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Fly into the festive season as Circus Juventas presents *A Hygge Holiday*

Weekends Dec. 8 through 17, 2023, under the big top in St. Paul

It's your new favorite holiday tradition!

(Saint Paul, MN) Circus Juventas puts their signature high-flying spin on the season in ***A Hygge Holiday***, (pronounced hoo-gah), which will transport audiences to the beautiful and bewitching North Woods and leave them exhilarated by soaring acrobatics and dazzling artistry. This marks the fourth annual holiday presentation by the acclaimed youth circus, whose performances regularly sell out. Shows run weekends Dec. 8 through 17 under the big top, 1270 Montreal Avenue, St. Paul, MN. **Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13.** Prices are \$25 for children, \$35 for adults, and are available online through [ShoWare](#) or by calling 651-309-8106.

The 70-minute show, which runs without intermission, tells the story of a group of young people headed for a cozy weekend in the woods, who stumble into a holiday haven of mystery and magic. This production of *A Hygge Holiday* marks the first Circus Juventas production presented under the new leadership of Rachel Butler Norris and Rob Dawson. Butler Norris is the daughter of Circus Juventas co-founders Dan and Elizabeth "Betty" Butler. She literally grew up in the circus, progressing from child performer to coach. She steps into the role of artistic director, formerly held by her mother. Dawson gained his circus acumen with Cirque du Soleil as an aerialist and head coach. He will serve as the organization's executive director, formerly held by Dan Butler. The Butlers stepped down from their leadership roles earlier this year but continue to support the organization from their hometown of

Sarasota, Fla. During their 30-year tenure, the Butlers grew Circus Juventas from a small after school program to an internationally recognized circus arts program, training more than 2,000 young people in nouveau circus arts each year. Many graduates of the program have gone on to professional careers utilizing the circus skills they learned from the Butlers and their team of internationally renowned coaches.

“Rob and I have big shoes to fill, but we are thrilled and humbled to lead Circus Juventas into the next era,” said Butler Norris. “I’m excited to expand upon our existing relationship with Cirque du Soleil. In 2022, we became one of only five official Cirque du Soleil NexGen talent development centers,” said Dawson.

A Hygge Holiday has been updated from its 2021 debut, but keeps the focus on the humor and warmth, with mischievous mice, towering tomten, contorting cardinals, daredevil lumberjacks and the ‘wow’ factor that Circus Juventas expect. “Think cozy Danish ‘hygge’ with a side of adrenaline, brought to life by our talented performers as they do backflips off a wall trampoline and dazzle on silks high above the audience,” said Butler Norris.

A Hygge Holiday Dates and Performances

Tickets go on sale Monday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m.

Tickets for ages 13 and up are \$35 each.

Tickets for children ages 3-12, seniors 65 & older and active or retired military are \$25.

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

The show runs 70 minutes without intermission.

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Show times

Friday, Dec. 8 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 – 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10 – 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16 – 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

About Circus Juventas

Circus Juventas is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts circus school for youth, dedicated to inspiring artistry and self-confidence through a multicultural circus arts experience. The mission of Circus Juventas is achieved through creating an environment that encourages leadership and life skills, teamwork, athleticism, artistry, pursuit of excellence and community service. They are North America's largest youth circus performing arts program. For more information, visit circusjuventas.org.

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