

## QUEST PRODUCTIONS

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### MARK JASTER: CLOWN EXTRAORDINAIRE

The Washington Post has called Mark Jaster, “Clown extraordinaire, and one of the most graceful performers you will ever see on a stage.”

In *A Fool Named “O,”* Mark Jaster projects his lively imagination and hyper-advanced spatial and communication skills into a time long ago, and takes us along for the joyous romp with a medieval musical mute. O’s tricks include an apparently impossible dive through a small wooden hoop, ethereal music from a carpenter’s saw, and an astounding illusion of stairs, escalators, and elevators.

*A Fool Named “O”* is regularly featured at the Maryland Renaissance Festival, where it is a perennial favorite with a full spectrum audience, appealing at once to bikers, scholars, teens, tots, and pensioners. Audiences love this character’s skill, wit, and playful interaction, and they return year after year to see his show.

Mark Jaster studied mime with Etienne Decroux, the teacher of Marcel Marceau and Jean-Louis Barrault. He later served as Marceau’s teaching assistant in a series of seminars in the United States. Mark performs extensively in a wide range of material from the ancient to the avant-garde on stage and in film. He has played Shakespearean fools, collaborated with Renaissance musicians, and appeared with a LeCoq inspired post-modern troupe. He regularly dances the role of Herr Drosselmeyer in the Nutcracker and is a member of the Big Apple Circus’ Clown Care Unit, entertaining staff and patients at the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC.

*A Fool Named “O”* joins Quest Productions’ QuestFest, five exceptional shows from the United States, Singapore and Australia sharing a common vision of movement-based theatre. This summer’s featured shows are: *White Frost Falls*, *Wings*, and *A Fool Named “O”* from the United States, *A Visual Adaptation of Mistero Buffo* from Singapore, and *Rob Roy Show!* from Australia. For more information on dates, times and venues check our website: [www.quest4arts.org](http://www.quest4arts.org). For tickets go to the official Fringe website: [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com).

Quest Productions brings QuestFest to the Fringe in conjunction with Richard Demarco and Demarco-Rocket Productions.

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