



TUMBLING TIMES

News from the Circus Day Foundation / Circus Harmony

Our Mission:

Circus Day Foundation/ Circus Harmony teaches the art of life through circus education. We work to build character and expand community for youth of all ages, cultures, abilities and backgrounds. Through the teaching and performance of circus arts, we help people defy gravity, soar with confidence, and leap over social barriers, all at the same time. We also help make circus an accessible and lively performing art form for the whole St. Louis metro area.

Circus Day Foundation/Circus Harmony is an organization focused on Social Circus programs. We use circus arts to inspire individuals and connect communities. We are the only organization in St. Louis active and dedicated to circus arts year 'round. Circus Day has received local and national recognition for its work using circus arts to build bridges between communities. Learning circus skills improves one's strength, coordination and flexibility. Learning circus builds character in the individual participants as they develop life skills like goal setting, persistence and focus. Learning circus with others teaches trust, responsibility and teamwork. When the others are from different backgrounds, everyone's sense of community is expanded.

Join us for the CD Release, Show, Gala, and Auction for **Circus Harmony: First Movement!**

Ladeez and Gentlemen!

Step right up to the two hottest events in the coldest months of the year: the CD Release party for *Circus Harmony: First Movement*, the marvelous, multi-cultural circus soundtrack—and the full show, gala reception and silent auction!

CD Release Party:

Sunday, January 23, 2005 1-4 pm
\$10 adults, \$7.50 children
Includes admission to City Museum, circus arts workshops, cotton candy and popcorn!

The Show:

Saturday, February 26, 2005 3:00 & 8:00 pm
\$20 adults, \$15 children and seniors

Gala and Silent Auction:

Saturday, February 26, 2005 5:30—7:30 pm
\$10 adults, \$5 children

Call 314.436.7676 to reserve your tickets today! The Show features these critically-acclaimed, talented musicians:

- ★ **Farshid Soltanshahi's** Latin jazz and world music;
- ★ **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko's** Japanese drumming;
- ★ **Sandy Weltman & the Hebrew Hillbillies'** unusual bluegrass Klezmer music,
- ★ **Xiaoyu Yan's** beautiful and melodious Chinese Zheng;
- ★ and the **St. Louis Community Circus Band's** big brass and calliope sounds from the circus days of yesteryear.

And don't miss "Jessica's Day," a track written for **Circus Harmony's** artistic director, *Jessica Hentoff* by the one and only **Quincy Jones!** This CD was created to

promote cultural and musical diversity and appreciation. Our top youth circus performers, including **The St. Louis Arches**, will perform at this event.

The CD is available at the CD Release Party, in the City Museum gift shop, or online at www.circusday.org is just \$15 and all profits benefit the Circus Day Foundation / Circus Harmony.

We can't wait to see you there!



Above: Circus performer Elliana, with Farshid Soltanshahi

Circus Harmony: First Movement is available for purchase at Circus Harmony shows, at the City Museum gift shop, or at www.circusday.org

Letter from the Artistic / Executive Director:

Growth and change would best describe where the **Circus Day Foundation** is as we head into a New Year. I'm delighted to announce the opening of **Circus Harmony Center**, offering greatly expanded circus class opportunities at City Museum! We now have four performing youth circus troupes to entertain you! The collaborations with our incredible musical partners have resulted in the marvelous *Circus Harmony: First Movement CD*, and the magnificent show coming February 26th. In fact, the whole *Harmony* concept has become so important to us and is so synonymous with what we do: bringing

together different people and cultures—that we're changing our name to **CIRCUS HARMONY!** Where else will you find a young man from East St. Louis choreographing his own trapeze act and performing it to live Chinese Zheng music? Come see us—the big show, and our weekly shows! Take a class! Play the CD! Keep supporting us and tell your friends we exist. Thanks for being part of this journey to use circus arts to create harmony in the world. We couldn't accomplish all this without you. Circusfully,
Jessica Hentoff



Artistic / Executive Director, Jessica Hentoff with the newest member of our circus family, Peekaboo.

Hanging Around

Searching high and low for entertaining, educational activities? We've been hanging around, teaching and performing at: **COCA's Urban Arts** programs, **Circus Flora Community Circus Camp**, **Prison Performance Arts** at the Juvenile Detention Center, **P.A.K.T. Community Center**, **VIVA Vox** arts mentoring programs, and more!
Let us teach for you!
Call 314.436.7676.

Ringling Bros. Preview Visits Circus Day



Claire the Clown

This November, clowns from Ringling Bros. Circus visited Circus Day Foundation, along with acrobatic dancers, a whipcracker and other performers.

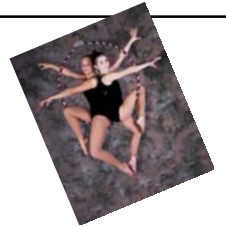
The audience was comprised mostly of homeschoolers involved in circus arts. Claire the Clown (left) performed but has recently run away from the circus to work for everydaycircus, our sister company, as a storytelling clown.

New & Notable!

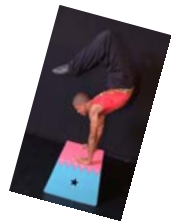


Coming to the circus soon:

Watch for our new line of inspirational, all-occasion note cards, featuring photos of our youth circus performers!



The cards are being created by noteworthy photographer Jeane Vogel (visit her website at www.claymera.com) and will be available online and at our location in City Museum.



TROUPE NEWS

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Brainchild of 14-year-old Patchwork circus performer, Patrick McDermott, the **Circus Sublime** troupe was created to focus exclusively on juggling and object manipulation.

Circus Sublime meets Sundays in the Circus Harmony center at City Museum. Call us at 314.436.7676 if you're interested in joining!

Casa Volando Circus

The homeschool circus troupe, **Casa Volando**, continues to wow audiences with performances every Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

A new homeschool circus class is starting soon, and plans to meet on Mondays.

St. Louis Arches

The **St. Louis Arches** appear almost every Saturday at City Museum. They have also been making guest appearances around town including shows at Plaza Frontenac in September, the Ram's Dome in December, and America's Center this January. This group has done everything from weddings to conventions. Why not hire them for YOUR next special event? Call: 314. 436.7676.

Go West, Young Troupe!

The St. Louis Arches have been invited to represent St. Louis at the American Youth Circus Festival in San Francisco, August 2005. We are seeking support to get our flying children to the 5-day festival, to perform and take classes from world-famous circus masters!

Will you be a patron and help us swing to the highest heights?

Here's how you can help:

- ★ Sponsor a child for \$750
- ★ Donate your Frequent Flyer Miles or help us find

Grants Received

A Terrific Tumble of Thunderous Thanks to the following recent sponsors and supporters of Circus Day Foundation / Circus Harmony:

- ★ Dana Brown Charitable Trust
- ★ Cardinal's Care
- ★ DCA Family Foundation
- ★ Cirque du Soliel
- ★ The Regional Arts Commission
- ★ The Missouri Arts Council
- ★ The Alan Slifka Foundation

Patchwork Circus

Our beginner/intermediate troupe, Patchwork Circus, will be presenting their Winter Show on Saturday, February 5 at 7:00 pm. The show is free with City Museum admission that night. Then, starting the very next week, Patchwork will be a part of the regular show line up, performing every Saturday at 4:00 pm!

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an airline to sponsor our flying children. In addition to this event, we have the following items on our wish list:

- ★ **Single Trapeze** (\$250—manufacturer will give it to us at cost!)
- ★ **Triangle Trapeze** (\$600)
- ★ **Spanish Web** (\$300)
- ★ **Tightwire** (\$300)
- ★ To fund internationally renowned **Circus Artist, Karen Gersch**, to come to St. Louis to paint a mural at the entrance for the Circus

Harmony Center (\$1000)

Also desired are:

- ★ Auction items for our Feb. 26th showcase, gala and auction (details, page one)
- ★ Storage containers & trunks
- ★ Costumes
- ★ Unicycles & other equipment
- ★ Office Supplies (esp. labels, CDs and stamps)
- ★ Help with construction of storage units for Circus Harmony Center

Will you help us?

Please call Jessica Hentoff: 314.436.7676.



In case you didn't renew during our annual appeal, you can now donate on line! Go to: www.circusday.org and click on Become A Donor!

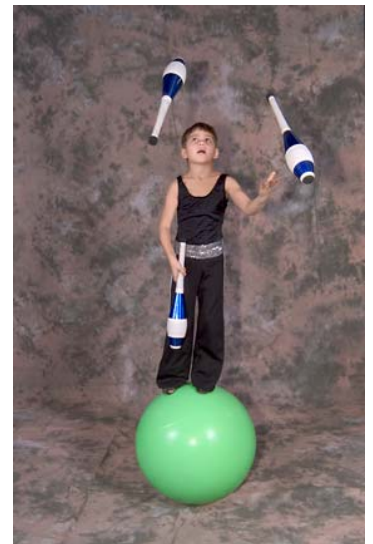
Kellin Quinn Wins Juggling Competition at Union Station

Circus Harmony's Kellin Quinn was one of three winners beating out several professional jugglers at the St. Louis Juggling Club's annual competition at St. Louis' Union Station, held in August, 2004.

Also a member of the St. Louis Arches, then 7-year-old Kellin, spent his \$200 in prize money

on expensive juggling knives previously forbidden by his mother.

Entrepreneurial Kellin is already a professional juggler himself, regularly performing for children's birthday parties and at other special events.



Kellin Quinn

Youth Circus Showcase

Thanks to donors, attendees and performers at the Donor Appreciation Party July 17th, who enjoyed over 50 youth circus performers, ages 4 and up, from **St. Louis Artworks, Circus Sublime, Casa Volando, Patchwork Circus**, and the **St. Louis Arches**. Mark your calendars now for our 3rd Annual Youth Circus Showcase on July 16 at City Museum. *Encore!*

The Acorn Doesn't Fall Far...

It was nonstop thrills over our successful run with Circus Flora in June, alongside international circus stars like clown and aerialist, Giovanni Zoppe and the Flying Pages.

The Arches brought down the house, especially as they introduced their newest member, 4-year-old 'Daring

Donald'—whose father is 'Dangerous Donald'—one of the original members of The St. Louis Arches.



Daring Donald

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Circus Harmony Center Open!

Circus Day Foundation is thrilled to announce the opening of the new **Circus Harmony Center** at **City Museum**! Our new circus school facility has taken over the old **everydaycircus** party rooms next to the circus ring on the third floor of **City Museum**. This means we can really expand our circus education offerings and can now offer classes on the weekends during the days!

We will also offer half-hour *Circus Workshops* that you can sign up for the next time you visit **City Museum** as well as *Open Studio* time for jugglers and aerialists who need a place to practice. Go to www.circusday.org to view the new, full schedule. Also, be on the look-out for **Circus**

Harmony West—a satellite location in West County coming soon! Sign up for a 9-week series of **Classes**, or drop in on a half-hour clowning or juggling **Workshop** the next time you're visiting Circus Harmony Center at City Museum—and don't forget: we can also come to you! Call 314.436.7676 for details.



Book Kennison, the Twisted Juggler—on Letterman!

Book Kennison, 14, a performer with our Patchwork Circus Troupe, got to show America his most unusual talents last month on the Late Show with David Letterman's *Stupid Human Tricks*.

A contortionist as well as a talented juggler, Book juggled with his arms behind his back, wearing handcuffs. "Have you ever been arrested?" asked Dave. "Not yet," answered Book.



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David Lancaster of
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After teasing about his unusual name and learning of his three younger sisters, Dave offered Book the chance to come live

with him. When Book said the handcuffs were his father's idea, Dave reiterated, "maybe you *should* come live with me."

See the whole hilarious event online by visiting www.cbs.com/latenight/lateshow/dave_tv and look for the 'Dave TV' show highlights, 'Juggling While Handcuffed', Dec. 1, 2004.