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# Education & Entertainment

## From Your Education Director

*Mona "MO" Webb*

### Continuing Call for Coming Events Information

I continue to seek information about future educational events for clowns and family entertainers. If you know of any upcoming events that are not currently being listed in *Clowning Around*, please send the information to me. Please use the following format and email the information to me at [WCAEducation@aol.com](mailto:WCAEducation@aol.com)

Date(s) of Event  
Name and Location of Event  
Contact Person  
Phone Number and/or E-mail Address  
Website URL (if applicable)

### Convention Education

The educational program for the 2003 WCA convention has been planned and lecturers have been contracted. I am pleased to introduce you to the instructors for the convention and share information about specific class offerings that are planned.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE INSTRUCTORS AND CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **FEATURED HEADLINERS:**

#### **RONE AND GIGI of Open Sesame from Tokyo, Japan**

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1. **"COMEDY JUGGLING"** This will be a demonstration and participatory session--so bring along juggling props. Rone and Gigi will demonstrate techniques, which modify the basic skills of juggling, and make them funny. Watch, and then try techniques employing surprise, misdirection, and comedy-props.
2. **"SILENT COMEDY"** See demonstrations of many of the techniques seen in the Open Sesame Wednesday evening performance. This session will focus on physical exercises for silent comedy, such as used by Charlie Chaplin. Participants will be able to see how to employ physical movement in silent comedy skits.
3. **FEATURED LECTURE: "CLOWNING: A JAPANESE PERSPECTIVE"** This general session will examine cultural differences in clowning as they exist in the Japanese culture and other parts of the world. Rone and Gigi will describe their experiences not only in Japan, but also in Russia, England, Monte Carlo, Canada and the United States. Additionally they will answer participant questions regarding their performance style, makeup, techniques, etc.



#### **STEVE SMITH of Sarasota, Florida**

Former Dean of RBBB Clown College  
Sponsored by the Jackass Club  
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**FEATURED LECTURE: TBA**





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## **It's SHOWTIME!**

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

8:00 p.m. Windward/Starboard Room

### **The International All-Star Show**

In their first-ever clown convention appearance, Rone and Gigi of Japan's "Open Sesame" will wow you with their physical comedy, theatrics and precision timing. Called the "most highly skilled female clown duo in the world," Rone & Gigi have



a commitment to perfection, and a dedication to the art of clowning that will inspire you. The duo's appearance is sponsored by Clown Camp®.

Appearing with "Open Sesame" will be Arthur Pedlar, England's premier "clown of all faces." Arthur has been performing for over 50 years, and is an adept physical comedian with skills in balance and unicycling as well as musical talents. A member of the International Clown Hall of Fame, Arthur lectures around the world and is currently in association with the Israeli Circus School.



Thursday, March 20, 2003  
8:00 p.m.

### **Windward/Starboard Room A Salute to American Clowning**

In a salute to American comedy, two of the finest silent performers in the country will delight you and move you from tears to laughter. Featured performer Steve Smith is former director of the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Clown College, performed with "The Greatest Show on Earth," and has a host of accomplishments too numerous to mention.

Steve's appearance is sponsored by The Jackass Club, and club member Jim Roberts will add his comedy monologues to the antics of Steve and Bruce Johnson (read about Bruce on page 23). You will love it!

