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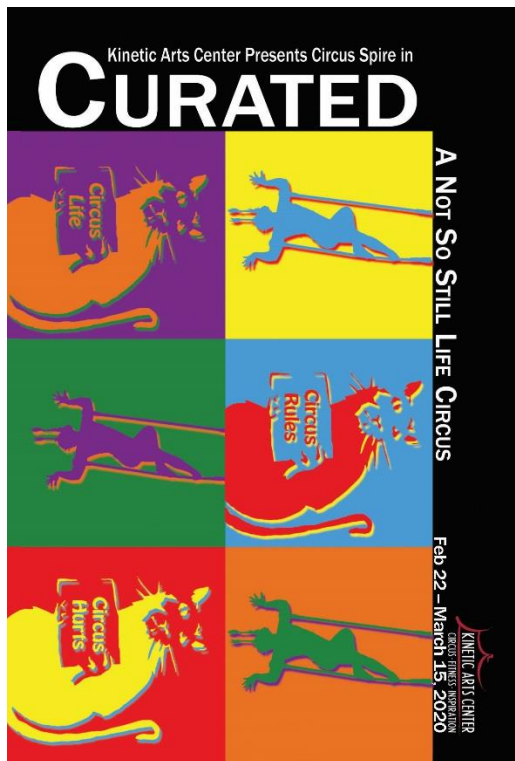
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CURATED: A Not-So-Still Life Circus in Oakland

Kinetic Arts Center's pre-professional performers, **CIRCUS SPIRE**, take you to the museum with their custom blend of circus, physical theater, aerial excellence, in **2020's CURATED: A Not-So-Still Life Circus!**



Who gets to make art? Who gets to see art? And who decides what art is important? In this museum, the answer to all three is EVERYONE!

Visit a world of fantastical art with Kinetic Arts Center's Circus Spire **CURATED**. In this museum, the works of art come to life and delight audiences with their aerial skills, acrobatics, juggling and physical theater. You are invited to walk into their world of expression, performance, art, history, and above all, circus. Families are welcomed to come enjoy seeing this one-of-a-kind museum come to life! **Featuring the Circus Spire; Conceived and Directed by Abigail Baird.**

OAKLAND (January 2020) - **CURATED** opens a 4-week run on February 22, 2020 in downtown Oakland's Kinetic Arts Center. These museum exhibits have come to life and are ready to put on a circus show for all! Familiar

acts like rope and contortion are interspersed with new thrilling apparatuses like air track and static bar.

CURATED is building on over 11 years of development of the **Circus Spire** program. **CURATED** is Circus Spire's new circus production from the creative production team at Kinetic Arts Center (**CIRCUS PANOPTICON (2019)**, **CIRCUS AUSTERIUS (2018)**, **CIRCUS ODIOSUS (2017)**, etc). Circus Spire is a year-long pre-professional circus arts training program at Kinetic Arts Center, and **CURATED** is the culmination of a year's hard work to bring thrilling



circus performances to the stage. Circus Spire and Kinetic Arts Center are excited to be a contributing and thriving part of the contemporary circus movement in the East Bay.

Now in their 11th year, Circus Spire continues to bring unmatched circus skills and unique European-based performance styles to the East Bay circus scene. Circus Spire just keeps getting better and better each year! Circus Spire and Kinetic Arts Center are at the center of the exciting and dramatic contemporary circus movement in the East Bay.

Performance Dates and Times:

February 22 - March 15, 2020

Fridays @ 8pm

Saturdays @ 4pm & 8pm

Sundays @ 2pm

Doors open 30min prior to show.

Show runs approx 1hr45min, with 15 min intermission.

Ticket Information

Advance Tickets: <https://curated.brownpapertickets.com>

Tickets are sold in advance at tiered pricing levels to appeal to every pocketbook.

Floor Seating: Sit on the foam floor close to the ring curb for a unique view of the performance. These are great tickets for kids.

Chair Seating: General admission chair seats on risers behind Floor Seating.

All shows are family-friendly. There is plenty of free parking in our lot or on the street. Performances will be held on Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 4 & 8pm and on Sundays at 2pm.

NOTE: There is no late seating, please allow time to park and visit the concessions area prior to curtain. Lobby opens ½ hour before performance start time. Kinetic Arts Center is located at 785 7th St., close to the 14th Street exit from U.S. 980.

Website to Buy Tickets:

<https://curated.brownpapertickets.com>

Company Website: www.KineticArtsCenter.com

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To learn more about **CURATED** visit www.KineticArtsCenter.com. For press inquiries please e-mail Alanna McFall at Alanna@KineticArtsCenter.com or call 510-444-4800.

Photos & Images

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About Circus Spire

Kinetic Arts Center's Circus Spire has consistently produced amazing circus shows blending highly developed characters, thought-provoking story and professionally-trained circus performances reminiscent of Canada's *Seven Fingers* or Australia's *Circus Oz*. The Circus Spire is Kinetic Arts Center's performance troupe and features students ages 12 to 18 years who perform at Kinetic Arts Center, Bay Area street fairs, and special events. Circus Spire members are trained by highly experienced circus and theater professionals. Now in our eleventh season Circus Spire is 24 circus performers strong and filled with clowns, aerialists, acrobats and contortionists.

"Aerial, acrobatics, clowning and contortion are staples of the Troupe, but what really sets them apart from other groups is their theatricality and character development," said Victoria Angello, Managing Director for Kinetic Arts Center. "Our kids take their roles very seriously, and their pursuit of perfection in their circus acts is something to be emulated."

About the Director

Abigail Baird moved from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Oakland, California in 2010 to study hand balancing and partner acrobatics with the master Lu Yi. She had studied physical theatre and costume design in high school and was a member of a mime troupe. Through her self-designed BFA in puppetry at the College of Santa Fe, she first gained access to the circus arts. For disciplined circus training she attended The New England Center for Circus Arts in Vermont and Circomedia in Bristol, England. Her moving picture presentation, *Aerial Animation*, received international recognition by competing through the semifinals on America's Got Talent in 2014 and La France a un Incroyable Talent in 2017.

With a background in puppetry and mime, Abigail resonated with Kinetic Arts Center's mission to improve the quality of circus through performing arts. Throughout her performance career she has been a dedicated circus teacher, choreographer and director. In 2013 Abigail helped Kinetic develop Circus Kids 4, now Circus Gilly. She directed two shows, and many of those same kids are performing in CURATED. She is thrilled to be directing this year's Circus Spire show.

About Kinetic Arts Center

Kinetic Arts Center is the premier facility in the East Bay for circus, physical theater and performance programs. Kinetic Arts Center offers both adult and children's classes, 2,600 square feet of circus performance space, aerial equipment, summer and vacation camps, dance and creative fitness. *Circus Spire and Kinetic Arts Center are at the center of the exciting and dramatic contemporary circus movement in the East Bay. Kinetic Arts Center has a national reputation for excellence in circus training and production. Last season, Kinetic Arts Center's Kinetic Arts Productions brought to Bay Area circus audiences **CIRCUS VERITAS Featuring the Sacred Order of the Burning Pants** to great reviews and standing ovations.*

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