

For Immediate Release | [OFJCC Website](#) | [View this email in your browser](#)



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 11, 2025

Media Contact: Michelle Shabtai

(650) 272-8761, mshabtai@paloaltojcc.org

The Flying Karamazov Brothers 50 Years of Juggling and Cheap Theatrics



Palo Alto, CA—March 11, 2025—The internationally acclaimed Flying Karamazov Brothers, established at UC Santa Cruz in 1973 and known for their appearances on stage, screen and television, will perform live at the **Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto on Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall.**

The Flying Karamazov Brothers trace their roots back to 1972 at the University of California, Santa Cruz. There, dorm-room neighbors Howard Patterson and Paul Magid sparked a creative idea that ignited their first performance on April 23, 1973, at a California Renaissance Faire.

Fair in Spokane, Washington, they adopted the moniker "The Flying Karamazov Brothers," which drew inspiration from Fyodor Dostoyevsky's classic novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, they also took on the characters' names: Paul as Dmitri, Howard as Ivan, Randy as Alyosha and Tim as Fyodor.

Since then, The Flying Karamazov Brothers have captivated audiences worldwide with their unique blend of laugh-out-loud comedy, wild theatrics and breathtaking juggling feats. Their impressive resume includes appearances on the Late Show with David Letterman, opening for Frank Sinatra at the Kennedy Center, a collaborative performance with Robin Williams in San Francisco and countless others. The Flying Karamazov Brothers have produced dozens of shows and have had many television and movie appearances including *Seinfeld*, *Mister Roger's Neighborhood* and the movie *Jewel of the Nile*.

What People Are Saying:

"They are self-proclaimed eccentric lunatics spicing things up with laugh-out-loud comedy, wild theatrics, arcane errata, and astonishing juggle feats. They are not Russian, they are not brothers, and they don't fly but they are as close to a sure thing that can be found onstage, 100 minutes of cleverness and comedy that go by in a flash" – **New York Times**

"The Marx Brothers meets the Juilliard String Quartet." – **Boston Globe**

"Their self-imposed recipe of good juggling and bad jokes is irresistible to Karamazov addicts such as myself. I think they have a touch of genius to them... A marvelous mix of the Marx Brothers, Monty Python and Hellzapoppin!... A unique entertainment! You have to be there and you should be there as soon as possible. Catch it!" – **Clive Barnes, New York Post**

"The Karamazovs deliver visual and verbal one-liners, all while creatively tossing about anything they can get their hands on!" – **The Wall Street Journal**

"They are as nimble of wit as they are deft of hand and your mouth will open wide in laughter no less than in awe. They handle an audience as cleverly as the cleavers, clubs, knives and other imaginable and unimaginable objects they juggle, and they are as playful and personable as puppy dogs with a hypertrophic intelligence. This wholesome show should tickle equally the child with and the child within you." – **John Simon, New York magazine**

"Extraordinary entertainment! Don't walk, don't run, FLY to see the amazing Karamazovs!" – **NY1**

For Calendar Editors

of Juggling and Cheap Theatrics.

WHEN: Saturday, April 26, 2025, 7:00 PM

WHERE: The Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall at the Oshman Family JCC,
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

REGISTRATION: Registration takes place at paloaltojcc.org/events/the-flying-karamazov-brothers.

About the Oshman Family JCC

The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (OFJCC) on the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life serves the South Peninsula through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs. The OFJCC is a multi-generational Jewish neighborhood where all are welcome and which fosters new personal and community connections through rich and rewarding experiences. The OFJCC provides a common ground for Jewish institutions, other local groups, organizations and individuals to work, learn and play together for the betterment of the whole community. The OFJCC's registered trademark is Live Fully®. For more information, visit www.paloaltojcc.org or call (650) 223-8700.

Tickets + More Information:

For tickets and more details, visit paloaltojcc.org/events/the-flying-karamazov-brothers

The Flying Karamazov Brothers will be available for phone and video interviews for the next few weeks leading up to the event. For press inquiries, please contact: Michelle Shabtai, Cultural Arts Manager at the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto | 650-223-8761 (office) | 650-272-8761 (mobile) | mshabtai@paloaltojcc.org



Oshman Family JCC | Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303 | (650) 223-8700 | paloaltojcc.org



The Oshman Family JCC is proud to be a part of the Koret Initiative on Jewish Peoplehood.

THE KOUM FAMILY FOUNDATION



Copyright © 2025 Oshman Family JCC, All rights reserved.

The Oshman Family JCC is a community-supported nonprofit organization. To learn more about what the generosity of donors like you makes possible, [click here](#).

[Subscribe](#)

[Past Issues](#)

[Translate ▼](#)
