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**Kerry Ann Smith**



**Robbie Hay**  
**Caricature Artists Fun Factory**

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**PERSONAL BIO:** Suzanne "Robbie" Hay lives in Columbus, Ohio and has owned and operated, with the help of her family, a full service entertainment agency since 1994. She stays busy facepainting at birthday parties, corporate events and festivals on the weekends and during the week operates the family business. Hubby David turns into Santa Claus in the Christmas season. Her oldest son is a caricature artist, teacher, and is the artist for the cover of Robbie's new book, "Facepainting for Fun and Profit" at Authorhouse Publishers. Younger son, Aaron or "DizzyDoc" is a nationally known balloon artist and facepainter. Robbie, a former public school teacher, has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the Ohio State University and continues to teach facepainting. She has received awards and placed in face and body competitions in Florida, Seeboden, Austria, and in New Mexico.

**COMPANY BIO:** Starting the Caricature Artist's Fun Factory in 1994 Jason Hay needed help keeping the office running. So Mom Robbie took over the office work. Eventually, Robbie bought the business from Jason. The Fun Factory has now over 240 entertainers on the roster. It is a full service agency that contracts many different kinds of entertainment. Some of their clients include Jegs, The Limited, Kroger, and Columbia Gas.



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### Chris Handa M.D.I.M. Productions, [spookymagic.com](http://spookymagic.com) Instructing Magic and Wizards 101

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**Personal Bio:** Chris Handa is currently the only magician in Western Pennsylvania in the cast of a weekly television series. Behind the scenes of Castle Blood's Midnight Monster Hop, Chris serves as Magic Director. Onscreen, Chris is Professor M. Scrye, Occult Cultural Anthropologist, and performs much of the magic he creates for the show. Chris is also Magic Director for Castle Blood's seasonal haunted attraction and is responsible for training of cast who perform magic effects as a part of their character or scene.

Year-round, Chris both teaches and performs magic all over the country, and has worked for a diverse client list that includes Radio Disney, Nickelodeon Studios, Comcast, and the Giant Eagle Food Stores chain. He regularly consults and teaches magic to theatre groups, camp program staff, and those associated with haunted attractions.

**Company Bio:** M.D.I.M. Productions and [spookymagic.com](http://spookymagic.com) are extensions of Chris' services as a performer. Chris provides full-service magic, including performance, teaching, consulting, referrals, and retail sales. Chris' interests in work with haunted attractions has led to [spookymagic.com](http://spookymagic.com), a division that focuses specifically upon haunted entertainment.

**Additional Credits:** Chris is past president of multiple magic organizations. He has been published in three international magic periodicals as well as contributed effects to other magicians' magic anthologies. He has been providing presentations for Halloween/Haunt enthusiasts and professionals at regional and national events since 2001. In 2006, he was invited to join an elite staff to teach magic to the students of the Northeast Region's National Camping School in conjunction with their "Knights of the Roundtable" theme. He is a husband, a father, and a questionably sane owner of two Rottweiler mix dogs who test his patience on a daily basis.



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### Luke the Juggler Instructing Juggling!

**Luke Kareklas: Luke the Juggler**

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Participants will also be exposed to 3,4, &5 ball juggling, Clubs, Boxes, Rings, Fire Torches, Tube ball juggling, Diabolo, and other fun things.

**Personal Bio:** Luke Kareklas taught himself to juggle three balls when he was 15 years old. Using pictures and explanations from books he borrowed from the library, Luke was soon proficient with all the basic juggling implements. Flash forward to his adult life and Luke was working a “real job” as a computer help-desk associate. Fate intervened and Luke was caught up in the wave of lay-offs in the industry five years ago. It was then that he decided to try to make a little extra money on the side to offset his meager unemployment checks.

Before he knew it, he was being hired for birthday parties and corporate events and changed his career plans from finding a new job in the computer industry to becoming an entertainer full time. He has not looked back since!

**Company Bio:** “**Luke the Juggler**” performs at Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers, Corporate Events, Private Parties, and specializes in Birthday Parties for kids of all ages. He performs a 35 - 45 minute comedy, magic, juggling show, followed by balloon sculpting for all the kids.

**Additional Comments:** Luke has been featured in a Dispatch newspaper edition in Columbus, Ohio, and has appeared in numerous small town and business publications in advance of his performing there.



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### **Pashur the Body Painter** **Intermediate Airbrushing**

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#### **WHO IS PASHUR?**

Following up his six week body painting tour of Paradise Lakes Nudist Resort, Fantasy Fest in Key West, the UK Face & Body Paint Convention, Playboy Mansion Pajama Party and his first ever Perverted Paint Party Birthday Bash in Atlanta at Club 2Risque, Pashur is ready to get more body paint events set in 2007!

Called the Picasso of Body Painting by Key West magazine, Pashur's amazing body paint takes you on a creative visual journey. He specializes in premium body painting artworks. His body paint artwork comes alive on a canvas that is alive, hence the name of his website, [www.CanvasAlive.com](http://www.CanvasAlive.com).

"The artist in me wanted to create unique works of art involving the beauty of the human form thus I chose body painting. My art lives and breathes, literally. How many artists can truly say that? When you see a work by a master painter, you look at it and move on to the next piece. With body painting, you can't take your eyes off of it. When you walk away you keep turning back staring in amazement at the body paint design on the model." - Pashur

Pashur started body painting about 1 year after he graduated with his art degree from Memphis College of Art. Since then, Pashur has won numerous awards for his body painting art. Pashur toured as part of the Neon Circus for Brooks and Dunn from 2001-2003, which was voted best concert tour of 2001 and 2002. Pashur has body painted models and dancers for rapper Jay-Z's 40/40 club in New York City. Pashur painted Playboy model and Baywatch actress Tracie Bingham for a Fantasy Fest video.

Pashur's next projects are even more incredible but staying under wraps at the moment until their launch dates. Pashur is currently based in Charlotte, North Carolina but travels worldwide for projects.

#### Latest Pashur News...SPIKE TV's VIDEO GAME AWARDS

I hope everyone watched the 2007 Video Game Awards on Spike TV. My body painting work has brought out on stage and introduced by Samuel Jackson, Dave Navarro, Patton Oswalt, Mad TV's Bobby Lee, Don King, Hayden Christensen, Mike Vogel, and more. To see a behind the scenes peek at Pashur and his team painting the models, check out these links...

[www.ifilm.com/video/2920222](http://www.ifilm.com/video/2920222)

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**Sponsor:** Pashur is sponsored by Mehron Make up Products. Visit their website at [www.mehron.com](http://www.mehron.com).



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### **Donna Nowak, Showoffs Body Art Airbrushing Boot Camp**

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**Personal Bio:** Artist, business owner, entrepreneur, and instructor. Donna loves to teach from experience, self taught and self driven. Retired from computer systems programming to her passion for people, art and creating new things will leave you inspired. Starting from a school fair to the streets of Shanghai China, Super Bowl XL, World Series, Mardi Gras, Trade Shows and other adventure. She's known for her innovations and making it simple. If she's not showcasing her own products she's managing/assisting with other makeup companies from Airbrush Body Art, Badger Airbrush, Cinema Secrets, and Graftobian. There's always something new with Donna, wonder what she'll have in store for you this year. She's ready to take on new challenge.

### **Aaron "Dizzy Doc" Hay, Dizzy Doc's Extreme Balloon Art Introduction to Balloon Twisting**

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### **Personal Bio:**

Dizzy Doc started making balloons 14 years ago as a clown learning a variety of skills including balloons, face painting, magic, juggling, unicycle, and fire eating. As time went by Doc enjoyed audience interaction most when performing with balloons; therefore, throughout his career, balloons and face painting are the skills he has focused on to become the artist he is today. He began building a wide knowledge of balloon styles by sharing his own with fellow clowns who, in return, exposed him to new designs. He has attended many balloon artist gatherings and conventions, winning awards and honing his talent. Doc's greatest inspiration has been teaching his craft to others and realizing the profound impact his students have brought to the industry. Today Dizzy Doc's balloon repertoire is in the thousands and if he does not already know a design he can improvise one on the spot. Doc is able to create a small design in a matter of seconds or spend days working on a huge masterpiece. towns he passed through. Due to this extraordinary experience and also from growing up in an artistic family he has learned how to entertain a wide variety of audiences with wondrous creations. Dizzy Doc shares his appreciation for balloons as an art form and strives to inspire the same enthusiasm in others.



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**Aaron Hay (Continued)** Doc's entertainment style is a result of a unique blend of experiences. Traveling across the United States on foot and bicycle, he maintained his way by working balloon magic in the small towns he passed through. Due to this extraordinary experience and also from growing up in an artistic family he has learned how to entertain a wide variety of audiences with wondrous creations. Dizzy Doc shares his appreciation for balloons as an art form and strives to inspire the same enthusiasm in others.

### **Sean Avram** **Intermediate Face Painting**

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**Personal Bio:** Sean has been active in art, drawing comic books and monsters for as long as he can remember. He is an energetic stage performer and has been involved in theatre in South Western Ontario for many years. On the weekends, during the day, you can see him entertaining at children's parties and corporate events as the ever-incredible clown "SuperDude", or in the evenings at night clubs with his face and body art as his other alter ego and nickname "Sean E. Bravo". Sean fell in absolute love with face and body art five years ago and has allowed the art form to consume his life since. He was published for the first time with a step-by-step ogre face in the third edition of Illusion Magazine. Sean is known for his beautiful butterfly and eye-mask designs and for his ultra-realistic skulls and monsters. In 2007 Sean painted his first full body and shortly after began working with professional photographer, Fred Boylen of FBI Imagery. The duo have created dozens and dozens of full body art designs that have been showcased in the portfolios of many professional models.

Sean has spoken at tradeshow, conventions, private workshops and corporate events over the course of the last two years and his schedule is only getting busier. His workshops are quite often billed as "infotainment" as they promise to not only educate but to entertain. Sean is overjoyed at the opportunity to share his humor and knowledge with you.



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### **Katie Hunt**

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Katie Hunt began face painting as a way to accompany her husband (Doug The Great – Entertainer) on his many gigs and give their daughter, Megan, a part-time income. Her interest in face painting quickly grew.

As well as managing their entertainment business, Katie is a writer and speaker sharing her insights into the world of managing and marketing your entertainment business. Katie has been published in Face and Body Art International Magazine, FACE – The UK Face Painting Magazine, Laugh\*Makers, the Funny Paper - a publication for family entertainers, and is currently a columnist for Illusion Magazine.

Katie is one of only five Canadians to be certified by FACE. (This UK-based face painting organization strives to improve standards and raise the profile of face painting. Members have to pass a certification test in order to join and this is to ensure that all FACE Members have reached a set standard of speed and competence.

In 2004, Katie and her husband, Doug, were recipients of the Shining Stars Tourism Award for Tourism Ambassador, for Brantford, Ontario.

In a life before her Face Paint Artist career, Katie achieved her certificate in Volunteer Management. This has proved useful in volunteering her skills in helping her husband manage a number of his special events, including a four-night 'Ghost Encounters' that raised over \$35,000 in 2007.

Katie has been a presenter with the Face and Body Art International Convention in Orlando since 2003, (and San Francisco in 2004). In 2007 Katie will teach at the FETE in New Orleans, as well as FABAIC, followed quickly by the Midwest Haunters/Midwest Fantasy Convention in Columbus Ohio.

Writer, painter, presenter – Katie loves to share ideas and her love of this art form.



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### **Kerry Ann Smith** **Beginning Face Painting**

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Kerry Ann's face painting journey began in college, when a friend asked her to work for Enjoy Your Face, Inc. at the Sesame Place location. To help pay for her degree in Art Education, Kerry Ann worked 2 seasons with EYF and then ventured out on her own. In 2004, About Face II was created in memory of that friend who had taught her how to paint and it's been going strong ever since. AF II now employs 6+ painters and handles many contracts with Philadelphia area corporations and organizations. Kerry Ann won two face-painting titles at FABAIC in 2006 and then returned to teach. Her backgrounds in teaching, digital media, and fine arts help her to lead others into their face painting careers.

### **Ricky Dick** **Beginning Clowning**

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Many People know Ricky from the attraction Castle Blood which utilizes many of the variety arts in a spooky way. This came about because before there was Castle Blood, there was Clowns By The Bunch.

From 1985 till 1997 Ricky worked as a full time family entertainer, doing birthday parties, corporate functions, and for 3 years as a Pizza Hut balloon twisting clown. The places he's performed range from Disney World, to the White House, to a presidential inauguration, and circus work and including even riding an Elephant!

He and his wife Karen also toured the entire nation teaching clown skills and makeup and costume, at places like clown conventions, shrine seminars, the Laugh Makers Variety Arts Conferences, and the original Clown Camp in Wisconsin. Ricky was a regular columnist for Laugh Makers Magazine

Performing as Ardy and Hopscotch, Karen and Ricky have also placed in top ten numerous times at regional national and world level competitions, in costume, makeup, balloons, and performing categories.