



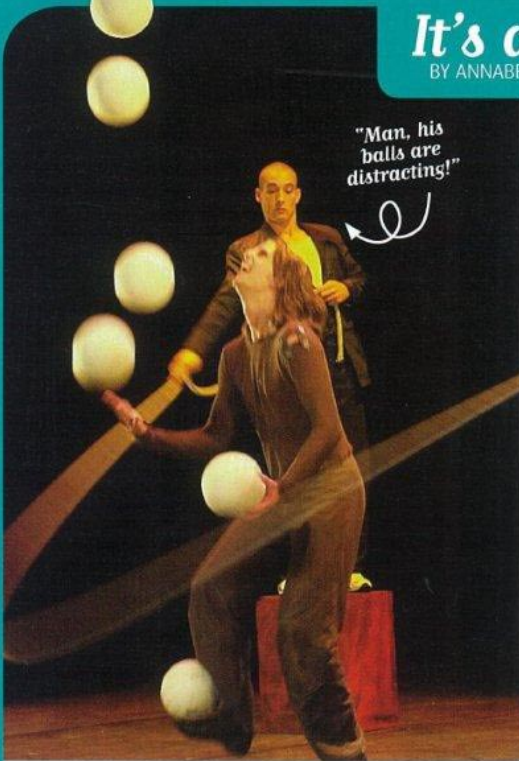
CLEO CULTURE

It's a date

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April must-do

Look into *The Crystal Mirror*



Always dreamt of dining on haute cuisine while watching acrobats and musicians work their magic in a circus tent? With the arrival of *The Crystal Mirror*, your dreams are set to become reality. We speak to Andreas Wessels, the juggling hottie who will mesmerise you with his large balls.

When did you discover your talent for juggling?

When I was younger, I played soccer and acted in the theatre for a while. After a couple of shows as a juggler, I was hooked. It was an addiction and I was hungry to get better and perfect my skill. This focus — this passion — still remains strong and I want to keep getting better and better.

What's it like performing with extraordinarily large balls? As in, the six balls that you balance and dance with in your act?

It's a real challenge, as you have to grasp an object that is larger than the palm of your hand. Many factors add to the complexity — humidity, temperature, air pressure — even when I last washed the balls! Every day, every act is different. What is also challenging is that it's not one single act or trick, but a series of tricks that need to work together.

Besides soccer balls, what other things can you juggle?

It's fairly easy to juggle ping pong balls with my mouth — this act is always very well-received. When I perform with my partner, Jojo Weiss, it's more about the game and the chemistry between us than the act of juggling itself.

What performances can we look forward to seeing you perform at *The Crystal Mirror*?

Juggling is my main skill and the focus of my act. I'm also involved in two routines with Jojo where we compete against each other with rarely seen juggling acts and magic tricks. A great show must have diversity and include other elements as well — I dance a little and generally deliver a more "theatrical" performance. The rest depends on what my artistic director requires!

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