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## **ICC International Contortion Convention 2016:**

### **ICC 2016 – CONTORTIONISTS, POLE ACROBATS, FANS & TRAINERS OF THE GENRE FLEXIBILITY WILL MEET AGAIN AT THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONTORTION CONVENTION 2016 IN LAS VEGAS/NV**

**HENDERSON/LAS VEGAS NV**

**APRIL 4 – 6, 2016 /SUNSET STATION HOTEL & CASINO**

Welcome to the bendy world of contortionists!

The most famous international contortionists, talents, trainers and lovers of the art of flexibility will join again for this unusual event, including shows, workshops and presentations of international coaches & specialists.

The idea for this amazing get together was born in 1998 by Cologne & Vegas based Show Producer Ska von Schöning.

The first Convention of this kind was held in Dresden/Germany in 1998 and moved to Las Vegas in 2000.

„Germany has a great tradition, when it comes to contortion. Many amazing artists of the history of contortion were from this country and Europe in general. So it was only logical to have the first convention in Germany“, says Ska von Schöning.

At this point in 1998 nobody expected the enormous and positive feedback from artists and fans from all over the world. „In 1998 we were still quite a small group and didn't really know, what to expect. As a matter of fact many friends of the genre told me I was crazy to try and organize an event like this“ von Schöning explains „but then so many people from the United States were asking us to also come America with our event. So we dared the ‚big step‘ and moved ICC to Las Vegas in 2000, where most of our conventions were held ever since“

Over the years the International Contortion Conventions have become extremely popular by artists and enthusiasts from all over the world. It has become a firm institution for the art.

The most famous contortion artists from Europe, Asia and the United States will perform at ICC 2016.

Only to mention: Alina Ruppel (Germany) & Nadya Vasina (Ukraine)

Alina Ruppel is the only contortionist worldwide who has a contortion pose named after her: The famous Ruppel Bend! A pose which seems nearly impossible to exercise for a human body. Even for contortionists...

See our glossary: <http://www.iccconvention.com/glossary.php>

Another highlight will be the lovely pre-professional artists, talents & troupes from US coach and ICC 2016 co-organizer

**Betsy Shuttleworth** from **DEPAC Dance Extensions Performing Arts Center**

as well as the wonderful young ladies from

**Nathalie Yves Gauthiers'** all kid company called **Le Petit CiRqUe**.

For more information please go to:

<http://www.iccconvention.com/performer.php>

„We are also offering workshops with the best coaches worldwide“ von Schöning adds „there is no other place on the planet, where professionals, semi-professions, talents and all people who are interested in learning more about their profession and about flexibility in general can obtain such a high standard of coaching from pole to acting, to flexibility as a starter upto highly professional workshops“ Ska says.

Only to mention:

Famous **JONATHAN NOSAN**, contortionist, coach and expert offering his world renown **CONTOTURE** flexibility workshops

Beautiful and famous Pole Artist **PHOENIX KAZREE**, who will also perform at ICC 2016

As well as the amazing Pole Artist coach and performer  
**JOSIAH GRANT**

And **MARK FREEMAN**, one of the best trainers for contortion and flexibility in the United States

„A special Thank You“ Ska emphasizes „goes to **ANGELIQUE ECHIMEG** an all time famous former contortionist and nowadays coach for the contortion shows of **Cirque du Soleil** in Las Vegas. Angelique has been supporting our event ever since we started. Her workshops are always having ‚a big run‘. She is a beautiful person in every way“ von Schöning says

For more information on our coaches, please go to:

<http://www.iccconvention.com/workshops.php>

„We will be having people from all over the world, such as North- & South America, Australia, Mongolia, Japan and of course from many European countries“ von Schöning proudly says.

For those who are interested in this event, all information can be found at:

<http://www.iccconvention.com>

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