

# 2010 ANNIE OAKLEY WESTERN ARTS SHOWCASE

Schedule of Events.

## Friday July 24, 2009

- 12 PM - Open Practice –Outdoor Practice Area
- 7 PM – Showcase Performance (apx 1 hr)

## Saturday July 25, 2009

- 9 AM Open Practice
- 1 PM – Exhibition Contests Begin
  - Roping Style Exhibition / Most Unusual Whip Speed & Accuracy
  - Bullwhip Speed Switch
  - Bullwhip Fast Draw
- 2 PM Showcase Performance
- 7 PM The “BIG” showcase ... hosted by The Brothers & Co. Entertainers – All performers. (Apx. 1.5 hrs)

## Sunday July 26, 2009

- 10 AM Open Practice
- 11 AM Public Showcase (Apx 45 min.)
- 2 PM Public Showcase (Apx 45 min.)

### All Performances On Main Level of Coliseum, West End.

If you want to be in a showcase, sign up at least one hour prior to the show.

*Showcase Rules:* Do your best!

**Practice outside in designated area at  
the east end of fairground.**

**Note: Practice area is unsupervised. Work at your  
own risk. NO whip or knife usage outside the  
roped off area.**

## Award Notice:

Only one award will be given this year and it will be the **Society of American Whip Artistry's Brian Chic Whip Artistry Award**

This award is given to a whip artist who has promoted, performed, and helped to perpetuate whip artistry with personal style, professionalism, and a love of the art.

The award will be presented to **Alex Green** for his 40-plus years of supporting the Western Arts in general, and whip artistry in particular. Since Alex can't make the show, we will be sending him a plaque the first week of August.

### **GLD Enterprises & Productions STAFF:**

*Producer / Director / Development: Gery L. Deer*

*Registration / Administration: Barbara Deer*

*Whip Artistry – Gery L. Deer*

*Thrown Weapons – Kirk Bass*

*Lariat Artistry – Doug Smith*

*Music / Technical Support: The Brothers & Co. Entertainers*

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## About **GLD Enterprises & Productions** - Entertainment & Media Services

Established in 1992, **GLD Enterprises & Productions** is a full time entertainment, technology support and media relations company based in Jamestown, Ohio. The different facets of the business are covered by three subsidiaries - **Deer Computer Consulting, Ltd.** (1997), **The Whip Artistry Studio** (1998), and **GLD Enterprises Commercial Writing** (2006).



GLD Enterprises & Productions provides highly specialized and award-winning variety entertainment, keynote speaker and public relations services to all types of corporate, private and civic events.

GLD Enterprises can offer a single entertainer or help event planners to develop unique and memorable entertainment experiences for their guests.

Owner and managing director, Gery L. Deer, comes from a long line of entrepreneurs. His aptitude at the piano, however, is what originally landed him in the entertainment business. A self-taught musician, he copyrighted his first song at the age of 13 and started playing piano at local restaurants just two years later. Gery now performs with his family's music and variety group, The Brothers & Co. Entertainers. Eventually, he took to the stage with his other lifelong passion – the whip.

The bullwhip was a tool to Gery growing up. Not because he was raised on a cattle farm, but because he learned how to cut down large weeds and remove fallen branches from electric fencing. By his college years, he was regularly teaching and giving exhibitions. He won several whip speed and accuracy titles through the Wild West Arts Club national and regional events and started Annie Oakley Western Arts Showcase in 2002 through.

Gery has been featured on several national television programs including the PBS series, *Our Ohio*, NBC's *America's Got Talent*, *Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge* and *The Bonnie Hunt Show*. In 2003, he designed and produced the whip holstering equipment used in the feature film, *The Rundown*. He has also worked with theater companies and trained hundreds of whip artistry students over more than two decades. **The Whip Artistry Studio**, an entertainment and educational subsidiary of GLD Enterprises, is the only permanent facility in the U.S. dedicated to the non-combative study of whip artistry. The studio offers group and individual lessons, educational presentations and whip artistry performances.

In addition to being an entertainer and speaker, Gery makes most of his living as a self-syndicated columnist and independent journalist. His weekly op-ed column, **DEER IN HEADLINES** is featured in over a dozen regional newspapers and national online publications.



In 2009, Gery published a 4-part series in several Ohio newspapers titled, *Keith Peterson: Be All You Can Be*, which earned him a nomination for the 2010 Ohio Public Image in Media Award as well as consideration for a 2010 Pulitzer Prize in Journalism. Since 1989, when he began his

journalistic endeavors, Gery has published more than 1,500 articles and columns ranging in topic from technology to politics.

Gery also serves as a public relations specialist for businesses, authors and speakers, and is currently working on three book projects, including a memoir called, *Everyone Has A Skill*. The first of his fictional novels is set to go to publication as a serial sometime in 2011. Gery also helps new writers by serving as the director for the Western Ohio Writers Association.

The Annie Oakley event is only one of the events produced by GLD Enterprises. Stage variety shows like "Now You See It," "Whips & Wands," and "The Brothers & Co. Music & Variety Show" are produced throughout the year commercially and to benefit non-profit organizations.

GLD Enterprises can provide lighting, sound, technical production and stage crew for live performance and independent film productions.

The studio at GLD Enterprises also serves as a rehearsal hall, meeting facility, and a stage for the production of specialty video projects like the 2009 film short, *The Overman*, written by award-winning screen writer Rich Hoffman (pictured – right - with Gery on set).



Filming all of the principal photography and stunt work at GLD Enterprises in Jamestown, Rich filmed the 'sets' in Mexico, overlaying them into the live action shot in the green screened studio. The high-tech movie is up for several awards at the 2009 Indie Gathering film conference in Cleveland.

Details of services, video clips, and tons of photos of the work done at GLD Enterprises & Productions, as well as a complete list of our entertainers, are available online at [www.gldentertainment.com](http://www.gldentertainment.com) or call (937) 902-4857 for more information. For whip lessons visit [www.thewhipstudio.com](http://www.thewhipstudio.com)

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