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Circus Forte: Let the Circus Games Begin

Kinetic Arts Center's pre-professional circus performers, CIRCUS SPIRE, invite you to join them as the boundaries between their art and athletic excellence overlap with competitive-style sporting games in their 2022's production of *Circus Forte*!

Join Kinetic Arts Center's CIRCUS SPIRE as they hurdle and dash through the boundaries between athletics and art in *Circus Forte*.

As the sporting games begin, a group of circus artists stumble into a different world of performance excellence and competition. But as both sides begin to explore each other's athletic prowess they realize they might not be so different after all, and the circus is the perfect place for them both to shine.

***Circus Forte* features CIRCUS SPIRE. Conceived and Directed by Katherine Hutchinson.**

OAKLAND (December 2021) - ***Circus Forte* opens a four-week run on March 4, 2022, in downtown Oakland's Kinetic Arts Center.**

Whether they are competing for a medal or building to the closing curtain, these circus performers are ready to present the best of their aerial skills, acrobatics, and physical theater for all audiences.



***Circus Forte* is building on over 13 years of development of the CIRCUS SPIRE program. *Circus Forte*, under the direction of new Artistic Director Katherine Hutchinson, is CIRCUS SPIRE's new circus production post-pandemic. CIRCUS SPIRE is a pre-professional youth circus arts training program at Kinetic Arts Center.**

Now in their 13th 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!

Performance Dates and Times:

March 4 – 27, 2022

Fridays @ 7:30pm

Saturdays @ 3:30pm & 7:30pm

Sundays @ 3:30pm

Doors open 30min prior to show. Please plan to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to curtain to attend the vaccination status screening process comfortably.

Ticket Information: <https://circusforte.bpt.me>

Shows in the time of COVID 19 - Kinetic Arts Center adheres to the highest COVID 19 mitigation standards possible. We know this is important to you as well. While attending productions at KAC, we ask that all members of your family/friends/cohorts please:

1. Always wear a mask while in the building, and
2. Be prepared to show your vaccination status OR provide a negative COVID 19 test (rapid tests encouraged) procured within the last 72 hours.

Performers may or may not be masked while on stage. Consider this when deciding to sit on the floor or up against the ring curb.

Discounts: Tickets are sold in advance and 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 and family groups.

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 7:30pm, Saturdays at 3:30pm & 7:30pm and on Sundays at 3:30pm.

NOTE: There is no late seating, please allow time to park and go through the screening process 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://circusforte.bpt.me>

Company Website: www.KineticArtsCenter.com

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To learn more about **Circus Forte** 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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Top Image: Photography by ShootThatClown (Eric Gillet), in Kinetic Arts Center's *Curated Circus* (2020), performers left to right: Amelia Seibel, Gwen Kuhn, Ziggy Sheynin

Bottom Image: Photography by ShootThatClown (Eric Gillet), in Kinetic Arts Center's *Curated Circus* (2020), performers Graham Reicher and Cast.

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. CIRCUS SPIRE is Kinetic Arts Center's performance youth 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 13th season CIRCUS SPIRE is 20 circus performers strong and filled with clowns, aerialists, acrobats, hand-balancers, jugglers, 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, Owner and 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."

Welcome to New Artistic Director Katherine Hutchinson

Katherine Hutchinson is the new Artistic Director of Kinetic Arts Center. As such she also serves as the head coach of both our CIRCUS SPIRE and CIRCUS GILLY youth troupes. Katherine Hutchinson has worked with Kinetic Arts Center's students and performance programs for over five years in addition developing her own personal artistic style. Ms. Hutchinson combines 20 years of classical ballet training with a decade of extensive aerial study to create expressive and empowering art. 'Coach Kate' brings to the Kinetic Arts Center table perfect levels of energy, enthusiasm, and expertise to shepherd the first CIRCUS SPIRE production post COVID times. "I have always found it fantastic to work with Kate. It is exciting to see what she has up her sleeve for each of her students, our classes, and our productions." says Victoria Angello, Owner and Managing Director.

About Kinetic Arts Center

Kinetic Arts Center is the premier facility in the East Bay for circus, physical theater and circus 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, and circus performances. *CIRCUS SPIRE and Kinetic Arts Center are at the center of the exciting and dramatic contemporary circus movement in the East Bay and we are proud to hold a national position of excellence in circus training and production throughout the nation.*

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