The Convention E-ar
61 (Y)ears of Telling It Like It Isn't!

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Virtual TE! II: Electric Boogaloo

For the second year in a row, That’s Entertainment! aired on YouTube and did not disappoint. From Noah Abuhajir breaking bricks to Scout Lowrie and Alpaca Pixie performing tricks, the audience was kept entertained and on the edges of their seats.

Singers Jing Liu and Norie Yowell wowed audiences with their renditions of “Hey There Delilah” and “Landside”, while Alex Chou’s performance of “Talking to the Moon” was quite literally out of this world.

When it came to dance, Parsa Lajmiri performed a Bollywood dance medley, while Zack Masaryk performed a demon possessed-improv ballet. Also performing were Jonah Chan and Lucas Trinh on piano with “Three Dance Portraits”, and Joseph Giambrone performed multiple parts of “Life Could be a Dream” on a baritone saxophone.


We hope to see you in person next year at the University of Louisiana Lafayette where we will proudly host the return of stage crew!

ESCAPE ROOM WINNERS

Cultural Escape Game
Ashton Lewis from Massachusetts, Rising Tide Charter Public School

History Escape Game
Rupert Chen from California, The Harker School

Mythology Escape Game
Srishty Muthusekaran from Virginia, TJHSST

Latin Language/Geography Escape Game
Krista Drako from Texas, St. Andrew’s Episcopal School

Check out new DIY crosswords from Ed Long (TN) and Mickey Robertson (VA)!

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Never Have I Ever…. Been Team Ben

Mike Yates (American Samoa) is the president of the Paxton Forever Fan Club.

I am absolutely disgusted by last night’s lack of participation in the TE! chat. Paxton does not need to hear about how much you love alpacas or Kidz Bop. You have 364 days a year to talk about the other TE! acts, but on TE! night you need to be stanning Paxton 110%. Ben got so much support in the chat while you guys did NOTHING to hype up Paxton!! We aren’t going to be the #1 Paxton fan club anymore if we can’t even show up to TE! I even saw some of you putting |* | in the chat for Ben. YOU ARE A DISAPPOINTMENT. Don’t forget, Paxton, too, was a character written by a woman. Ben is a stereotype and embodies an unrealistic expectation of what it means to be in JCL. Paxton, is your everyday JCLer. He works hard at Olympika swimming and spends time making new friends at the dances each night. There is SOOO much we can learn from his work-life balance at convention. You can make this right by liking all his posts and commenting for the alg0rithm, talking him up in your state’s group chat, and sending Paxton uplifting personals for tomorrow’s Ear.

From the comedic (?) brain of solitaire legend, Gary "The G is for Online" Baker, comes:

JCL Candidate’s Instagram

Zoom with the Candidates (Today)

How the Ancient Roman World Works

Schearer I

Look Who’s Online Again

Welcome to Convention

That Post-Convention Feeling

All Eyes on TE

Schearer II

Valete

Earlier in the week, JCLers participated in the Impromptu Art contest, where they were given a prompt and created projects on the spot. Here are some of the pieces they created:
Salwaytay omnays, National Junior Classical League.

Recently, we here at WeVideo noticed a dramatic spike in our numbers, especially our free plan. We looked into it and discovered your little classical music club. Thanks to all the videos presented during your meetings, we exceeded our financial goals for not only the quarter, but for the entire year! Because you made this possible, we thought you should be the first to know that WeVideo is entering the space race! Your “That is Entertaining” video has inflated our stock price so much that we feel comfortable launching the first WeVideo rocket, and our own CEO, into orbit next week. Truly this is a miraculous accomplishment. We could not have done it without your hard work. As thanks, we are offering a limited-time 10% discount on WeVideo premium novelty stickers to all NJCL+ subscribers! Again, that’s 10% off the sticker price for any JCLer with a NJCL+ account! You guys really ROCKET our world!

Walaytay omnays,
Krishna Menon
CEO, WeVideo

Thank You, NJCL!

Open Certamen Winners

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Certamen Finals Matchups

- Novice - MA vs. WI vs. VA
- Intermediate - NH vs. FL vs. TX
- Advanced - DC vs. FL vs. TX

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New Ludi Napping Regulation

Ludi Nappers are gearing up for some padded competition. Many JCLers perfected the art of the nap this past year, right down to the specific number of toe wiggles necessary to position the blanket for a peaceful slumber. This sport’s popularity has only grown over the past two years with the luxuries of at-home Nationals. (Think of it! Air-conditioning, mattress toppers, memory foam, bedskirts!) As highly-skilled athletes changed into their PJs and fluffed their pillows, Kyle McGimsey, National Committee chair and Olympika advisor, grew concerned that perhaps the at-home accommodations would be too luxurious. How could such a competition be fairly judged given the differing number of pillows adorning each athlete’s downy bed?

That evening, inspiration struck McGimsey as he chowed down on yet another pepperoni dinner. The corrugations of the cardboard pizza box sang to him as the Muses did to Vergil. He quickly got to work constructing the optimal recycled regulation Ludi Napping arena. Hours later, surrounded by pizza crusts and failed prototypes, McGimsey proudly laid comfortably on his creation: a cardboard bed. He rejoiced at his brilliant epiphany. It’s a virtual convention! Obviously none of the contestants will have eaten anything but pizza for days! Finally, Ludi Nap could be held on an even sleeping platform.

The National Committee hesitated at first; if all of their pizza boxes went into creating beds, then what would they use as make-shift disposable plates the next day? Soon, however, they relented, realizing that this was the only way to recreate traditional convention conditions. “At first, I thought Kyle, ahem, Mr. McGimsey, had truly lost it,” said an anonymous committee member whose name rhymes with Amarosa Anglico-Pacsun. “But, when I felt the unyielding cardboard beneath me, I could not deny his genius.” The officers also shared their enthusiasm, reporting that the beds made good tables for their laptops during Zoom GAs.

PERSONALS

To Jaime and Tyler:
Some random decks can’t be solved, but we’re the grandmasters who solved the truly random deck we were given this week. Thank you for all your hard work, emotional support, and laughs. :)

poggers,
Maddie

Hello SCL editor! Thank you so much for including our personals! I know some people get frustrated with the character limit, but I like it because it makes me think carefully about what I want to say! Anyway, here’s the personal I’d like to put in to

Did you know that the critically acclaimed MMORPG Final Fantasy XIV has a free trial, and includes the entirety of A Realm Reborn AND the award-winning Heavensward expansion up to level 60 with no restrictions on playtime? Sign up, and enjoy Eorzea! :)

Cristian, Linh, Marco, Victoria, Kimberly. Getting to know y'all over the course of the summer during practice has been amazing. There’s no one else we’d rather play with than y'all. Thanks for an awesome summer & being great people! - Emma & Bering

Aspen, Liz, Lauren, Sherry, Ben, Emily, Michael, Colby, Lisa, Fred, Andrew, Henry, Chris, Will, Alex, Ben, Jeremy - Thank you for everything you do for Certamen! Vos estis mirabilissimi optimique! - JL
Hi Liz! In true SCL spirit, you are omnipresent in our hearts. We miss you, and hope to see you in person soon. Sending love, Nevona JCL (VV & Kira)

Message: "Hey man"

Kenzie, Krista, Bering, Giulia, Martina, Morgan, August, Zach, Abhinav, Ruhi, Emma, Meredith, William, we hope you’ve had a good convention. It’s been so fun to hang with you. Vos estis optimi! Maximo cum amore, Parva, Situla, et Danny Glacies

To all the Olympians in the TE skit, y’all all get gold medals in my book! Thanks for the help this week!

Kyle, Gary, Rourke, Warrington, Ben et al. You did a Souperlative job this week, and I am so thankful for all your help with TE! Now onto the director’s cut...
Baddie G. Mriner

Zooma Cum Laude

Attending your second virtual convention? Just graduated high school? CONGRATULATIONS! The National Committee’s Digital Publischolastic Creaphications Arts Advisor Chair is excited to announce a new award just for you special JCL enthusiasts: Zooma Cum Laude! Claim your award! (Comes with a free snazzy ribbon for your nametag next year!)

Magistra Whistledown's
CONVENTION PAPERS

Dearest Reader,

The night danced with the anticipation of performance, a performance of students before hundreds of their peers, displaying their talents and inspirations. Naturally, one cannot but be inspired by love, and as the entire audience breathed in synchronously with the performers, they all felt the same inspiring love.

Ms. Ramone Guilles returns to the stage, performing a passionate, original ballad. Thrilling the audience with her voice and piano accompaniment, Ms. Guilles sings of a love rekindled, of the journey of two lovers reconstructing a tender relationship. Even my frigid heart thawed as lyric and melody frolicked together.

Thus, we seek Ms. Julianne Campbell’s response. And where might Ms. Campbell be watching...? But in a Discord watch party with Mr. Vincent Ford. The foil to Ms. Guille’s declaration of passion and maturity, Mr. Ford derided her performance, mocking the artist and her art.

For her next action, I give Ms. Campbell credit. She replied to Mr. Ford with grace and elegance. She defended Ms. Guilles’ vulnerability with the audience and praised her skill of song. In full knowledge that these words publicly humiliated Mr. Ford, Ms. Campbell rejected any and all future relations with the legendary Ludic athlete.

With the one athlete out of the race, we wait, with bated breath, over which suitor Ms. Campbell will choose. I desire your opinion on the matter...

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