

VENT HAVEN CONVENTION 2011

July 13-16 The Drawbridge Hotel • Ft. Mitchell, KY

**“A JIMMY NELSON CELEBRATION!”...
WOW!**

..... and that has been the reaction from vents from all over the world when we announced this special ConVENTion dedicated to none other than JIMMY NELSON.

Jimmy has been a true inspiration to all of us and a real friend to all vents -- beginner to the most seasoned pro. We want to celebrate his life and the “70 Years of Laughter” he has brought to all of us. Through the use of film, live presentations, and most importantly, from Jimmy himself, we will get a glimpse of the man and the legend. We hope you will want to help us celebrate him (and his wife, Betty) by attending and joining in on the festivities.

This ConVENTion will also have some visits by some of the top pros in the business. Terry Fator, fresh off a show in Las Vegas, will join us for a

question and answer spot and our annual lecture from Jeff Dunham will also be a highlight. And as we have said in other writings, “and that’s just for starters!”

We also have a great International Show and discussion panel with performers coming in from all over the world...and also a wide array of lectures and workshops covering topics such as how to write comedy to working cruise ships.

Read this brochure and see what we offer. It’s truly a remarkable four days of laughing, learning, and camaraderie. There’s nothing like it anywhere in the world, so plan TODAY to attend! Show your support for our art...and let’s keep the momentum going!

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT JUNIOR AND SENIOR OPEN MIC:

We once again will be taking reservations on a first come basis for the Junior and Senior Open Mic by emailing me that you would like to be in these events. I accept the first 10 spots only (with backups in case of cancellations) on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, starting at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time (USA). Emails received prior to that date or earlier than 10:00 A.M. will not be accepted.

The Junior and Senior Open Mic participants will be given a DVD of their act, critique forms by professional vents, and a certificate of participation after the performances.

General Open Mic is for those who want to try out new material or just do their act without receiving the DVD/comment sheets/ certificate. You may sign up for General Open Mic (we now have two sessions) in person, at the 2011 Venthaven ConVENTion.

See you in Ft. Mitchell!



Mark Wade
Executive Director,
Vent Haven ConVENTion



Vent Haven ConVENTion 2011 - Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY JULY 13

- 3:30 PM - Registration Opens
- 4:30 PM - Orientation for 1st Time Attendees
(Canterbury Hall)
- 5:00-6:00 PM - "Meet Jimmy & Betty Nelson"
- 7:00 PM - Official Opening - J.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's Bob Hamill & Phillip Jones, with
Mike Hemmelgarn, Neale Bacon, & Pete Michaels
- 8:45 PM - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:
"The Importance of Women in Ventriloquism" -
Moderator Lynn Trefzger- Joy, with Peggy
Miller, Sylvia Fletcher, Liz VonSeggen & Mary
Kingsley
- 9:45 PM - Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

THURSDAY JULY 14

- 9:00 AM - Greeting by Mark Wade, Executive Director
- 9:15 AM - LECTURE: "Adding Vocal Variety To
Your Act" with Gary Owen
- 10:30 AM - LECTURE: "Generating Great Ideas
For Vents" with Ken Groves & Mark Wade
- 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch / Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:15 - 2:30 PM - JUNIOR OPEN MIC
with MC Bob Isaacson
- 3:00 - 4:15 PM - SENIOR OPEN MIC
with MC Jerry Layne
- 4:30 - 5:15 PM - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:
"What Makes A Pro?" - Moderator Al Getler
with Pete Michaels, Don Bryan, Dan Horn, &
Peggy Miller
- 5:15 - 7:30 PM - Dinner / Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:30 - 9:30 PM - Jimmy Nelson Feature
- 9:45 PM - GENERAL OPEN MIC
with MC Bob Rumba
- 9:45 - Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

FRIDAY JULY 15

- 9:00 - 10:15 AM - SPECIAL VENT WORKSHOPS
- "Creativity" - with Nick Pawlow
 - "Cruise Ship Vent" with Mark Merchant
 - "The Inside Info On Working Fairs" with Peggy
Miller
- 9:15 - 11:00 AM - JUNIOR VENT UNIVERSITY
- 10:30 - 11:45 AM - Repeat of SPECIAL VENT WORKSHOPS
- 12: 15 PM- Group Photo - Outside Swimming Pool
- 12:30 - 1:45 PM - Lunch - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM - LECTURE: "Creating Photos That
Tell A Story" with Bob Rumba
- 3:30 - 5:00 PM - "A Conversation with Terry Fator"
- 5:00 - 7:30 PM - Dinner / Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:30 - 9:15 PM - JIMMY NELSON - "70 Years of
Laughter"
- 9:15 PM - VENT HAVEN RAFFLE
- 10:15 PM - GENERAL OPEN MIC with MC Bob Rumba
- 10: 15 - Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

SATURDAY JULY 16

- 10:00 AM - "INTERNATIONAL SHOW" - MC
Stevo Schuling (Germany) with Peter & Mary
Kingsley (Canada), Fridolin Calindo Kalt
(Switzerland), Johnny Welch (Mexico), and
Sarah Jones (Australia)
- 11:15 - 11:45 AM - INTERNATIONAL VENT PANEL
with Stevo Schuling, Peter & Mary Kingsley,
Fridolin Calindo Kalt, Johnny Welch, and Sarah
Jones
- 11:45 - 1:00 PM - Lunch / Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM - BUS TOUR to VENT HAVEN
MUSEUM (Dealers Open During This Time)
- 4:00 - 5:15 PM - LECTURE: "Write a 5 Minute
Act with Jeff and the Guys" - with Jeff
Dunham
- 5:15 - 7:30 PM - Dinner / Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:30 PM - "ALL STAR SHOW"
MC Mark Merchant with Peggy Miller, Don
Bryan and Gary Hunter
- 9:45 - 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 Drawbridge Hotel, 2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017-3599.

For Reservations Toll Free: 1-800-354-9793
Hotel Phone Number is : 859-341-2800
Web Site: <http://www.drawbridgehotel.com>

A block of rooms has been set aside for ConVENTion 2011. When you call to make a room reservation, please mention you are with the Vent Haven Ventriloquist ConVENTion to get a special room rate of \$81.00 per night for a single room and \$91.00 per night for double occupancy.

DEALERS' ROOMS

Vent Haven ConVENTion 2011 is pleased to announce that we will again have TWO full Dealers' Rooms available with over 25 Vent Dealers on hand. The two rooms (Monks Hall and Merchants Hall) are located on both ends of Canterbury Hall, our main lecture facility.

DRIVING / FLIGHT INFORMATION

The ConVENTion site (Drawbridge Hotel) is located in Northern Kentucky, just five miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. If you're driving, take I-75 to Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike Exit). The Drawbridge Hotel is east on Buttermilk Pike to Royal Drive. You can see it from I-75. The nearest airport is The Greater Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky International Airport. The Drawbridge Hotel offers free shuttle service to and from the airport.

NEW OPEN MIC INFORMATION

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE CHANGES in registering 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 and
- The registration will be done by EMAIL.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2011 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 lists by the first 10 people in each category that I receive on March 9. DO NOT EMAIL IN ADVANCE as I will open my email on that morning at 10:00 AM and your email MUST have a time of 10:00 AM or later on it. 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 the 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 (London Hall Lobby), so look for it when you register. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

MARK WADE'S EMAIL ADDRESS IS:
markwade@kidshowvent.com

CANCELLATION POLICY

All registrations and Dealers' Tables must be paid in full prior to ConVENTion 2011.

No refunds can be made after June 1, 2011

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2011

Pre-Registration Form

July 13 - 16, 2011
At the Drawbridge Hotel
in Ft. Mitchell, KY

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Registration Rate:
\$125.00 (U.S.) for the
principle family member and
\$95.00 for each immediate
family member

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Registration after May 15, 2011
is \$145.00 / \$115.00 respectively

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No Refunds after June 1, 2011
(Sorry!)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Prov. _____

Zip / Postal Code _____ Country _____

E-mail address: _____

- Enclosed is the pre-registration fee of \$ _____
Make checks payable to Vent Haven ConVENTion 2011.
- Day Rate: \$50.00 (U.S.) per person, per day.
- Enclosed is \$90.00 (U.S.) to reserve one DEALERS' TABLE.
(Additional tables are \$75.00 each.)
- I am attending for the first time.

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official mascot of the Vent
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"Real" Puppet Jacko at Vent
Haven Museum.

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