Silly Circus Camp

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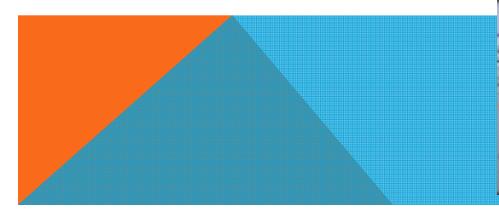# Silly Circus Camp

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Overview

- A community-based program that provides training in the circus arts and self-esteem boosting experiences for Ontario youth.
- Gives kids the opportunity to fly on a trapeze, learn acrobatics, become a juggler, and perform for their family, friends and the general public.
- Created and run by experienced circus and performing arts professionals who introduce themselves by putting on a show!

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Program Outline

- One or two week intensive program can run during or after school

- Instructors introduce themselves with a show!

- Participants learn a wide variety of circus disciplines and performance skills, including; swinging trapeze, juggling, acrobatics, diabolo, yoyo, spinning plates, stilt walking, and clowning.

- Finale Performance in which participants can show off their new circus skills to family and friends!

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Who Can Participate

- Youth aged 7-17
- Young adults seeking volunteer opportunities.
- Parents and community members interested in volunteering to assist with program and show.

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Program Benefits

- Valuable physical skills such as hand-eye coordination, balance, and focus.

- The program not only teaches alternative artistic disciplines, it demonstrates and demands important social skills including working in a team environment, respect for others and cooperation.

- Unique self esteem boosting opportunities through achievement of individual potential in a supportive group environment.

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Who We Are

- Led by veterans of the long-running Manitoba C.A.M.P. program; a multi-phase, community-based program that provides training in the circus arts, mentorship opportunities and self-esteem boosting experiences for Manitoba youth.

    Phil LeConte

    Colin Franks

    Ana Shepherd

    Rick Kunst

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Instructors

Phil LeConte & Colin Franks, The Silly People

Two guys from Kitchener/Waterloo, Ontario who have a flair for '*silliness*'. They have been performing for almost 20 years and have worked in eighteen different countries. With a perfect blend of quick wit, slapstick and random useless skills they create "free-style comedy." Diabolo, juggling, yo-yo, and circus skills. They have been teaching all over Canada for over 12 years.

> www.sillypeople.com

Ana Shepherd, Dragonfly Aerial Arts

Ana is a professional aerialist who has been working in the circus industry in various capacities since 1997. Fusing her academic knowledge in Kinesiology with a strong athletic background and a passion for performance, Ana has enjoyed both instructing and performing with some of Canada's finest circus companies. With over 13 years of teaching experience, Ana finds that circus disciplines easily lend themselves to teaching important themes such as empowerment, teamwork, perseverance, and balance. Ana is extremely passionate about teaching; she loves teaching all forms of circus and helping students of all levels push the boundaries of what they thought they were capable of.

> www.dragonflyaerialarts.com

Rick Kunst, Men In Tights

Rick began his professional career in Orlando Florida, performing street theatre at EPCOT Center in the early eighties. Through working for the Walt Disney World Co. he then performed all over the world and became a consultant for the creative arm of the company known as Walt Disney Imagineering. The Nineties brought him to Canada when he collaborated with the Canadian clowns of horror, Mump and Smoot and performed as the third member of their troupe. All the while graduating from Second City's Master Class of improvisation and literally perform for thousands of corporate events. Today Rick runs his own company, Men in Tights, where he performs Shakespearean improvisation and can be seen in commercials and television.

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Booking and Contact Information

- Pricing varies based on location and camp size.
- Sponsorship package provided for community fundraising opportunities.
- Call or email for further information and technical requirements.

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