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Circus Juventas presents their 3rd annual holiday show ‘Solstice’

Weekends Dec. 9 – 18, 2022, under the big top in Saint Paul

This Nordic-inspired adventure will leave you cheering for winter!

(Saint Paul, MN) Circus Juventas will flip, tumble, and soar through the seasons in *Solstice*, the award-winning youth performing arts circus school’s third annual holiday show. Performances run weekends, Dec. 9 through 18, under the big top, 1270 Montreal Avenue, St. Paul, MN.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$35 for adults, and are available at <https://circusjuventas.showare.com/>

From the opening candle-lit procession filling the darkness in honor of Santa Lucia, to the glittering snow-cascading finale, Circus Juventas will take audiences on a Nordic-inspired adventure that celebrates all seasons – but especially winter (yes, winter!) – with the dazzling physical feats and artistry that has won Circus Juventas numerous awards and accolades during their 27 years as the nation’s preeminent youth circus arts organization.

“This one hour production offers a light-hearted holiday story perfect for all ages, including anyone who has been curious about Circus Juventas, but may not have been able to get tickets to one of our sold-out summer shows,” said Elizabeth “Betty” Butler, Circus Juventas Co-Founder and Artistic Director. “Prepare to be wowed by our young aerialists and acrobats and laugh along with the characters’ hijinks as the story unfolds.”

Solstice storyline

As forest creatures prepare for the winter solstice celebration, trouble arises when Jack Frost is kidnapped by the Summer Sorcerer who is determined to usher in an age of eternal summer. It is up to the caretakers of the seasons to free Jack and ring in winter's sparkling snowy magic.

Rachel Butler Norris, assistant artistic director, coach, and artistic department manager, crafted this whimsical tale, inspired by Nordic traditions that celebrate winter. Writing and co-directing *Solstice*, along with her mother, Betty, marks the younger Butler's growing responsibilities as she prepares to co-lead the organization her parents, Dan and Betty Butler co-founded in 1994.

Solstice will take place without intermission, but festive treats and hot cocoa will be available for purchase before the start of each show.

Solstice Dates and Performances

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 14, at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$25 for children ages 12 and under, seniors 65 and older and active military

Adults are \$35, VIP tickets are \$45

Children ages 2 and under on an adult's lap are free.

Order through <https://circusjuventas.showare.com/>

Or call the ticketing line at 651-309-8106

The line is staffed Mon-Sat: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m

Show Times

Friday, Dec. 9 @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 @ 1 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 1 p.m. .

Friday, Dec. 16 @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 1 p.m.

About Circus Juventas

Circus Juventas is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and the largest youth performing arts circus school in North America. For more than 25 years, co-founders Dan and Betty Butler have seen their dream grow into a year-round program that serves more than 2,500 children and youth with a diverse array of circus arts training and performance opportunities in a noncompetitive setting. Circus Juventas' mission is to inspire artistry and self-confidence through a multicultural circus arts experience that encourages leadership and life skills, teamwork, athleticism, artistry, pursuit of excellence and community service. For more information, visit <https://circusjuventas.org>.

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