. Woodford Reserve, Buffalo Trace, Four Roses & Wild Turkey offer tours that unlock the mysteries and heritage of the United States' only native spirit.