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THE YO-YO GUY Q&A

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Junior Jordan Black has a passion for yo-yoing and practices his tricks in the halls and the cafeteria during school

HOW DID YOU GET INTO YO-YOING?

“ I THOUGHT IT'D be just a really fun thing to do around middle school. I remember having this automatic yo-yo toy when I was a kid... and I really liked using that thing.

WHAT ABOUT YO-YOING DO YOU LIKE SO MUCH?

THE CONCEPT IS very simple, but it's the fact that the people who play yo-yo, they'll take this concept and they'll play their own style to it, so it's like an art medium. ”

HOW DO YOU LEARN YOUR TRICKS?

“ I ENDED UP learning slowly through YouTube different tricks I could do... and I transitioned from using the plastic yo-yo to an unresponsive one... Since then, I've been using an unresponsive yo-yo and have been trying to add to my repertoire of tricks.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PERFORMING TRICKS FOR STUDENTS?

IT TICKLES MY inner showman. I get to show something that I'm passionate about and I'm interested in, and people will just eat that up and I love that constant positive feedback loop. ”

TOP TRICKS

THE TRENDY TRICK:

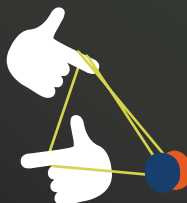
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the yo-yo spins on one finger while the string swirls above it, creating the look of a double-helix



HIS FAVORITE: BARREL ROLL

the yo-yo flips in a loop along the string as it is held with both index fingers



HIS NEWEST TRICK:

INVERTED GT

by twisting the string, the yo-yo bounces against the top string when tossed to make an inverted triangle

