

SUMMER CIRCUS IN FRANCE?

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CHÂTELLERAULT JUNE 26 - JULY 7, 2020

Recommended Flight Departs June 25, 2020

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BONJOUR ÉLÈVE DE CIRQUE!

After a stellar adventure last year, we are thrilled to announce our second annual international circus program. We again have the rare opportunity to travel abroad to experience what we love most through an international lens! This summer we'll return to the École Nationale de Cirque de Châtellerault for a week of intensive training with up to fourteen (14) highly motivated students.

This year's program is three days longer than the previous to give students enough time to recover from their international flight ahead of the start of their training and to enjoy France (specifically Paris) at a more leisurely pace.

While there are some pieces that are still in motion, we endeavor to provide you with enough information to decide whether or not this summer program is the right fit for you. Please do not hesitate to email Michelle Post (michelle@kineticartscenter.com) with any additional questions.

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Victoria Angello Managing Director Kinetic Arts Center



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GENERAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Friday, June 26 - Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Training at ENC Châtellerault June 29 - July 3, 2020 Program Fee: \$3250 - Includes everything except for airfare!

The physical space is at École Nationale de Cirque de Châtellerault is simlar in many ways to that of Kinetic Arts Center. It is on the site of what was a large forge complex and features many of the same heavy metal beams - perfect for aerial rigging! The facility has soaring windows allowing natural light to flood the training area while providing a gorgeous view of the Vienne River that flows through Châtellerault.

CIRCUS STUDENTS WILL TRAIN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY WITH A MORNING AND AN AFTERNOON SESSION. THE MORNING SESSION WILL RUN FROM 9H - 12H AND THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RUN FROM 14H - 16H (MTF) AND UNTIL 16H (WR). THERE WILL BE BETWEEN 5 - 5.5 HOURS OF ACTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME DAILY...AND A TWO HOUR LUNCH BREAK - HOW CIVILIZED!

The curriculum proposed includes instruction in Acrobatics, Hand-to-Hand, Chinese Pole, Wire, Acro Trampoline, Acrobatic/Artistic Bike, Aerial, Teeterboard, and Contemporary Dance. Selected disciplines are subject to change.



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WHERE IS CHÂTELLERAULT?

CHÂTELLERAULT IS LOCATED IN THE NOUVELLE AQUITAINE REGION IN FRANCE (JUST SOUTH OF THE UNESCO LOIRE VALLEY). IF YOU ARE HAULING DOWN THE SUPER SPEEDY TOLL ROADS, YOU CAN GET TO CHÂTELLERAULT FROM PARIS IN THREE HOURS. THERE IS ALSO A TRAIN STATION SERVICED BY HIGH SPEED RAIL.

CHÂTELLERAULT IS A QUIET RIVER CITY THAT IS HOME TO AROUND 33K RESIDENTS AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY SIDE IS LITERALLY LITTERED WITH CHÂTEAUX. THERE IS AGRICULTURE ALL AROUND THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY AND DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS ONE IS ABLE TO WALK DOWN THE ROAD TO PICK UP FRESHLY GROWN FRUITS AND VEGGIES DIRECTLY FROM THE FARMER. THE FRENCH LIFESTYLE IS SUPER LAID BACK AND THE PEOPLE IN THIS REGION ARE KNOWN FOR BEING ESPECIALLY HELPFUL AND KIND.

What is included in the pricing? In short, everything except the airfare! Please note: the Summer 2020 adventure is three days longer in duration than the previous year's offering!

tuition due to the École Nationale de Cirque de Châtellerault, lodging at an Airbnb (shared rooms) with a pool, ground transportation (if traveling on recommended flights), individual international travel insurance, delicious and nutritious meals that feature fresh regional ingredients, a multi-occupancy stay for two nights in Paris (Sunday, July 5 & Monday, July 6, 2020), time sightseeing in and around Paris (Palace of Versailles, musée du Louvre, a picnic in one of Paris' most beautiful parks, and plenty of time to wander and soak in the city), and entertainment on offer in and around Châtellerault will be included in the pricing for this program.



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WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

IF YOU ARE A CURRENT INTERMEDIATE OR ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENT IN A CIRCUS TRAINING PROGRAM ARE BETWEEN 13 TO 18 YEARS OLD, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN KINETIC ARTS CENTER'S CIRCUS SPIRE OR CIRCUS GILLY PROGRAMS, A WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION FROM A CURRENT CIRCUS INSTRUCTOR OR PROGRAM DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED, ALONG WITH AN INTERVIEW (EITHER BY PHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE). RESERVATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AND ARE ONLY SECURED WITH PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT.

WILL THE KIDS BE ON THEIR OWN?

NON! THERE ARE SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR UP TO TWO CHAPERONES (TRAVEL TO BE PAID SEPARATELY). KINETIC ARTS CENTER STAFF WILL ALSO BE ON SITE. PART OF THE CHARM OF FRANCE IS THAT THERE IS A MORE RELAXED PACE OF LIFE. THERE WILL BE A NICE MIXTURE OF DOWN TIME AND GUIDED RECREATION. STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN SOME INDEPENDENCE WHEN EXPLORING SELECTED MONUMENTS.

DOES A STUDENT NEED TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK FRENCH TO PARTICIPATE?

NON! While the instructors at ENC Châtellerault are not native English speakers, most have a very strong command of the language and can absolutely communicate effectively. However, students who are studying French during the academic year are encouraged to use their skills whenever possible!



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WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THIS TRIP?

1. Email Michelle Post (michelle@kineticartscenter.com) to make payment arrangements for the program fee (either in a lump sum or in monthly installments).

2. CHECK PASSPORT TO MAKE CERTAIN IT WILL BE VALID FOR TRAVEL DATES (AND 6 MONTHS BEYOND)!

3. PURCHASE AIRLINE TICKETS FOR YOUR STUDENT (IDEALLY ON THE RECOMMENDED FLIGHTS LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE).

4. THERE ARE REQUIRED FORMS THAT WILL BE SENT TO YOU AT A FUTURE DATE. THESE INCLUDE FORMS FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION, MEDICAL RELEASE, RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST, ETC.



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RECOMMENDED TRAVEL

It's a big deal to travel internationally! If you would like to have your child travel with a group of fellow circus students and to be accompanied with an adult chaperone, please book a seat on the following flights. Michelle Post will be at Charles de Gaulle airport to receive the students upon arrival, will deliver them to Châtellerault, and will provide ground escort on the return trip, too!

FLIGHTS - TO BE BOOKED BY YOU!

Carrier: Norwegian Airlines Departure: SFO - CDG Departure Date: Thursday 25 June 2020 @ 21h 00 Arrival Date: Friday 26 June 2020 @ 16h 30

RETURN TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTURE: CDG - SFO DEPARTURE DATE: TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020 @ 16H 40 ARRIVAL DATE: TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020 @ 19H 00

THERE ARE A LOT OF SEATS AVAILABLE TOWARD THE BACK OF THE PLANE. IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE GROUP TOGETHER, WE WOULD RECOMMEND RESERVING A SEAT IN ROWS 35 - 37. ONCE YOU HAVE BOOKED YOUR FLIGHTS, PLEASE EMAIL MICHELLE (MICHELLE@KINETICARTSCENTER.COM) SO THAT SHE CAN KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TRAVELLER!

P.S. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ADDING AN ADDITIONAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCE IN SPAIN (BARCELONA, MADRID, SEVILLE, GRANADA - ALHAMBRA) FROM JUNE 14 -JUNE 26, 2020, PLEASE EMAIL MICHELLE POST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HER NEW TRAVEL COMPANY WITH FORMER KINETIC ARTS CENTER COMPANY MANAGER, CARRIE KRETZER.



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