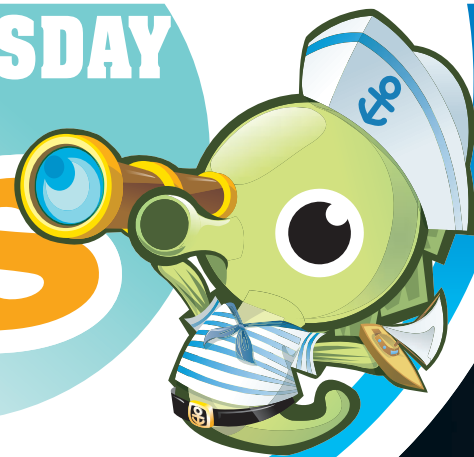


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Let's bubble up!



WE all love playing with bubbles, but a man from San Francisco (三藩市) has turned everyone's favourite childhood pastime into 'the funniest bubble show on Earth'! And this Amazing Bubble Man, Louis Pearl, is about to show us his best tricks, eg, square bubbles, doughnut bubbles, and people-inside of bubbles, in the coming September!

Louis has staged his bubbles show around the world for over 30 years!

I'd really love to learn how he does his big bubbles!

Editor's Note

Hi! The World Cup kicked off last Thursday in Russia and so far I have enjoyed watching the matches. It is a shame that Hong Kong has never qualified for the World Cup but we might have a chance in 2026 when the tournament expands to 48 teams (currently it is 32 teams). I have been supporting the England team for many years now and I am very familiar with how they progress: first optimism that they can win, then disappointment at getting beaten by smaller teams and then losing on penalties before going home! Turn to P3 about a World Cup star visiting Hong Kong.



Simon



Grace

The magic of bubble

DO you like blowing soap bubbles, and always hope that the bubbles never burst? Louis Pearl, the world's most famous magician and 'bubbleologist', has had an even larger bubble dream – inventing bubbles of all shapes and sizes to stun audiences from all walks of life.

Since 1983, Louis has been touring around the world, sometimes accompanied by his accordionist (手風琴師) wife. And in September, he is going to put on his long-awaited bubble show in Hong Kong, immersing the local audience in a sea of bubbles.

And before the grand show, the Goodies family interviewed Louis Pearl.

Why are you so keen on making bubbles?



EVERYONE loves bubbles as children, and that love never dies. We just forget about it. But when I was at university in the late 1970s, I rediscovered my love for bubbles. I found that playing with bubbles and learning how to **manipulate** them was a perfect way to relax in between my hectic studies. And since graduation, I have been devoted to creating new kinds of bubble toys and doing bubble shows.



What are your favourite bubble magic effects?



I LOVE them all! But the best and my favourite part is when I get just the right amount of helium (氦氣) in a large bubble so that it does not go up or down – it just **hovers** and floats in a **stationary** position under the bright stage lights. It is beautifully stunning. Though the effect may look simple, it is actually very hard to do.



What is the most difficult effect that you have ever made?



THE hardest one is always the newest effect, and the newest one now is called the Bubble Rocket Dome. After I have just come up with a new effect, I need to practise it over and over again at my home studio. Yet, I never get it right until I perform in front of an audience. The first attempt onstage is always a challenge to me.

Everyone loves your amazing bubble show. What is so special about it?



EVERY show is special because no two shows are ever the same. Every theatre is different – the temperature, **humidity** and electricity in the air all affect the bubbles. Besides, I always bring kids (and maybe an adult) onto the stage to join my show, and I never know what they will do! I also like to use humour and get the audience to laugh a lot.



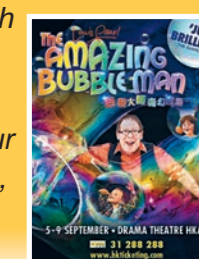
We get so many kinds of entertainment nowadays; do you think kids have already lost interest in bubbles?



BUBBLES never lose their appeal because they are like dreams. We are all fascinated by bubbles in the same way we are fascinated by our dreams.



Goodies, courtesy of Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, is giving 3 lucky readers a pair of tickets each for Louis Pearl, *The Amazing Bubble Man* (《泡藝大師奇幻劇場》). To win a pair, please send your answer to the following question to us, together with your personal information. You can find our address on P12.



Q. What is Louis's newest effect called?

A. _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Ticketing info:
Date: 5-9 September
Venue: Drama Theatre, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
Tickets from \$395 are available at www.hkticketing.com