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July 12 - 15
2017
in Hebron, KY



"Jacko" the Monkey is the official mascot of the Vent Haven ConVENTion. See the "real" puppet Jacko at the Vent Haven Museum.

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Plan to Attend the World's Best Vent Happening!

"YEAR OF IMPROVING!"

**WELCOME TO VENT HAVEN ConVENTion 2017...
AND IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG ONE!!**

In your hands is your ticket to the BEST and LARGEST gathering of ventriloquists in the world! You will not get another chance to see so much talent, sharing, and fun in one place than VHC 2017. You can shop our two full dealers' rooms to buy just the right vent puppet or figure; hear career-changing lectures and workshops; and meet the best and the brightest ventriloquism has to offer.

You may say "I'm interested in vent but don't have the basics down!". Not to worry...we have a terrific "Introduction to Ventriloquism" class taught by a world-renowned ventriloquist (Liz Von Seggen) to get you started correctly. Need advice on things having to do with shows and presentation? We have you covered. We have a workshop scheduled to answer your questions hosted by Gary Owen, pro vent from Oklahoma, plus many other workshop surprises.

Did we also mention we have two of the brightest stars in the vent world presenting lectures? Jeff Dunham will be lecturing on "Your Act: Improving What You Think Is Right" and Tony Award winning vent Jay Johnson teaching you "Acting For Ventriloquists". These are both "must see" eVENTS!

For the very first time ever we have professional comedy writer Linda Perret on hand to teach the secrets of comedy writing. Linda has a virtual list of "who's who" in show business that she has written comedy material for including Jeff Dunham, Terry Fator, Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope and hundreds of others.

The theme this year is "The Year of Improving" and that's what we want you to be doing, improving your craft and moving ventriloquism forward in your market. Plan to be there and use the handy form inside this brochure to secure your place at VHC 2017! You'll be glad you did!!

Best in Ventriloquism...



Mark Wade - Executive Director
Vent Haven International Ventriloquists' ConVENTion



JUNIOR/SENIOR OPEN MIC INFO

- Each category will have 8 participants, with two alternates in each division. To apply for one of the eight spots the attendee must email the Executive Director at kidshowvent@gmail.com on **March 8, 2017 by 10 AM Eastern Standard Time in the United States**. The first 8 messages the Executive Director receives at 10 AM requesting entrance in the respective Open Mic session will be accepted, with two alternates also being accepted. The order of the lists will be determined by the way they are received in the Executive Director's email inbox.
- The time limit will be 5 minutes for a routine.
- After the performer completes his or her routine they will be lead to the front of the stage by the MC to receive their comments.
- We will have three critique officials who will sit up front and review each performance and all three officials will give the performer comments for improvement and encouragement. A spot up front will be provided for the performer's designated videographer or camera person to record **ONLY** that person's performance and comments. Immediately after this performer has received his or her comments the video person must vacate the designated seat for the next performer's video person.
- A ballot for a "People's Choice Award" will be given to each person **ATTENDING** the open mic session to vote for their top **TWO** favorites in each division. These ballots will be given out at the door and will be turned in to the Hospitality people who will be collecting the ballots. You cannot leave and then return to the session with your ballot. The ballots will be tallied by the critique officials.
- The first place winners in each division will be given \$50.00 vouchers to be spent in the dealers rooms, while the second place will receive \$25.00 vouchers for use in the dealers. All participants will be given a "Certificate of Participation".
- **ANY** campaigning beforehand will result in the participant in question being disqualified from winning.
- Good Luck to all and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Executive Director Mark Wade at kidshowvent@gmail.com

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Vent Haven ConVENTion 2017 - Schedule of Events

Vent Haven Museum Open to those that drive 10 AM - 1 PM on Wednesday Only

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 3:00 PM- Registration Opens
- 4:00 PM- First Time Attendees Orientation
- 4:45 PM- Sign Up for General Open Mic Sessions
- 5:00-7:00 PM- DINNER
- 7:00 PM- Official Opening with John S. "Brook" Brooking, President of Vent Haven Museum and Mark Wade, Executive Director of Vent Haven ConVENTion
- 7:15 PM- "BIG WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOW"
MC- Pete Michaels with Lee Cornell, Lori Brunner and Pete Michaels
- 9:00 PM- "Introduction to Vent" w/ Liz Von Seggen
- 9:00 PM-Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 9:00 AM-Greeting by Mark Wade, Executive Director of Vent Haven ConVENTion
- 9:15 AM- LECTURE: "How To Be Funny!" with Taylor Mason
- 10:30 AM- LECTURE: "Improving Your Rehearsals" with Todd Oliver
- 11:45-1:00 PM- LUNCH - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:15-2:30 PM- JUNIOR OPEN MIC- MC- Bob Isaacson
- 3:00-4:15 PM- SENIOR OPEN MIC- MC- Dale Brown
- 4:30 PM- LECTURE: "Comedy Writing Techniques" with Linda Perret
- 5:45-7:00 PM- DINNER - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:00 PM- "SUPER THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW" with MC- Jim Barber, Tom Crowl, Yoly Pancheco and Dan Christopher
- 9:00 PM- LECTURE: "Acting For Ventriloquists" with Jay Johnson
- 10:30 PM-Midnight - GENERAL OPEN MIC with MC Bob Rumba
- 10:30 PM-Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- 9:00-10:30 AM- Junior Vent University with Gary Owen and Lynn Trefzger-Joy
- 9:00-10:15 AM- Blockbuster Workshops -
 - "Incorporating Emotions and Senses In Your Show" - Kenny Byrd
 - "Improving Your Brand" - Tom Crowl
 - "Can You Hear Me Now? - Pro Sound Tips for Performers" - Dan Christopher

FRIDAY, JULY 14 cont.

- 10:30-11:45 AM- Repeat of Blockbuster Workshops
- 12:15 - GROUP PHOTO (outside - weather permitting)
- 12:30-1:45 PM- LUNCH/ Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:45-3:00 PM- 2nd Group of Blockbuster Workshops
 - "Successfully Using Audience Volunteers" - Dale Brown / Mark Wade
 - "Secrets of Puppet Care & Repair" - Chance Wolf
 - "Pro Staging and Production for Vents" - Gary Owen
- 3:15-4:30 PM- Repeat of 2nd Group of Blockbuster Workshops
- 4:45-5:45 PM- LECTURE: "Your Act - Improving What You Think is Right!" - Jeff Dunham
- 5:45-7:30 PM- DINNER/ Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:30 PM- "INTERNATIONAL SHOW" MC - Shane West (United Kingdom) with Joseph Then (Singapore), Crina Svoboda (Romania), Ja Woo An (South Korea), Shane West (United Kingdom)
- 9:00 PM- Vent Haven Raffle
- 10:15 PM-Midnight - GENERAL OPEN MIC - MC Bob Rumba
- 10:15 PM-Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- 9:00 AM-NOON- Tours to The Vent Haven Museum
- 12:00-1:30 PM- LUNCH - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:30-2:15 PM- International Panel Discussion- with moderator Shane West with Joseph Then, Crina Svoboda, Ja Woo An
- 2:15-3:00 PM- "Meet Russ Lewis" with Mark Wade and Russ Lewis
- 3:15 - 4:45 PM - Round Table Discussion - "Tips On Improvement" with Moderator Al Getler with Alan Semok, Bob Isaacson, Jimmy Nelson, Dan Horn, Ken Groves, Bob Abdou
- 4:45 - 7:00 PM- DINNER - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:00 PM- "All Star Saturday Show" with MC Sammy King with Kenny Byrd, Margaret Davis and Russ Lewis
- 8:30 PM-Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

Please Note: Events can sometimes change at the last minute and that causes the schedule to be altered slightly. In the unlikely event that something does change, we will make every effort to be sure you, in the Vent Community, are informed. Thanks!

ConVENTion Location

The Vent Haven ConVENTion site is at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott, 2395 Progress Drive, Hebron, KY 41048.

For Reservations: Toll Free: **1-800-695-0165**

Hotel Number is: **859-586-0166**

Online: www.marriott.com

A large block of rooms has been set aside for ConVENTion 2017. When you call to make a reservation, PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE VENTRILOQUIST'S CONVENTION TO GET OUR SPECIAL ROOM RATE OF \$108.00 plus tax PER NIGHT for SINGLE or DOUBLE occupancy.

If you are having trouble with the central reservation booking for the Marriott, please call directly to the hotel at **859-586-0166** to make your reservations.

Dealers' Rooms

Vent Haven ConVENTion 2017 is pleased to announce that we will again have TWO full Dealers' Rooms available with over 25 Vent Dealers on hand. The two rooms are located on each end of the International Ball Room: Rooms V and VI and Rooms I and II.

Driving / Flight Information

The ConVENTion site (Cincinnati Airport Marriott) is located in Northern Kentucky, just eight miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. If you're driving up from the south, take I-75 North and then take I-275 West for four miles. Then Exit 4A to the hotel. From the north, take I-75 South until you get to I-275 West, go west four miles and take Exit 4A. The nearest airport is the Greater Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky International Airport. The hotel is one mile away and offers a free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Additional Open Mic Info

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE CHANGES in registration for the Junior & Senior Open Mic. PLEASE REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!!

NO LONGER WILL WE BE TAKING RESERVATIONS BY MAIL...To be eligible to be in the Junior/Senior Open Mic:

- You must be a fully-paid attendee
- The registration will be done by EMAIL.

On **Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM EST (U.S.A.)** you can email me your request to be in the Junior or Senior Open Mic Sessions. I will make up the list by the first 8 people in each category that I receive on March 8 (plus 2 alternates will be added to each list).

DO NOT EMAIL ME IN ADVANCE as I will open my email on that morning at 10:00 AM. This is the most fair way to do this as we have overseas attendees who want to participate but could not get in due to slow delivery time of their regular mail. You can sign up for our **General Open Mic** when you arrive. To give more people a chance to perform, we have two different open mic times with 10 participants in each session...20 in all. There will be a sign-up sheet at our reservation area, so look for it when you register. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

Mark Wade's Email Address is:
kidshowvent@gmail.com

Cancellation Policy

All registrations and Dealer's Tables must be paid in full prior to ConVENTion 2017.

No refunds can be made after June 1, 2017.

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Pre-Registration Form

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At the Cincinnati Airport Marriot
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Registration Rate: **\$145.00 (U.S.)**
for the principal family member and
\$100.00 for each immediate family member.

You can pay via PayPal by visiting
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Registration after May 15, 2017
is **\$160.00 / \$120.00** respectively

No Refunds after June 1, 2017 - Sorry!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Prov. _____

Zip / Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email address _____

- Enclosed is the pre-registration fee of \$ _____
Make checks payable to Vent Haven ConVENTion 2017
- Day Rate: \$60.00 (U.S.) per person, per day
(if less than entire convention)
- Enclosed is: \$100.00 (U.S.) to reserve one DEALER'S TABLE
(plus _____ additional table(s) at \$85.00 each) 2 Tables Only
- I am attending for the first time

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