



Press Release

Event: 9th Annual International Festival of Christian Puppetry & Ventriloquism

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9th Annual International Festival of Christian Puppetry & Ventriloquism

One Way Street of Englewood, Colorado is sponsoring the ninth annual international Festival of Christian Puppetry and Ventriloquism (I-Fest) at the Olivet Nazarene University Campus, One University Avenue, Bourbonnais, July 5-10, 2004.

You are invited to attend the world's largest gathering on Christian puppeteers, puppet team leaders, ventriloquists at I-Fest. It's a full week conference of performances, workshops, hands-on construction classes, competitions, devotionals, private coaching session, parties, games, food, fun and spiritual challenges.

Registration costs range from 90.00 to 360.00 per person depending on when you register, the package you desire and how many are registering at the same time. The event begins at 4:30pm Monday evening, July 5, 2004 with Orientation (Registration opens at 11:00am) and closes at 4:00pm Saturday, July 10, 2004.

There will be a wide variety of ministry resources available at I-Fest. In the spacious McHie gymnasium, there will be a huge display of puppets, ventriloquist figures, videos, CDs scripts, books, and many other resources relevant to

puppetry, ventriloquism, clowning, drama, ballooning ,and more. You'll also find staging, lighting, and sound equipment. The resource area will be open daily Monday through Saturday.

One Way Street is an international children's ministry supply and training organization.

The International Festival of Christian Puppetry and Ventriloquism was created to provide specialized training for Christian puppeteers and ventriloquists. I-Fest is a unique time -- we bring the very best teachers and performers from around the world to an environment of fellowship, learning, sharing, and encouragement in a Christian atmosphere.

Who should attend? The I-Fest is for Puppet Team Leaders, Beginning Puppeteers, Advanced Puppeteers, Beginning Ventriloquists, Advanced Ventriloquists, Scriptwriters, Prop Builders, Resource Vendors, and Puppet Makers.

What is I-Fest? The I-Fest is the largest gathering of Christian vents and puppeteers. It is a week full of resources, workshops, performances, networking, fellowship, competitions, construction labs, puppeteer dream team, and ventriloquist dream team.

What is the SuperFest? The Super Fest is for people that cannot attend the entire week of I-Fest... Super Fest begins Thursday evening, July 8, and continues through Saturday afternoon, July 10. Super Fest is bigger than a regular One Way Street Festival, jam-packed with workshops, competitions, and performances.

When is I-Fest? The International Festival of Christian Puppetry and Ventriloquism will begin Monday afternoon, July 5, and continue through Saturday afternoon, July 10.

Where is I-Fest? Location. Location. Location. A conference is only as good as its conference grounds, and we're pleased to have one of the best! The I-Fest will be held on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois (just north of Kankakee, IL -- 50 miles south of Chicago). Olivet Nazarene University is home to many students during the school year, and many puppet people and vents during the last week of June. ONU has been a great location for six years for I-Fest.

Age Limits: The I-Fest is for teens and adults. We ask that all participants be at least 12 years old. Anyone under age 16 staying on campus must have a responsible parent or puppet team director of the same gender 21 years or older as an on-campus chaperone. If you bring both male and female teens, you must bring both male and female adult sponsors to stay in the male or female dorms with the teens. *If you do not have the required sponsors please plan to stay in a nearby motel.* Younger children are not permitted to be in workshops and there is no program or child care for children under 12.

Resource Area: Bring your check, cash and credit card! Fifty exhibit spaces will be available in the puppet and ventriloquist mega-mall in McHie Gymnasium. Dozens of vendors with tons of resources, materials, products and services will be provided and on display. The exhibit area will be open at scheduled breaks and before and after general sessions for you to shop and select great resources for your ministry.

Shuttle Info: If you fly to either Chicago's O'Hare Airport or Midway Airport, click here on [transportation](#) to see what is available to get you to I-Fest

For more information on the festival please call One Way Street, Inc - 303-799-6751, <http://www.onewaystreet.com> or the Kankakee County Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 800-747-4837 or log on at <http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com>.

If you have questions about I-Fest, contact the Events department at ifest@onewaystreet.com

The final and specific schedule is still being determined. I-Fest registrants will be mailed a print copy of the working schedule with classes when it becomes available.

Monday	
8:30 a.m.	All Day Hands-on Classes
9:00	Dream Team Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Orientation
5:30	Supper
7:00	Evening Performance
8:30	Exhibits and Fellowship
9:00	Competitions:
	•Open Puppet Song
	•Vent Get Acquainted

Tuesday	
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel
10:00	Class #1
11:15	Class #2
12:00	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Class #3
3:00	Class #4, Free Time, or Hands-On Classes
5:00	Supper
7:00	Evening Performance
8:30	Exhibits and Fellowship
9:00	International Reception
	Competition:
	•Musical Ventriloquism

Wednesday	
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel
10:00	Class#1
11:15	Class #2
12:00	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Class #3
3:00	Class #4, Free Time, or Hands-On Classes
5:00	Supper
7:00	Evening Performance
8:30	Exhibits and Fellowship

9:00	Competitions:
	•Gold Medal Creative Ministry
	•Senior Ventriloquism

Thursday	
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel
10:00	Class #1
11:15	Class #2
12:00	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Class #3
3:00	Class #4, Free Time, or Hands-On Classes
	SUPERFEST
3:00	SuperFest Registration
5:00	Supper
6:30	SuperFest Orientation
7:00	Evening Performance
8:30	Exhibits and Fellowship
9:00	Competitions:
	•Blacklight Puppet Song
	•VIT Reception

Friday	

5:00	Supper
7:00	Evening Performance
8:30	Exhibits and Fellowship
9:15	Competitions:
	•Gold Medal Song
	•Novice Competition

Saturday	
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel
9:30	Visit Exhibits
10:00	Class #5
11:15	Class #6A/Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Class #6B/Lunch
1:30	Visit Exhibits
2:30	Dream Team Performance
3:45	Dismissal