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Circus Juventas celebrates 30 years!!
Elite students perform under the big top in
Jangala: a mysterious jungle island adventure
July 26th - August 11th in Saint Paul

(Saint Paul, MN) **Circus Juventas** makes a dazzling return for the **30th-anniversary summer show** set in the secret jungle realm of ***Jangala***. This original story follows three adventurous school children as they journey to aid guardian spirits against the island's destruction. The show includes 14 jaw-dropping performances in the air-conditioned, permanent big top, 1270 Montreal Ave., Saint Paul, **July 26 to August 11**, 2024. The Sunday, July 28 matinee, 1 p.m., will have ASL, and Saturday, August 3, 1 p.m., will have AD interpretation. **Tickets go on sale June 10, 2024 for \$25 to \$55 online at circusjuventas.showare.com.**

“With our 30th Anniversary summer show, we are going bigger, bolder, and more thrilling in our cirque nouveau acts,” said Rob Dawson, Circus Juventas Executive Director.



“Our students have been training with specialty coaches in aerial, acrobatic, juggling, balance, theater, dance, and for

the second year, we brought in Mike Lubke, a Minnesota-based stage combat teacher, to perfect their choreography and make the scenes hyper-realistic. We are excited for audiences to see this show,” said Rob Dawson, Circus Juventas Executive Director.

Circus Juventas immerses audience members into a large-scale, professionally produced show the moment they walk into the big top. What began 30 years ago as a part-time recreation center circus program has now evolved into the highest caliber, narrative-based, contemporary shows with extensive sets, custom costuming, professional lighting, and original narratives, performed by the most advanced students in the Circus Juventas program.

***Jangala* highlights**

This **Circus Juventas** original story takes inspiration from three classic adventure stories, *The Jungle Book*, *Tarzan*, and the *Swiss Family Robinson*, combining them into a circus jungle adventure mashup! Once the lights dim, sounds of the jungle will transport audience members to the mystical island of

“A gigantic Swiss Family Robinson treehouse will thrill audiences as soon as they walk into the big top,” said Rachel Butler-Norris, Circus Juventas Artistic Director.

Jangala. Guardian spirits have protected this hidden corner of the world for centuries until they are captured inside an ancient relic. Trapped, the spirits can only watch as their island faces destruction.

Across the world in an old pirate port, three daring boarding school girls dreaming of a better life stumble

across the relic. The girls unleash *Jangala’s* guardian spirits and find themselves transported to an island so different from any world they have ever known. The trio works alongside the guardian spirits to reclaim their power and accomplish daring feats to save the island. As the adventure unfolds, the heroines meet characters from *The Jungle Book*, *Tarzan*, and the *Swiss Family Robinson* while on a journey of self-discovery.

“For anyone who has read the book, seen the movie, or climbed through the Swiss Family Robinson treehouse in Disney World, you know the magical structure I’m referencing,” said Rachel Butler-Norris, Circus Juventas Artistic Director. The treehouse will be the base of an intense parkour course. Circus Juventas performers will swing through ropes, run across rope bridges, and balance on water wheels, displaying their elite strength and stamina. A huge combat scene will also take place on this huge treehouse set. Will goodness prevail?

Two new acts will be featured this year:

- Aerial Spiral — looks like a life-size slinky and creates a magical optical illusion for the audience as students spin and climb throughout this design.
- Bavette — a gigantic vertical apron hanging 32 feet above the ground “catches” performers as they launch from the Russian Swing to the Bavette ...and “slide” back to solid ground. Dizzy yet?

Costumes from four talented designers will be featured throughout the three-week run. Gorillas, leopards, monkeys, pirates, flowers, Venus fly traps, and more will add authenticity. Audiences will remember the moment the *Goddess of Flora and Fauna* magically descends from the sky, veiled in a huge skirt apparatus with a beautiful floral jungle design. This magnificent artisan floral dress will gracefully spread across the entire floor of the central arena making the big top’s transformation into a jungle floor complete.

Audiences of every age can find something that resonates with their heart and sense of adventure in Circus Juventas' production, *Jangala*. Featuring aerial and acrobatic high-flying feats complete with jungle sounds, parkour, and beloved characters from iconic jungle tales and films, this show promises to captivate and transport you to a world of excitement and wonder.

Jangala Summer Show Dates and Performances

Tickets go on sale June 10

Order online at circusjuventas.showare.com.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$55

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

Show length: 3 hours including a 20-minute intermission

Check online for times and details: <https://circusjuventas.org/summer-show-2024/>

Summer Show Dates:

Friday, July 26 @ 7PM

Saturday, July 27 @ 1PM & 7PM

Sunday, July 28 @1pm (ASL)

Thursday, August 1 @ 7 PM

Saturday, August 3 @ 1PM (AD) & 7PM
Sunday, August 4 @ 1PM & 7PM
Thursday, August 8 @ 7PM
Friday, August 9 @ 7PM
Saturday, August 10 @ 1PM & 7PM
Sunday, August 11 @ 1PM

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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