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A Modern Twist on One-Ring Circus...Overflowing with Heart and Soul.

Circus Bella presents...

Its 15th Annual Circus in the Parks Season

WOW!

June 5 – July 20, 2024

Various Locations in Bay Area Parks, Laguna Beach & Reno.

Limited Engagement – 14 Performances Only!

ALL SHOWS FREE! - For Children of All Ages

- with Live Music by Rob Reich & The Circus Bella All-Star Band.

Written & Directed by Abigail Munn

Music Composed by Rob Reich

Costumes by Autumn Adamme

Preview: Wed. June 5, 2024 – 5:30 pm - DeFremery Park, West Oakland, CA

Opening Weekend / Press Performances (2):

Fri. June 21, - NOON; Sat. June 22, 2024 - Noon & 2:15 pm

- Yerba Buena Gardens Festival, Mission St. (Btw'n. 3rd and 4th Sts.), SF

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To arrange an interview with ABIGAIL MUNN - writer, director, CIRCUS BELLA artistic director, or any artists appearing with CIRCUS BELLA, please e mail or call publicist Lawrence Helman heytheresells@gmail.com - 415-336-8220.

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WOW! - Circus in the Parks 2024

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"it was hard to imagine that the soul of San Francisco was anywhere else" - SF Chronicle, 2019

"The "60-minute explosion of joy and circus," featured jaw-dropping feats by acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, clowns, a hula-hooper, a Chinese pole climber, and more, accompanied by the uber-talented, adaptive Rob Reich and the six-piece Circus Bella All-Star band."

- Richmond Standard, 2022

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CAST: (alphabetically)

Toni Cannon, Strongman

Jamie Coventry, Clown

Jefferson Freire, Juggling and Unicycle

Dworia Galilea, Aerial Hoop

Joel Herzfeld, Hand Balance

Elise Hing, Contortion

Natasha Kaluza, Clown and Hula Hoops

Calvin Kai Ku, Clown

Abigail Munn, Ringmaster

Ori Quesada, Rola Bola

Live and original music composed by **Rob Reich** (keyboard, accordion, other noises) and performed by the **Circus Bella All Star Band** featuring: **Rob Reich** (keyboard, accordion, other noises), **TBD** (Violin) **Ian Carey** (trumpet), **Kasey Knudsen** (Saxophone), **Michael Pinkham** (percussion), **Jonathan Seiberlich** (Tuba).

TECH CREDITS: **Autumn Adamme** and **Dark Garden** - Costume Design; **Carlo Gentile** - Production Manager; **Andrew Heller** (Sound Engineer); **Avery Ucker** – (Roustabout).

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ABOUT CIRCUS BELLA:

Founded in 2008 by Abigail Munn and David Hunt, Circus Bella is a San Francisco Based non-profit performing arts organization that brings the magic of the single-ring circus to people of all ages with performances that inspire diverse audiences, engage the community, and challenge its artists. They have successfully revived the tradition of the homegrown circus through productions that are accessible, festive, and inspiring. Over the past 17 years, Circus Bella has performed at various locations around the world, from the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. to the Huis Ten Bosch theme park in Japan. Circus Bella is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and San Francisco's Grants for the Arts. Circus Bella has a storied tradition of unifying people across the Bay Area with high-flying acrobatics, outrageous humor, and a live band. Since 2009, the organization has performed for more than 135,000 people across the Bay Area and beyond.

Circus Bella Presents: WOW!

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Artown Festival

Reno Public Market – INDOOR SHOW
Sat. July 6, 2 SHOWS – 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm
Sun. July 7, 1 SHOW – 11:00 am
299 E Plumb Lane (Casazza Drive), Reno, NV 89502
Ticket Info: FREE

Lincoln Square Park

Thurs. July 11, 1 SHOW – 6:00 pm
261 11th St. (Harrison St.), Oakland, CA 94607
Ticket Info: FREE (\$20 suggested donation)

TJPA's Salesforce Park Amphitheatre

Sun. July 14, 2 SHOWS – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
Salesforce Park, 65 Minna St. (Btw'n. 1st & 2nd Sts.) San Francisco, CA 94105
Ticket Info: FREE

PROXY Hayes Valley

Sat. July 20, 2 SHOWS – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
432 Octavia St. (at Hayes St.), San Francisco, CA 94102
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CREATIVE TEAM (Selected Bios)

Link to ALL Bios: www.circusbella.org/meetourcompany

Abigail Munn – Circus Bella Artistic and Executive Director

Since its inception, Abigail Munn has been directing, creating, and producing new work for Circus Bella. Along with the more conventional duties she has also served as the company's truck driver, catering service and laundress. An accomplished dancer, choreographer, and aerialist, Munn holds a BFA in Modern Dance from UC Santa Barbara. As a child, born and raised in SF, she appeared with the Pickle Family Circus, and with Zoppe Italian Family Circus, Lone Star Circus, the Moisture Festival, the New Pickle Circus, Cabaret Verdelet, Circus Cabaret, Tease-O-Rama, Va Voom Room, and The Velvet Hammer Burlesque. Munn was commended in the NY Times for her performance in Alma Esperanza Cunningham's Princess. Munn co-directed the nouveau-vaudeville troupe Kitty Bang, an internationally recognized three-time "Best of the Bay" winner that is influential in the modern Burlesque resurgence.

Over the past few years Abigail has become increasingly involved in advocacy work for the Circus Arts. When transitioning Circus Bella performers to Employees, she became aware that the current workers compensation rates and policy descriptions in California were way out of step with the current reality of the Circus Industry. Munn embarked on a one-woman quest to help change this and after initiating a study from the Workers Comp Insurance Rating Bureau (WCIRB), rates were significantly lowered (by 80%) for ALL Circus Companies in CA. In addition, she is a founding member and on the board of the American Circus Alliance.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

WHAT:

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