

# JUGHEADS

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## JJ11 Defies Gravity, Expectations

New venue, show flow, cast size proudly soar

Having performed for 14 years in 13 local annual shows and 11 IJA Youth Showcases in eight states and one Canadian province, the Jugheads have never been treated to a stage with the size, flexibility, and accommodations as the Hopkins High School Auditorium. And that just describes the facilities! Juggle Jam 11 itself set a new mark of a smooth-running production, from the curtains to the lighting to the music to Jughead-wrangling to transitions between acts. All that with the biggest cast ever: 137-138 of our 140 members were present each night! It's impossible to overall objective qualification of JJ11 as the best ever, but by the end of Act One on Friday night, Director **Paul Arneberg** already assessed that it was the most flawlessly executed JJ ever.

her expertise as a leader of Ultimate Club; **Salt & Pepper** wowed the crowd with high-level club passing set to fun music and clever poses; and **Jack L.** performed as the next likely Jughead to compete as an IJA Junior. Always a crowd favorite, Ultimate Club proved why they belong once again on the IJA Teams Championships stage this summer. JJ staples of "Rock This Town" & "Reach" anchored the show, with the Senior Presentation & Slide Show reminding the audience that youth are developing through JJ as much as they are entertaining.

The curtains have closed; the kids are looking to higher standards, fall clubs, or graduation; and we all savor a job well done.

*NOTE: We pour our heart & soul into this production every year, and we thank our three coaches and the parent committee for their invaluable help.*

*We also thank the seniors and the JH families for the gifts presented to us at Saturday night's show. Relationships are intangible and precious, but we're still grateful for the tangible manifestation of your relationship to us through your kind gifts. May God bless you. —Paul & Wendy*



The back-to-back club routines in Act One flowed nicely into each other, from Aliens to Nintendo to Storybook to The Oz Trilogy to Boy Bands. Three specialty acts graced the stage during Act One: 8th grader **Tom G.** featured his rare and exceptional skills with cigar boxes; sophomore **Joey S.** had a laid-back yet technical style featuring up to five 3-inch beanbags; and senior **Ben H.** demonstrated his talents as the reigning bronze medalist in international Juniors competition. The transitional skits kept the entertainment at a premium throughout, including demonstrations, parodies, pantomime, speaking, singing, and dancing.

Act Two featured three back-to-back specialty acts: junior **Amanda R.** showed that her solo skills give depth to



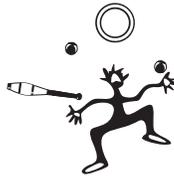
## Looking to 2009-2010 ...

• **JJ12 Dates Already Set!** Mark your calendars for JJ12: **May 14 & 15, 2010** at Hopkins High School. Dress rehearsals will be held the evenings of Tuesday, May 4, and Wednesday, May 12.

• **2009-2010 Fall Registration:** See enclosed 10-point list and form detailing the registration process.

## Officer Voice: Sarah Z.

The moment has arrived. I've been thinking for the past six months about what I'm going to leave the company in this last Officer Voice. There is, in fact, no humanly possible way for me to fit what I want to say into a small column. Here goes: To sum everything up, JH has been (by far) the most worthwhile and fulfilling thing I have done, not only in high school, but perhaps my life. Not to "toot my own horn," but that's saying a lot. I hope a lot of you (Jugheads) get to experience what I did during my time here. From Day One I learned how to listen—to Paul or another peer correcting my pattern, to other peers. I learned to accept failure and, at the same time, I learned never to settle for anything less than what I wanted. Whenever a ball hit the floor I needed to pick up and try again because I could do it—other people could, so I could, too. These were just the



early lessons. From then on I learned that, as I got older, I had responsibilities to be reasonable, because how I acted at club affected how others enjoyed their experiences. I could help others if I had the urge; I could make my own routine; I could strive for the best. Having such opportunities is a gift, and looking back, taking those opportunities is what made JH the best. For one, being an Officer taught me how to lead and how to follow, because following is half of leading. That is one lesson I hope everyone gets to learn. Leading JH has also given me some of the most meaningful relationships I've ever had. This became especially apparent after I caught only the last of three high throws ending "Reach" on Saturday, and my best friend next to me had the same feeling. We were both sobbing and laughing. Looking across that stage filled with kids of all ages with a common interest, common relationships, common goals, and common hearts made me so proud. It is a pride I will always carry, especially as I sit and watch Juggle Jams to come. Be welcome, seize opportunities, and love learning.

—Sarah Z.: 9th year Jughead, Assistant, Officer, EHS Senior

## Bulletins & Birthdays

- **SUMMER JUGGLING CAMPS:** Forms are available on our web site for our five weeks of juggling camps June 8-July 10. Campers of all levels see *leaps* in juggling ability in just a few days invested in camps. **Coaches Paul & Scott** along with '07 Jughead alumnus **Kelvin Ying** and student assistants will lead the camps, with Scott fully in charge June 18-19.
- **FINAL OFFICER MEETING:** 5/30, 9-Noon @ Kissells'.
- **JJ11 PARENT PLANNING TEAM RECAP MEETING:** Sat., May 30, from 9-11 am at the Arneberg home.
- **ULTIMATE CLUB DRIVE-IN:** Sat., 6/27. Look for email.
- **IJA—WINSTON-SALEM TEAM:** Keep posted for a send-off meeting July 7 or 8; final payment due June 12.
- **PARADE:** Edina's 14th annual Independence Day Parade is 7/4. Up to 50 Jugheads may sign up by emailing us at [jugheads@comcast.net](mailto:jugheads@comcast.net).

## Paul's Platform

### "Defying Gravity & Weariness...with Wings"

JJ11 is history, and as one parent pointed out this week, "the honeymoon doesn't last long." It doesn't take more than a couple of days for business issues to return to the forefront, especially pertaining to the enclosed registration for fall clubs and all of the work that goes in to planning for projected rosters, assistants, and coaches. That's the nature of this business—often shifting gears rather quickly—and that's why Wendy & I relish our time off every summer and Christmas vacation. To further pace the demands of this company, I'm pulling back from daily, on-site involvement one day a week as of this fall. The high-level Elite Club is being entrusted to the very capable hands of Coach Scott Richter and Coach Billy Watson, two 3rd year Jughead alumni who have complementary and overlapping skills of creativity and technical prowess.

As for me, I'm going to allow for more margin in my weekly schedule with the hopes of further exploring and developing a sideline hobby/career in speaking & writing. I love many aspects of JUGHEADS, and I love the pinnacle experience that JJ represents each year, but often it is wearying work. I thank God for giving me a specific Bible passage when He called me to youth work 17 years ago this month. It's applicable to this relational business, and He has given me strength to defy the gravity of burnout through the peaks & valleys since the inception of JH:

*"Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."* Isaiah 40:30-31 (ESV)

I put God first, Wendy second, and JH a distant third in my life. That's the secret of this company's gravity-defying success.

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