



### The Magic Exploding Boy and the Invisible Circus

- ▶ The Actors Gymnasium
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- ▶ \$20 adults; \$10 kids, students and seniors

# New show explodes with wackiness

Embrace the strange in circus adventure

Imagine a world where the adults are weird characters, oddballs who see things in magical ways and who aren't always truthful. Now combine that with a group of youngsters who are straight arrow, Type A personalities who try to teach the adults to conform to society.

What you have is "The Magical Exploding Boy and the Invisible Circus," a new show written and performed by the actors and students from The Actors Gymnasium in Evanston.

The Exploding Boy, played by Dean Evans, is an imaginative and pretty weird character who sees mundane things in a magical way, so that everything he sees turns into a circus, says Lindsey Noel Whiting, performer and co-writer.

"The Exploding Boy's character runs into conflict because he's a little too strange," Whiting says. "He tries to fit in and he sort of fails. But by the end of it, hopefully, he's come to embrace all the things that make him odd and strange."

"The young kids who are kind of straitlaced are trying to convince him to conform, but by the end everyone is encouraged to embrace their inner weirdo."

The show is appropriate for all ages, Whiting says, with many jokes written to entertain adults and lots of circus fun to entertain the kids. It will last about an hour, and with all the visual antics even young children should be able to sit through the performance, Whiting says.

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