Components

- 5 x 6 Manic Monkey tiles
- 1 die

Story

Take a look at the funny monkeys in the zoo! They copy everything they see and hear. The faces of the zoo visitors, the roaring of the lion and the popping of the balloons. What a funny performance!

But who can manage to remember everything in the right order and perform the best monkey performance?

Reiner Knizia

Reiner Knizia was born in 1957. He holds a doctorate in mathematics and has already published numerous games. Reiner Knizia has been inventing games for as long as he can remember.

Besides his passion as a games inventor, he enjoys travelling and is always open to suggestions for new games ideas. In his eyes, a successful game is one where all the players feel like winners, because playing the game together was interesting and exciting.
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How the following players continue the game

When it is your turn, roll the die and pick up a tile of that colour. If there are no tiles left from the colour you rolled, pick a tile of any other colour. Place it face-up next to the tiles already placed face-down.

Can you remember which actions are depicted on the face-down tiles? You then have to perform them in the order in which they were drawn. Then perform the face-up tile.

Have you performed all the tiles correctly?

Well done! Turn the last tile over so that it is also face-down. It is then the next player’s turn.

You did not perform all the tiles correctly?

What a pity! Unfortunately you drop out of the game. If necessary, you can check the correct performance by looking at the individual tiles. It is then the next player’s turn. This player doesn’t turn over a new tile - instead, they play with the last tile that has just been turned over, and performs the actions on the tiles lying face-down and then that on the face-up tile.

The game comes to an end once there is only one player left. They are the winner and today’s King of the Manic Monkeys!