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## ***Circus Spire Youth Troupe Performs in TRACKS & TIES: Circus Magic, Locomotion & Connection running for 3 Weeks Only!***

**Circus Spire Youth Troupe Stars in TRACKS & TIES: Circus Magic, Locomotion & Connection.**  
Inhabitants of an abandoned train station fill eternity with circus magic connected to the power of trains, tracks and ties.

**OAKLAND (January 24, 2011)** — Kinetic Arts Center's **Circus Spire Youth Troupe** performs for three weeks only in a show about circus magic, locomotion and connection. Directed by Artistic Director Jaron Hollander, **TRACKS & TIES** puts you immediately in an abandoned train station where circus magic seeps from building walls and beams and station inhabitants are influenced by powerful locomotive forces.

### **Circus Spire Youth Troupe Members and Director Jaron Hollander Conceive and Produce a Circus Show Filled with Magic, Power and Connections.**

We started with the question, "What image is powerful to you?" Circus Spire Troupers (ages 8 – 18 years old) threw out answers that ranged from time, stairs, clocks and trains to rust, death, shadows and doors. Out of many subsequent discussions came the image of big abandoned steel buildings – not unlike their own circus school.

"Once THAT image took hold in their brains the building then morphed into an old train station and they quickly started playing with character interactions. The abandoned train station came to be a real place for them. They loved the idea of grounded train tracks leading from nowhere and ending in an old steel and concrete building where many people have passed through on their way to somewhere else." says Jaron Hollander, former Cirque du Soleil performer and current Artistic Director/Co-Owner of Kinetic Arts Center. "These kids are amazing watchers of the world around them and they can articulate what they see and experience through circus very easily during the rehearsal process. It

Kinetic Arts Center's Circus Spire Youth Troupe

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has been a very exciting process to pull this show together with their input and creativity AND really fun to watch.”

Together with the 17 members of Circus Spire, Hollander found the right combination of quirkiness and mystery about a group of character-inspired people all ‘living’ in this train station. “It’s not a scary place, it’s just odd. Every once in a while a train rumbles through and everyone reacts to the train, to each other and to the power the locomotive engine leaves behind. This makes for a fantastic circus performance.” says Hollander.

“**TRACKS & TIES**” stars Kinetic Arts Center’s own **Circus Spire Youth Performance Troupe**. Circus Spire is comprised of kids ages 8 – 18. They each work 6 – 12 hours every week training in specific circus skills like static trapeze, rope, tissue, acrobatics, clowning, juggling and contortion. They are both well skilled performers and very strong athletes. “They really are amazing young people,” says Victoria Angello, Managing Director/Co-Owner for Kinetic Arts Center. “Not only are they dedicated to learning their craft but they are also excellent students, some are accomplished musicians and all are strong and talented performers. This spring we have troupers auditioning for Circus Smirkus (smirkus.org), preparing for their SATs and college apps or graduating to high school. They are great students, dedicated circus artists and just plain awesome. I love watching these kids work - they are inspiring.”

**TRACKS & TIES** runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm, March 11 – 27, 2011. Tickets \$18 (adult); \$12 Youth/Seniors (Under 13/Over 65) and seating is general admission. All shows are family-friendly and perform at Kinetic Arts Center, 785 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94607. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/145084>. **Save \$2 per ticket through February 28, 2011.**

To learn more about **TRACKS & TIES**, visit [www.KineticArtsCenter.com](http://www.KineticArtsCenter.com) or email [Info@KineticArtsCenter.com](mailto:Info@KineticArtsCenter.com). For press questions or comments please email Victoria Angello at [Victoria@KineticArtsCenter.com](mailto:Victoria@KineticArtsCenter.com) or call (510) 444-4800. Photos and images can be downloaded via <http://www.kineticartscenter.com/about/press>. Password is **circuspress**.

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