

Kick Back

Sharkey Karate Studios Newsletter November 2006

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Lights, Camera, THEATRICKS!

It was a martial art show like no other. The first of its kind but most definitely not the last. From the opening comedy act of the silly sumos to the grand finale musical act of all cast members on stage displaying all their skills, Theatricks provided non stop entertainment for over 900 people at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet, IL.

The first half of the show provided insight with a more detailed look at some of the martial arts that help provide the basis of extreme martial arts. The second half showed the audience how to take all those martial arts and blend them together. The crowd was treated to new renditions of Pirates of the Caribbean, Star Wars, V for Vendetta and the classic Karate Kid.

When asked his overall feelings about the show, Sensei Sharkey had this to say, "I was not only proud with the great work the performers did, but all the work that went on behind the scenes. Many people sacrificed time away from their family and put in a lot of hours building sets, making costumes, putting advertisement together, designing the website and graphic adds. I am also proud of all the support the school itself showed us, not only coming out to the show, but showing understanding when we had to close down a few days in order to make this happen. It's a great feeling knowing that there are so many people willing to step up and help out. So to everyone I just want to say thank you."

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New Classes and New Schedules

Sharkey's Karate Studio will be hosting two new programs in 2007. Beginning in January, we will be offering Chinese Wushu classes and Chinese Tai Chi classes, both taught by Sensei Brendon Huor, who studied over 2 years in Beijing, China and is one of the top Wushu competitors in sport martial art circuit today.

Wushu classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30pm—7:15pm. Tai Chi classes will be held Thursdays from 7:15pm—8:15pm. With the addition of the new classes we will be ending the adult all ranks class on Tuesday and Thursday beginning in December. As a result we have new schedule that will take affect after the beginning of the year:

Monday & Wednesday

5:00pm—5:45pm = Youth Karate—Beginners
5:45pm—6:30pm = Youth Karate—Intermediate/Advance
6:30pm—7:15pm = All Ages Wushu Class—All ranks
7:15pm—8:15pm = Adult Karate—All ranks
8:15pm—9:15pm = Adult Karate—Advance

Tuesday & Thursday

5:00pm—5:30pm = Lil' Sharks—All ranks
5:45pm—6:30pm = Youth Karate—Beginners
6:30pm—7:15pm = Youth Karate—Intermediate/Advance
7:15pm—8:15pm = Open mat *Tuesdays only
7:15pm—8:15pm = Adult Tai Chi *Thursdays only
8:30pm—9:15pm = Adult Stretch Class

Friday

7:00pm—8:00pm = Kosho Kenjutsu

Saturday & Sunday

9:30am—10:30am = Adult Weapons *Saturdays only
11:00am—12:30pm = XMA Phase 1
1:00pm—3:00pm = XMA Phase 2

See Sensei Jeremy if you have questions on the new schedule and see Sensei Brendon for more details about the Wushu and Tai Chi classes.

Head of the class

Jasmine Wali, who travels from Madison, WI to learn at Sharkey's Karate Studio in Naperville, has a lot of accomplishments under her belt. 5th Grade Geography Bee Champion, member of the Madison City Honor Band two years in a row, nominated to the People to People Student Ambassador program for traveling to Australia and soon to be a national champion in the American Karate Association, are just a few accomplishments for this 13 year old Jr. black belt.

However, one of her biggest success is being appointed, by her fellow classmates, for the 2nd year in a row, President of the Student Council.

Since first grade Jasmine has always been voted to serve in the student council. As a student, she has consistently assigned above-grade level school work, some up to 5 grades



higher. It has been this type of dedication that has helped her become not only a good student at school but in the competition ring as well. Congratulations Jasmine on your appointment.

It pays to refer

More and more students are discovering the great benefits from referring new students to the school. Remember, if you refer someone who signs up, we will give you \$50.00. Just have the person you refer mention you name when they come in for their 1st introductory lesson.

We also have guest passes available at the pro-shop. Simply sign your name on them and hand them out to people you know, or even people you don't know. If they turn it in when they sign up for classes, again, you get \$50.00. There is no limit as to how many people you can have sign up. See Sensei Jeremy at the pro-shop for more details.

42nd Annual AKA Grands is just around the corner

It's that time of year when we get geared up to host the AKA Grand Nationals tournament. January 26 & 27, 2007 we will be running one of the oldest open martial art tournaments in the United States. This year we will be hosting this event at the Stephenson Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. The hotel for the tournament will be the Crowne Plaza O'Hare. Those wishing to reserve a room for that tournament weekend can get a special rate by calling 1-847-671-6350 and mentioning that you are participating in the AKA Grand Nationals. This year's event is set to be one of the best ones ever as we will once again be sanctioned as a NASKA 4A event. NASKA (North American Sport Karate Association) is one of the most prestigious sport Karate circuits around which features some of the top competitors in the US, and the world today. Don't miss this great event. We are also looking for volunteers to help with working in the registration desk this year as well as time keepers and score keepers. Those wishing to help out can see Sensei Jeremy for more details.

Holiday Sale is back again!

On December 9th from 10am—3pm we will be holding our annual holiday sale at Sharkey's Karate Studio in Naperville. Here is your chance to get some great deals on such items as weapons, sparring gear and uniforms. Some items will be available for 20%-50% off, so don't miss out on this annual fun. See Sensei Jeremy for more details.

November Birthdays

Eddie Schipman	11/03
Anushka Rau	11/05
Arpan Rau	11/05
Ashrita Rau	11/05
Matt Mullins	11/10
Safia Hannin	11/12
Marcus Jefferson	11/17
Andrew Maya	11/18
David Rea	11/21
Avalon Hoff	11/22
Dustin Bui	11/23
Suzanne Wanket	11/26
Jason Kristofek	11/27
Bhavish Bhattar	11/30

Happy Birthday Everyone!!

Quotes to Ponder

Men are respectable only as they respect

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

You should respect each other and refrain from disputes; you should not, like water and oil, repel each other, but should, like milk and water, mingle together.

— *Buddha*

This is the final test of a gentleman: his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him.

— *William Lyon Phelps*