

IJA eNewsletter



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Help attract new members by spreading the word!

Special World Juggling Day
Offer is good now through
June 16 for new IJA
members.

See page 5 for details.

WWW.JUGGLE.ORG

IJA Festival Bowling Green, Ohio July 15 - 21, 2013

Fest info and registration:

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

Pre-Register Online by June 20

or

Register In Person at the Festival

2013 Festival News, by Kim Laird - Festival Director

We are in the final days of pre-registration for the 2013 IJA Fest in Bowling Green, Ohio! Are you registered yet? You do not want to miss this year's fest with all of the activities and shows planned! **Pre-registration ends June 20.**

Get ready to break some records! We have made special arrangements with **The Guinness Book of World Records**, and Guinness will be accepting video submission from the IJA of record breaking feats! Attempts at record breaking will be videoed during the Numbers Competition and Juggling. Guinness will determine which attempts were successful. If accepted by Guinness, the record breaking individual or team will receive Guinness certification.

Buskers... contact Laura Ernst to enter the **Busker Competition**, which now has **\$3000** in prize money plus, for the winner, a beautiful trophy honoring **Robert "The Butterfly Man" Nelson**. Laura can be reached at busking@juggle.org.

Attention all youth! Are you interested in performing at the 2013 IJA Festival? The **Youth Showcase** is the place for you, our young people, to exhibit your talents and make the adults cringe with envy. If you are interested in performing in the Youth Showcase, contact Art Thomas at showcase@juggle.org.

Tuesday night at the fest will see the **Taste of Vaudeville** show and Saturday night brings us the **Cascade of Stars** show. Keith Nelson has been working hard to put together stellar lineups for both shows! Confirmed performers include Svetlana Zueva, Jeton, Jonglissimo (four person team), Jay Gilligan, Wes Peden, Steven Ragatz, Rob Torres, Markus Furtner and Thomas Dietz!

Please note: If you have registered but **cannot attend the fest**, please let us know immediately at registrar@juggle.org. In particular, if you cancel dorm, camping, meal and parking reservations on or before **June 22**, you can get a full refund (less up to about 3% for any bank or PayPal fees the IJA has to pay). After that date, the IJA will be contractually bound to pay BGSU for such reservations, so we cannot offer any dorm, camping, meal or parking refunds after June 22.

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2013 Festival News, *continued from page 1***Championships Finalists**

The preliminaries for the 2013 IJA Championships are now over and the field of finalists is fierce! The finalists are listed below (in no particular order), and some are also pictured here. Watch eJuggle for bios and more pics of the finalists in the very near future. Congratulations to the finalists!

Anyone interested in **volunteering** to help with the Championships on Wednesday and Thursday of fest week, please contact Viveca Gardiner, Championships Director, at championships@juggle.org.

Individuals:

Kellin Quinn
Jacob D'Eustachio
Wes Peden
Jimmy Gonzalez
Kyle Driggs

Teams:

Corporation of Jugglology
Kentokaito
Kikyo Brothers
Mountain Motion
Pastels

Juniors:

Ashley Ellis
Patrick Frasier
Tusuke Yokoyama
Yoko Ono



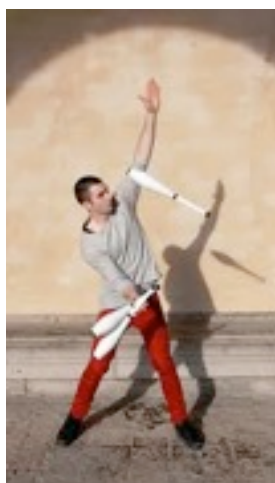
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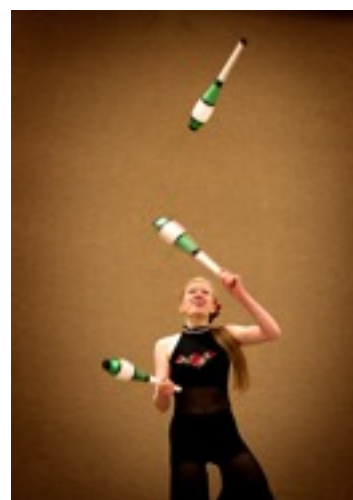
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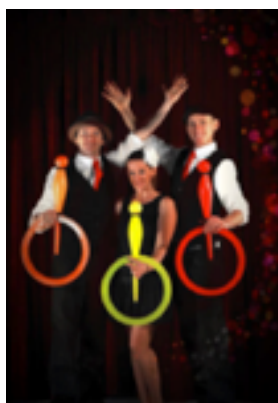


Ashley Ellis

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Patrick Frasier



Mountain Motion



Yoko Ono



Kentokaito



Pastels

BUSKER COMPETITION NEWS...

Let's see what you've got! Back by popular demand, this years IJA Butterfly Man Busking Competition, sponsored by iiWii, has \$3,000 in prize money. Yes, \$3,000 in prize money!!! Everyone that competes walks away with a portion of the winnings. There's no other competition that can say that. Get your street show ready and sign up today! Contact Laura Ernst busking@juggle.org.



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2013 Festival News, continued from page 3**Special Guests**

- **Jonglissimo**
- **Markus Furtner**
- **Jeton the Gentleman Juggler**
- **Svetlana Zueva**
- **Steven Ragatz**
- **Jay Gilligan**
- **Rob Torres**
- **Thomas Dietz**
- **David Cain**
- more to come...The IJA will bring a number of Special Guests to our festival to perform on stage and to present regular and special workshops.



Jonglissimo - new four person routine

Camping Update!

There is important news about camping on the campus of BGSU. Camping will now be **indoors**, housed in dorm rooms in Harshman Quad, which is right next to the outdoor space that would have been used. Showers and bathroom facilities will be available 24 hours a day to those camping in that

building. There are beds in Harshman; however, you will need your own sheets (or sleeping bags), pillows and towels. The rate remains just \$11 per day per person. Remember the deadline for pre-registration is June 20.

Fun!

In addition to workshops, shows, and the usual fest activities there will be a lot of other fun to be had at the 2013 IJA Fest! Have you ever ridden a mechanical bull? Juggled on a hovercraft? Marched in the Juggler Parade through the center of town? The 2013 IJA Fest is the place to be to do all this and

more! You only have a short amount of time to pre-register so don't wait much longer! After June 20 you will only be able to register onsite. So take a few minutes and register online for the 2013 IJA Fest. You won't want to miss a single minute!

Juggling - Volunteers Needed

The juggling competition needs a few volunteers who are not actually juggling on Saturday morning. If you would like to spend a couple of hours helping with one of the IJA's signature events, we would be happy to have your help. You don't have to be able to run or

juggle to help out. The tasks are simple, and you'll be outside. Please contact juggling coordinator Len Ferman at juggling@juggle.org.

<http://www.juggle.org/pastfestivals/juggling/>

First time attending an IJA festival?

One of the best ways to get into the festival experience is to volunteer some time. As soon as you pick up your registration materials at the IJA desk, one of the first things you'll see as you enter the juggling space is the volunteer table. You can sign up

for as few or as many hours as you like. There is almost always something easy to do and it helps out a lot. The festival is a volunteer effort which keeps the price as low as possible. Volunteering is a great way to meet people quickly and feel involved.

Anyone interested in playing in the Jugglers' Band for the 2013 IJA Fest, contact Bruce Plott at bruceplott@comcast.net.



Help attract new members by spreading the word!

Special World Juggling Day Offer

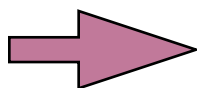
On June 15 & 16, NEW IJA members can join for only:

\$14 for Youth [usually \$24]

\$19 for Adults [usually \$29]

Join at: juggle.org/IJA

Pass along this special two-day offer by printing and handing out copies of the half-page flyer. [Download the PDF file](#) which has two flyers per page, print a bunch, and cut them in half. **Give them out at juggling meetings, at WJD events, at shows, at festivals, anywhere you find jugglers!** **Help bring in new members. Buy gift memberships for your non-IJA friends at the reduced rates.** The special WJD prices are for people who have never been IJA members -- there are too many of those folks out there, so hand out the flyers and bring them onboard. Or at least tell interested jugglers of the discounts and the URL: juggle.org/IJA.



[Download PDF with two half-page flyers for Special WJD Offer](#)



2013 WJD T-shirts!

Get your WJD T-shirt from the IJA Store while they last! People have loved the design this year, so they are going fast! Your purchase goes towards supporting future WJD organizing.

Design by: www.joculare.com

IJA Store

Thank You iiWii !!



Photo montage by Erin Stephens

The IJA has a mysterious benefactor who chooses to be known as iiWii.

This IJA member has enjoyed success in life and has chosen to share some of that good fortune with the IJA. Each year, the IJA receives a targeted donation that supports education programs and contributes to a reserve fund which will be available to the IJA in the future. There is also a specific amount allocated to the festival "Fun Fund". Thanks, iiWii !

Fun Fund Activities for IJA 2013, by Kim Laird - 2013 festival director

The Fun Fund Activities this year are the Jugglers' Lounge with board games, video games, pinball, etc. The mechanical bull is a Fun Fund item as well as an inflatable bungee run. Those two things will only be in the gym on Friday afternoon. Hovercrafts are part of the Fun Fund. There will be an extreme unicycle course as well as a new and improved

gauntlet. For anyone who has ever wanted to try German Wheel, there will be German Wheels brought in for IJA jugglers to try their hand. This activity will, of course, include instruction. There are other things on the list but some things I'd like to keep a little secret. ;)

A Message from the Chair, by Dave Pawson

Hello, and I hope this message finds you all well! It is a good time to be a juggler; let me remind you a few of the reasons.

[World Juggling Day](#) is almost upon us. On June 15th, join jugglers around the world in celebrating what we do and the wide range of reasons we do it. Whether you choose to juggle alone, juggle with others, teach someone new to juggle, learn something new, participate in the IJA-driven WJD programs, etc., etc., make sure you carve out some time to really appreciate juggling. Visit our [Facebook page](#) for the event to learn more about what we're doing, and how you can be a part of it. I'll be traveling in Europe at that time, so I plan to do a little international juggling of my own....

Our festival draws closer. Just a little over a month until I'll be seeing many of you in Bowling Green, Ohio. The details continue to come together. The list of special guests includes Jonglissimo, Markus Furtner, Jeton the Gentleman Juggler, Svetlana Zueva, Steven Ragatz, Jay Gilligan, Rob Torres, and Thomas Dietz. Not just one, but three of our guests (Thomas Dietz, Steven Ragatz, and Jay Gilligan) will be running special workshops during the festival. We had a huge number of entries for the championships, so I expect them to be pretty epic. The workshop lineup is coming together, but we can always use more; you can volunteer to teach a workshop [here](#). And in addition to all the great festival features you are accustomed to, get ready for Open Stage, the return of the Busking Competition, an improved Juggling History Lounge, a supervised Kids Corner for parents who need some help enjoying the festival, fire nights, and lots more. If you are still sitting the fence about coming, allow me to push you off the fence onto our side. You really want to be there.

While you are all getting pumped up for the 2013 festival, we are already at work trying to line things up for the 2014 festival. We're happy to announce we have now finalized details for our 2014 site. The 2014 IJA Festival will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. We're excited to have lined up another university setting for the festival. It will once again feature low-cost university housing to try to keep your costs for the week low. I'm assured the facilities are gorgeous, and more than adequate for our needs. We're aware that this is just a few hours from Bowling Green, and this is a big country (and an even bigger world). It is hard to get everything

you want in one reasonably priced package, and the other things Purdue brought to the table were too attractive to pass up. Future festivals will move around more. But for 2014, I think you'll all be very happy at Purdue. I'll see you there.

As a reminder, one of the benefits of being an IJA member is that you can take advantage of our Vendor Discount Program, where a variety of vendors provide goods and services at a discount to our members. I'd like to welcome [Three Finger Juggling](#) to the program, starting right now. We try to provide a wide variety of props and services through this program, and Three Finger nicely complements the existing set of vendors by providing a variety of "danger props." If you're looking for knives, axes, or cleavers, check them out. You can see a summary of the participating vendors and discounts [here](#). If you are a vendor who would like to join the program, [drop us an email](#) to learn more.

We did have one rather strange thing happen since I last wrote to you. Every year at our festival, we hold an election to update the members of our board of directors. This year three positions open up, and as the deadline passed for board nominations we received... zero. Not a one. We get lots of feedback that people like the festival. You like the work the IJA is doing around the world with our regional competitions. You like the work we do to make World Juggling Day something special. And so on. And sometimes we very clearly get the message that you don't like what we're doing, or how we're doing it. But nothing happens without the work of volunteers, and most big decisions require the dedication of a board of directors. If you want to make sure the IJA is able to effectively keep doing the things we're doing, and you think you could help, think about running for the board. If you don't like what we're doing, and you think you could do better, think about running for the board. If you are scoffing at the idea, then you are in the same boat I was in just a few years ago, and I'm now writing to you as the chair. Getting things done requires dedicated members that are willing to do some work to shape this organization into the one they want. We've extended the deadline to June 17th, and we have received two nominations for candidates already. Be a part of something kinda awesome....

IJA Board Nomination Deadline and Election Ballot

June 17 is the deadline for nominations for the IJA Board and for candidacy statements. Nominations and statements should be emailed to nominations@juggle.org.

Shortly after the June 17 deadline, the IJA will email members their new seven-digit codes for voting along with a link to an online PDF file that will contain the list of Board nominees, their statements, and a ballot that can be printed, marked and mailed in for the Board election. Members can instead vote at the IJA Festival in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. Details can be found at: <http://www.juggle.org/business/nominations>

YMCA "Special Friends" Update, by Bob Neuman

I've been teaching juggling to the North Arlington (TX) YMCA's "Special Friends" group for over a year.

A brief description of the group – about 8-10 adults with challenges. They range in age from their 20's to their 60's. Originally there were about 18 members, but some just were not interested in juggling (which is a shame, because at least one of those that chose not to participate had made great progress – but I think she didn't like any pressure in her life – and I do try to make it pressure free as much as possible). They meet once a week for about an hour. The members who remain are very enthusiastic and hard-working (and sometimes competitive).

We still warm-up with scarves. Due to the differences in abilities not every person can do every skill.

Some things I have discovered about using scarves:

- Dexterity does play a big part in holding two scarves in one hand but just releasing/throwing one of them. So, we practice a lot of two in one hand exercises

- Some folks like (almost insist upon) balling up/crumbling the scarf before throwing/tossing it. This is a very difficult habit to break. I think the tactile feel of balling up the scarf may play a part in this.

- My best ball juggler has difficulty with scarves, but two others have been aided a lot by using scarves.

- There are three members who can flash three scarves easily but they have a real difficulty catching them all in the correct sequence all of the time (i.e., 1st thrown is 1st caught – they tend to catch the last thrown first!). I have been using just two colors of scarves – the 3rd being the odd color so that they can more readily see which color they should be catching last and in which hand (my verbal instruction just didn't get through). Getting them to make that fourth throw is a challenge.

About juggling balls: We started by using "play-pit" balls with some sand in them, that I made. That worked well for most (although I did have to purchase a few sets of smaller balls – it seems some of them have unusually small hands for older adults). One member can easily flash 3 balls and two others have the correct throwing pattern down – they just have to work on catching all three. One can also easily keep two in the air with one hand.

- I noticed that the play-pit balls may be too light for some – hard to feel, so to speak. So I copied Scott Slesnick's excellent method of making tennis balls into filled juggling balls. They are heavier and pretty cheap (you can probably go to a tennis club and ask for used ones). I took a tennis-balls-&-can workshop a long time ago with Scott, and I am still using the balls & can he sold there! Most of my group is pretty physically inactive so, this also presents a little weight bearing exercise for them.

- I also incorporated the can. I was VERY surprised at how well the whole group did. They started by tossing one ball and catching it in the can (opposite hand). A few made a

throwing motion but then just placed the ball in the can...but now everyone is tossing them in.

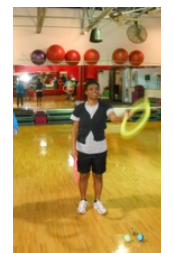
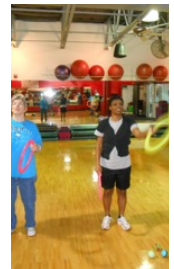
- At first I told them to simply turn the can over and let the ball drop down to the opposite hand for the catch. A few started to toss out of the can (that is, making an upward then quickly downward motion to get the ball out of the can) on their own!

- I then brought in some lacrosse style bounce balls. First just bouncing one ball, then two and then incorporating the tennis cans to catch. Again, I was very amazed at how well they do. But a word of caution – it is tempting to really slam that ball down to see just how high it will go....so our keyword is "control".

- Last week three members were able use 1 ball & can each and pass the balls in different patterns to one another.

About rings:

- We use the softer, thicker Renegade style rings (also the squares and triangles and larger rings). The big step has been to be able to toss a ring in one hand while tossing a ball in the other. This exercise really makes them concentrate.



As I said, the members are at very different levels, skill wise. But they have all improved a lot. One woman could not throw an object up and catch it (with either hand). She literally got distracted while the object was in the air (and she was not doing high throws). She can now do balls, rings and tennis ball & can for 3-4 consecutive throws and catches (using the same hand to throw & catch with).

The addition of more props and more exercises has really kept the group engaged and challenged.

As most jugglers know, I am not that skilled. So, if any jugglers are in the DFW area and want to drop by and show your stuff or teach a bit – feel free! I'll even buy you lunch. We meet Weds. at 1pm at the North Arlington YMCA. You can contact me at dpd4167@aol.com.



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Latest Articles in eJuggle

eJuggle already has a lot of content — more than you would expect to find in a printed magazine. And you find new content more often. Here is a partial list of recently added content. Use the link to eJuggle to see new content, and log in to access content that is just available to IJA members. <http://e.juggle.org>

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omitted.... Get the full list at feed://ezine.juggle.org/feed/

More Festivals! For a list of even more festivals, check the worldwide juggling event listings on the IJA website at:

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

Juggling Festivals

World Juggling Day
Saturday, June 15, 2013
Everywhere

www.juggle.org/wjd

Flatland Juggling Festival
June 21 - 23, 2013
Lincoln, NE

underthecouch.com/lcj

Juggle This! NYC's 11th Festival
Jun 21 - 23, 2013
Barnard College, 3009 Broadway,
Manhattan, New York 10027 USA
<http://www.jugglethisnyc.com/>

Norwegian Juggling Convention
June 25 - 30, 2013
Levanger, Norway
<http://www.sjonglering.com/>

Boulder Juggling Festival
June 28 - 30, 2013
Boulder, CO
www.bouldercircuscenter.com

FCM Convention
July 8-12, 2013
Nashville, TN
www.fcm.org/usa

IJA Festival 2013
July 15 - 21, 2013
Bowling Green, OH
<http://www.juggle.org/festival>

Kansas City Juggling Festival
September 6 - 8, 2013
Rockhurst High School
Kansas City, MO
kansascityjugglingclub.com

36th European Juggling Convention
July 27 - August 4, 2013
Toulouse, France
<http://www.ejc2013.org/>

Portland Juggling Festival
September 27 - 29, 2013
Portland, OR
<http://www.portlandjugglers.org/>

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. 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.