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Kinetic Arts Center Circus Students Run Away to the Circus for the Summer: 70 Shows in Seven Weeks Throughout New England with Prestigious Circus Smirkus 2010 Big Top Tour!

OAKLAND (May 7, 2010)—Although we do not expect every child to grow up and run away to the circus, some of them do. This June, Kinetic Arts Center sends off three of its circus students to Circus Smirkus' 2010 Big Top Tour (www.smirkus.org): Frances Tiffin (18yrs old), Leah Samelson (16 yrs old) and Jessica Rodinsky (15 yrs old). Also, Frances Tiffin was accepted into the prestigious circus training program at *École de cirque de Québec* where she will continue her circus training on the professional level. Frances is a member of Kinetic Arts Center's *Circus Spire Youth Troupe* and Leah and Jessica have trained with Kinetic Arts circus coaches intensely all year. Each of these very talented teenagers train 10 – 15 hours a week perfecting their circus skills on top of a very intense homework schedule.

For Frances Tiffin, this will be her third and last summer with Circus Smirkus. Continuing a 23-year tradition of bringing joy and magic to towns all over New England and New York, Circus Smirkus will perform 70+ shows in 14 towns all over New England. This year's theme is "Wilderness Wonders: Outdoor Adventures Under the Big Top." Circus Smirkus celebrates the great outdoors with merrymaking, mirth and a touch of magic, in a fantastically fabulous four-season spectacle! Leah Samelson is spending her second summer in the program. Jessica Rodinsky is a first-timer. Each of the girls have trained long and hard to both audition for and get accepted into this program. Frances specializes in trapeze (static), hand-to-hand, clowning and acrobatics. Leah is an amazing hand balancer and Jessica is a contortionist.

"Kinetic Arts would like to think we had a little bit to do with all three of the girls getting accepted," says Jaron Hollander (Co-Founder and Artistic Director of Kinetic Arts Center) with a chuckle, "But we know it is only due to the girls' commitment, discipline and sacrifice to training that earned them a position in the cast at Circus Smirkus." Being a past Smirkus Trouper is no guarantee of getting accepted year after year. Both Frances and Leah had to audition a new act this winter along side Jessica. "It is pretty exciting that all three of the girls got in at once. It means that almost 11% of the cast this year came from Kinetic Arts Center. That is pretty cool!" says Hollander.

For more press information about Circus Smirkus Big Top Tour please visit

<http://www.circussmirkus.org/htm/tour/index.html> - Press Room

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