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Kinetic Arts Center's 2020 Artist-In-Residence Program Presents:

FUTZ: Clown Down!

With Jamie Coventry

FUTZ: Clown Down! // Created and performed by the Bay Area's Jamie Coventry. Times are tough for Futz. The circus left town, clowns are frowned upon, and it's hard to keep a roof overhead. What is there to do when the lows can't get much lower and the highs are far too few? Follow Futz as he blows his blues out of his harmonica, creates joy from junk, and finds new hope in humanity.



Performance Dates and Times:

March 27 – April 5, 2020

Fridays @ 8pm

Saturdays @ 4pm & 8pm

Sundays @ 3pm

Doors open 30min prior to show.

Ticket Information

Advance Tickets: <https://futzclowndown.bpt.me>

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.

FUTZ: Clown Down! is rated PG and so is appropriate for all audiences! 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 3pm.

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://futzclowndown.bpt.me>

Company Website: www.KineticArtsCenter.com

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To learn more about FUTZ 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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