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# CLUB CHAT

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## #ClubsGotTalentFTW

by Rick Pavia – Clubs GA/Club Chat Editor

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, ten of RIT's most ambitious clubs on campus arrived in Ingle Auditorium to compete for a grand prize of **\$500** in club funds, along with bragging rights for winning the 1st Annual Clubs Got Talent competition! 2<sup>nd</sup> place would receive **\$300**, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place would be awarded **\$100**.

Only a few weeks of preparation were possible for many of the performers, and as students, the week before finals makes it even busier. Nevertheless, everyone stepped up their game from an awesome rehearsal giving the crowd a wide variety of stellar performances!

After a quick intro from our Blues Brothers hosts for the evening (Clubs GA Rick Pavia and SA Chris Tarantino) the **Capoeira Mandinga** club set the beat for the evening with an acrobatic martial arts shadow dance, set within a custom animated story. **Gospel Ensemble** followed up with a moving vocal performance while a painting was created on stage. **Mental Graffiti** then expressed their own poetry with

emphatic voices, while **Juggling Club** mesmerized the crowd with exceptional coordination. Before intermission, **Brick Beats** left everyone anxious for more with a killer hip hop dance.

When the curtain came up at intermission the crowd was pumped up by a sub-group within the **RIT Pep Band**, (known as **6 Below**). Next up, one of our newest clubs on campus, the **RIT Pipe Band**, brought a taste of Ireland to RIT with a trio of bagpipers decked out in traditional garb, complete with kilts. If the pipes weren't going to be stuck in your head all night, you could then count on the **Sailing Club** and their nautical sea shanty "Whisky, Johnny" to stay with you though the ride home. **Dumbledore's Army** then brought the crowd some intense shadowcasting and a story to the show before the **RIThym Crew** made everyone dizzy in a closing performance filled with breakdancing straight out of the 80s!

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## Spotlight On...



# Capoeira Mandinga!

## What is Capoeira?

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that has elements of dance and game, acrobatic as well as deceptive. The art has its own culture and history which is passed on through its music.

## History

Although how it came to be is still very much contested, Capoeira is known to have been practiced by slaves who were brought to Brazil to work on the plantations. They disguised the martial art as a dance so that they could practice self-defense in front of the slave owners. After slavery was abolished, Capoeira was outlawed and became a form of gang fighting. Then, in 1937, Mestre Bimba formally presented Capoeira to the Brazilian government and had the art legalized. Now, Capoeira is one of Brazil's national sports.

## About Capoeira @RIT

The Capoeira Mandinga club at RIT was founded in November 2007 by Gian Lomaglio and Sean Farnier. Although originally very small (there were only 3 members in the beginning), the club has grown to have over 20 regular members. This year, we were approved to have a Capoeira Wellness Class and have had two successful quarters thus far. The club meets on Mondays 7-9pm in 55-1310, and Fridays 7-9pm in the SLC Lower Dance Studio. The Capoeira Wellness Class is offered every quarter on Tuesdays from 7-8:20pm in the SLC Upper Dance Studio.



Capoeira's ImagineRIT performance in 2011 (reenactment of a Brazilian folktale: the Story of Maculele)

## Want to Join?

Contact: [RITCapoeira@gmail.com](mailto:RITCapoeira@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.rit.edu/sg/capoeira/>

Meetings: Tuesdays: 7pm-9pm Room: 55-1310

Fridays: 7pm-9pm Room: SLC Lower Dance Studio

\*taught by Espiao under the supervision of Contra Mestre Carcará.

**Wear sweat pants and drop in anytime!**

## Clubs Got Talent

For the Clubs Got Talent show, our club decided to present a trailer version of our performance for the innovation-themed event, Imagine RIT. It is called "Shadow Showdown" and is meant to utilize the many different talents and skills of our members including computer animation, four different martial arts, choreography, and musical arrangement. The story begins with an evil shadow entity that wants to destroy the world, but it starts out very weak and has to use deception in order to steal the powers of others. There is a lot of action, some humor, and a little suspense for everyone to enjoy!

See P.5 for pics of Capoeira Mandinga's performance in Clubs got Talent!



## DID YOU KNOW...

**WHEN & WHERE?***Saturday, April 14, 2012***Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm**Location:** Gordon Field House and Activities Center**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Club Fair!****CLUB RESOURCES**

Chances are if you're in need of a form, event planning tips, budget timelines or have questions about anything clubs, go to: <http://campuslife.rit.edu/main/clubs/resources>

You'll find the executive board, finance certification, and sports federation manuals here, as well as budgets info, event planning/marketing info, monetary forms and other miscellaneous documents.

If you're still stumped (or really want to visit us! Stop by the Club Center for answers or email me at [clubs@rit.edu](mailto:clubs@rit.edu).

**FAST FACTS**

'Take a closer look' Edition...

**172**

The number found on the back of the U.S. \$5 dollar bill in the bushes at the base of the Lincoln Memorial.

**The King of Hearts**

The only king on a standard deck of cards without a moustache.

**See the Arrow?****How do I get a table?**

This event is open to all students, but only existing clubs may register for a table. Space is limited and given out on a first come first serve basis.

- Set up begins at Noon.
- All tables must be staffed exclusively by students of the organization.
- Each organization will receive 1 table and 2 chairs with your registration.
- Power is available to groups who request it on this form.

**Club Fair Registration Closes on April 12th.**

Please submit your request before this time at

<http://campuslife.rit.edu/main/clubs/fairRequest>

**Questions?**

Contact: Sarah Griffith

E-mail: [sbgccl@rit.edu](mailto:sbgccl@rit.edu)



# CLUB SPORTS

FEATURING:

## *Freestyle Ski & Snowboard Team*

The club focuses on two aspects of snowboarding; **recreational** and **competitive**. This consists of going to the club selected mountain, such as Bristol or Hunt Hollow, a few times a week. The end of the trip usually includes a cookout at the mountain where everyone relaxes and hangs out. There are numerous ways for the recreational snowboard team to interact with everyone, and as always, current members go out of their way to ensure that new members feel welcomed and get to know everyone.

The competitive team not only goes on the trips to the mountains for recreation, but also attends several competitions during the season. These competitions include boardercross, slopestyle, and half-pipe. These events are held at different mountains, and finally culminate in Nationals. The past few years have seen more and more members of our team attending nationals, which has been fun for everyone involved! All ranges of skill compete, and for many this is usually the very first competitions ever.

**13/20 of our members qualified for nationals this year!**

**2 Members will be competing April 1st - 5th at Copper Mountain, CO! Wish them luck!!!**

### Members' regional rankings:

#### Men's Boardercross (ages 18-22)

4th Luke Brophy  
5th Nick Egan  
6th Tom Dibenedetto  
7th Josh Doores  
8th Dillon Bickhart  
9th Travis Emery  
10th Zeb Koch  
11th Mike Kormos  
13th Brendan Rodgers  
14th Frank Mekker  
15th Raphael Leu  
15th Trevor Bronson  
17th David Mann  
18th Evan Jorgensen

#### Men's Boardercross (ages 23-29)

1st Nick Lipala  
2nd Tyler Kwolek

#### Woman's Boardercross (ages 18-22)

2nd Meghan Dwyer  
3rd Jennifer Smith  
4th Molly MacDonald

#### Men's Slopestyle (ages 18-22)

1st Nick Egan  
2nd Raphael Leu  
3rd David Mann  
4th Frank Mekker  
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2nd Molly MacDonald

#### Men's Skiercross (ages 19+)

Trevor McGregor

#### Men's Skier Slopestyle (ages 19+)

Trevor McGregor



The Snowboard team and club also do several events throughout the school year. These include a pre-Christmas trip to Tremblant, Canada, an early spring Rail-jam, big spring break trips, and at times hosts snowboard movie viewings. Everyone is always encouraged to interact with each other, and long lasting friendships are built. Many of the team's alumni come back and visit frequently, riding and even sometimes competing alongside the rest of the team. All in all, the Snowboard team is a great experience that isn't soon forgotten.

Each member, upon joining, gets a membership to USASA (United States of America Snowboard Association) which allows them to compete in any USASA competition. We compete in the Western New York region. With your membership, you also get discounts at certain stores (last year was Pac Sun and this year is Sports Authority).

Want to Join? Have Questions? Contact Zeb at [zak7275@rit.edu](mailto:zak7275@rit.edu)





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While the competition was tight and involved votes from not only the judges but a randomly selected audience member, one of the groups would have to be declared our first winner. Speaking of the judges, a shout out is appropriate to our dedicated panel you'll be introduced to in the photo gallery to follow! The results were very close, but in the end a Price is Right sized check for \$500 in clubs funds was awarded to the RIT Pep Band! 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the RIT Pipe Band and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was awarded to the RITHym Crew!

RIT clubs made it obvious that there's an overflow of talents on campus, so if you're part of a club and want to compete next year, it's never too early to get ready!

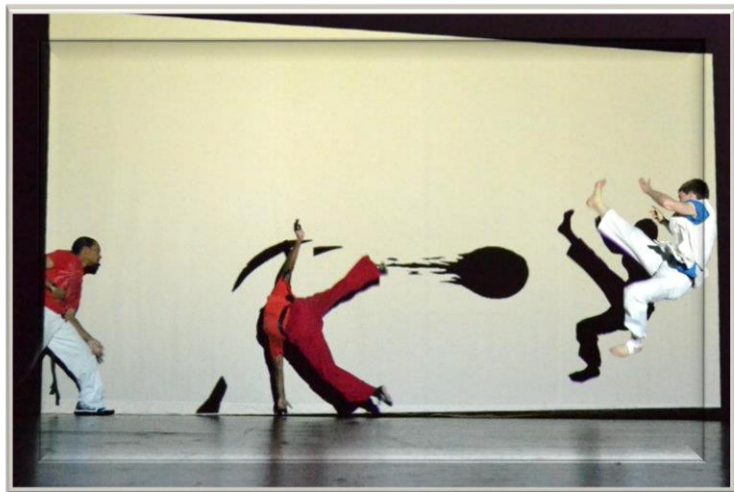
Last but definitely not least, a big Thank You to Sarah Griffith, your club coordinator and show producer who planned and executed the event down to the minute, as well as a thank you to the behind the scenes talents you almost never see (by design) in a hard-working and versatile Tech Crew. Good luck next year to all!



Members of the *RIT Pep Band* put together the sub-group that's known as *6 Below*, (shown above). Your Club GA and SA hosts jumped in when the beat got groovy.



*Brick Beats* takes the stage, (at left), for a hip hop clinic.



*Capoeira Mandinga* (above) performs a trailer version of their upcoming performance for Imagine RIT. It's called "Shadow Showdown" and is meant to utilize the many different talents and skills of their members, including computer animation, four different martial arts, choreography, and musical arrangement. The story begins with an evil shadow entity that wants to destroy the world, but the entity starts out very weak and must use deception in order to steal the powers of others. There was a lot of action, some humor, and a little suspense for everyone to enjoy!

The honorable judges representing *Campus Life*, from left to right (below): Paulina "The Evil" Evoy, Ryan "The Hammer" Giglia, Dr. Heath "Heath Bar" Boice-Pardee, & Beary "The Bear" T!







*Sailing Club (above) shows their spirit with a catchy nautical sea shanty.*

An artist on the *Gospel Ensemble* (left) completed a work of art as the rest of the ensemble performed.



At Right:  
*Mental Graffiti*;  
poetically  
telling it  
like it is.



*The RIT Pipe Band (above) dressed to impress. The biggest impression was made by their pipes, though!*



The *RIThym Crew* (above) wasted no time in getting right down to business, acrobatically moving all over the dance floor.



**Congrats to the winners, and thanks to all for competing or supporting your clubs!!!**

Intense narration for  
*Dumbledore's Army*  
(right) and their  
shadowcasted story!



## Club Memes for You!



Create your own club memes for the newsletter and send them to [clubs@rit.edu](mailto:clubs@rit.edu)!

## Be Featured in the Club Chat!

*Have something exciting going on? Want to have your club featured in the Club Chat? Have some unique perspective on life as an RIT Club? Personal Ads? (send to [notinthisnewsletter@rit.edu](mailto:notinthisnewsletter@rit.edu)) Or any other inspiration you might have, even artwork! So long as it's RIT related and (mildly) relevant to clubs!*

*Send information to [clubs@rit.edu](mailto:clubs@rit.edu)*



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Interested in being featured in Club Chat?  
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