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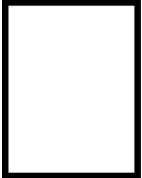
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A Shari Lewis Celebration

WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE,
ALL-NEW FOR 2023....
"A SHARI LEWIS CELEBRATION"

The Vent Haven ConVENTion 2023 is proud to honor this icon of ventriloquism, the great SHARI LEWIS! Shari, along with her partner Lambchop and company, appeared on television on her own show, starred on HBO specials, as well as being on numerous videos for children. We are also happy to announce that Lambchop and her friends will be on display in our new Vent Haven Museum.

To commemorate Shari, her daughter, Mallory Lewis, will be on hand to perform with Lambchop and to tell about the life and times of her mother's career.

To help in the celebration we have gathered some of the finest acts, lecturers, and discussion panelists on vent. Topping the list is JEFF DUNHAM (with a new lecture), MALLORY LEWIS, JACK WILLIAMS (from "America's Got Talent"), DARREN CARR (from Australia), JAY JOHNSON (numerous appearances on television, HBO)...and this is to name just a few.

REGISTER TODAY to become part of this one time eVENT. Become an active part of the vent community starting in 2023. We'll be waiting for you !

Mark Wade

Mark Wade
Executive Director



JUNIOR/SENIOR OPEN MIC INFO

- Each category will have 8 participants, with two alternates in each division. To apply for one of the eight spots the attendee must email the Executive Director at kidshowvent@gmail.com on March 8, 2023 by 10 AM Eastern Standard Time in the United States. The first 8 messages the Executive Director receives at 10 AM requesting entrance in the respective Open Mic session will be accepted, with two alternates also being accepted. The order of the lists will be determined by the way they are received in the Executive Director's email inbox.
- The time limit will be 5 minutes for a routine.
- After the performer completes his or her routine they will be led to the front of the stage by the MC to receive their comments.
- We will have three critique officials review each performance and all three officials will give the performer comments for improvement and encouragement. A spot up front will be provided for the performer's designated videographer or camera person to record ONLY that person's performance and comments. Immediately after this performer has received his or her comments, the video person must vacate the designated seat for the next performer's video person.
- A ballot for a "People's Choice Award" will be given to each person ATTENDING the open mic session to vote for their top TWO favorites in each division. These ballots will be given out at the door and will be turned in to the Hospitality people who will be collecting the ballots. You cannot leave and then return to the session with your ballot. The ballots will be tallied by the critique officials.
- The first place winners in each division will be given \$50.00 vouchers to be spent in the dealers' rooms, while the second place will receive \$25.00 vouchers for use in the dealers' rooms. All participants will be given a "Certificate of Participation".
- ANY campaigning beforehand will result in the participant in question being disqualified from winning.
- Good Luck to all and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Executive Director Mark Wade at kidshowvent@gmail.com.

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Vent Haven ConVENTion 2023 - Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 3:00 PM- Registration Opens
- 4:00 PM- First Timers Orientation
- 4:45 PM- Sign Up for General Open Mic
- 5:00-7:30 PM- DINNER
- 7:30 PM- Official Opening with John S. "Brook" Brooking, President of Vent Haven Museum, and Mark Wade, Executive Director of Vent Haven ConVENTion
- 7:45 PM- "BIG WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOW" MC - Al Getler, with Steve Taylor, Lori Bruner and David Pendleton
- 9:00 PM - LECTURE: "Vent 101" with Lisa Laird
- 9:00 PM - Dealers' Rooms Open

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 9:00 AM- Greeting from Mark Wade, Executive Director
- 9:15 AM- LECTURE: "How to Turn Your Act into a Show" with Darren Carr
- 10:30 AM- LECTURE: "Marketing For The Ventriloquist" with Steve Taylor
- 11:45-1:00 PM- LUNCH - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:15-2:30 PM- JUNIOR OPEN MIC- MC- Dale Brown
- 3:00-4:15 PM- SENIOR OPEN MIC- MC- Al Getler
- 4:30 PM- LECTURE: "Adding A New Character To Your Act" with Jeff Dunham
- 5:45-7:00 PM- DINNER - Dealers' Rooms Open, Vent Haven
- 7:00 PM- "SUPER THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW" MC Gary Owen with Shane West, Meghan Casey, and Dan Horn
- 9:00 PM - "Reflections of Shari Lewis" with Mallory Lewis
- 10:30 PM- GENERAL OPEN MIC w/ MC Bob Rumba

FRIDAY, JULY 14

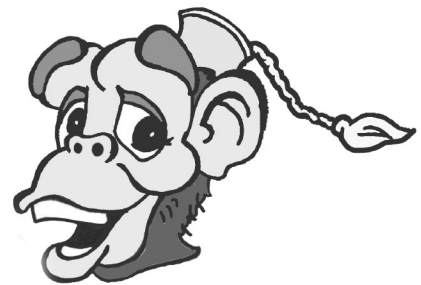
- 9:00-10:30 AM- Junior Vent University with Al Getler, Lynn Trefzger-Joy and Jeff Goltz
- 9:00-10:15 AM- Blockbuster Workshops -
 - "The Part Time" Pro (Panel) - Moderator Jimmy Vee with David Weyrick, Lisa Laird, & Denny Baker
 - "The 7 Deadly Sins of Vent" with Joe Gandelman
 - "Artistic Approaches to Create A Strong Figure" with Austin Phillips
- 10:30-11:45 AM- Repeat of Blockbuster Workshops

FRIDAY, JULY 14 - (cont.)

- 12:15 PM- GROUP PHOTO (Hotel Lobby)
- 12:30-1:45 PM- LUNCH - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:45-3:00 PM- 2nd Group of Blockbuster Workshops
 - "Taking Care of Your Soft Puppet" with JET
 - "Creating Character Voices" with Shane West
 - "Kidshow Round Table" Moderator Dale Brown with Jimmy Vee, Mark Wade, and Steve Petra
- 3:15-4:30 PM- Repeat of 2nd Group of Blockbuster Workshops
- 4:45-5:30 PM- Interview With Mallory Lewis
- 5:45-7:30 PM- DINNER - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:30 PM- "INTERNATIONAL SHOW" MC - Stevo Schuling (Germany) with Glenn Pearce (Australia), Mellissa Graham (Panama), Warley Santana (Brazil)
- 9:00 PM - Vent Haven Raffle
- 10:15 PM - GENERAL OPEN MIC - MC Bob Rumba
- 10:15 PM-Midnight - Dealers' Rooms Open

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- 9:00 AM-NOON- Tours to The Vent Haven Museum
- 12:00-1:30 PM- LUNCH - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 1:30-3:00 PM- International Panel Discussion
- 3:15-4:30 PM - Ashley Michaelis - "Taking Care of Your Voice for Vents"
- 4:30-7:00 PM- DINNER - Dealers' Rooms Open
- 7:00 PM- ALL STAR SHOW - MC Jay Johnson with Jack Williams, Darren Carr, and Mallory Lewis



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 Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd, Erlanger, KY 41018

TO REGISTER FOR YOUR ROOM: To be eligible to get a room at our special rate of \$120.00 plus tax per night at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, you must first be fully registered for the ConVENTion. You can either mail in the registration, along with the fees, or go to venthavenconvention.com and use PayPal to register. After we receive payment we will send you a confirmation email that will give you a passkey code. The room reservations are being handled by the Northern Kentucky Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Dealers' Rooms

Vent Haven ConVENTion 2023 is pleased to announce that we will again have TWO full Dealers' Rooms available with over 25 Vent Dealers on hand. The two rooms are located on each end of the International Ball Room: Rooms V and VI and Rooms I and II.

Driving/Flight Information

The ConVENTion site (Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport) is located in Northern Kentucky, just eight miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. If you're driving up from the south, take I-75 North and then take I-275 West for one mile. Then Exit 2 to the hotel. From the north, take I-75 South until you get to I-275 West, go west one mile and take Exit 2. The nearest airport is the Greater Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky International Airport. (Shuttle Phone 859-371-2233) The hotel is three miles away and offers a free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Additional Information

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

On **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 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 list by the first 8 people in each category that I receive on March 8 (plus 2 alternates will be added to each list).

DO NOT EMAIL ME IN ADVANCE as I will open my email on that morning at 10:00 AM. 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 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 registration area, so look for it when you register.
GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

Mark Wade's Email Address is:
kidshowvent@gmail.com

Cancellation Policy

All registrations and Dealers' tables must be paid in full prior to ConVENTion 2023. No refunds will be made. In the event you need to cancel, your registration will be rolled over to 2024.

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Pre-Registration Form
July 12 - 15, 2023

At the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport
Erlanger, KY.

Registration Rate: **\$175.00 (U.S.)**
for the principal family member and
\$125 for each immediate family member.

You can pay via PayPal by visiting
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Registration after May 1, 2023
is \$225 / \$175 respectively.

NO REFUNDS - Sorry!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Prov. _____

Zip / Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email Address _____

Enclosed is the pre-registration fee of \$ _____
Make checks payable to Vent Haven ConVENTion

Day Rate: **\$85.00 (U.S.)** per person, per day
(if less than entire convention)

Enclosed is **\$115.00 (U.S.)** to reserve one DEALER'S TABLE
 plus **\$85.00** for a second table. (Maximum 2 Dealer's Tables)

I am attending for the first time

Mail to: **Vent Haven ConVENTion**
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Barefoot Bay, FL 32976 USA