

Superheros Descend to Save Evanston

The Actors Gymnasium presents the third annual Spring Youth Circus, The Great Superhero Exposition opening May 16, 2015.

As a superhero exposition falls victim to a team of villains out for revenge, a young nobody finds a strength within herself that might have the power to save the world. Aerial acrobatics, dance battles and superpowers collide in this original circus-theatre production.

The Actors Gymnasium Youth Circus is a performance-based training program that culminates in a fully-produced, original show. This intensive experience includes high-quality training in drama, dance, aerial and circus arts - not to mention collaboration, verbal communication, listening skills, problem solving, and other social skills that are invaluable. The Youth Circus is one of The Actors Gymnasium's most popular ticketed events each year.

Students in 5th grade or higher are eligible to audition and the original script evolves from the characters each participant creates during workshops early in the rehearsal process.

To ensure a broad education in circus and performing arts, The Actors Gymnasium brings in instructors who specialize in dance and drama, while Co-Artistic Director Sylvia Hernandez DiStasi teaches circus and aerial skills that include juggling, tumbling, trapeze, tightwire, stilts and more.

"Youth Circus is such a lucky opportunity, one we definitely don't take for granted. Where else can kids be part of the development and execution of a complete work of performance art with such a uniquely talented team of teachers and artists... and to truly feel like part of the 'team' throughout the process." says parent and board member Lauren Sinai.

The show runs May 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2015 with three shows each weekend. Tickets are available now and can be purchased at www.actorsgymnasium.org. For group reservations and general questions call 847-328-2795. The on-location box office opens 1.5 hours prior to the start of each performance.

About The Great Superhero Exposition: Spring Youth Circus:

Directed by Alex Tey and Sara Sawicki

Written by Alex Tey

Circus Choreography by Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi

Assistant Circus Choreography by Akemi Berry

Dance Choreography by Topeka Ellis

Lighting Design by Nicholas J. Carroll

Sound Design by Connor Murray

Costume Design by Emily Swanson

Props Design by Robin Miller

Stage Management by Kelsey Lamm

Assistant Stage Management by Lesley Fisher

Stage Management Intern: Madie Doppelt

Location:

The Actors Gymnasium is located at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL - just off of the Noyes purple line 'L' stop. The Noyes Cultural Arts Center is owned by the City of Evanston and home to over 20 artists and arts organizations offering music, theater, and visual arts programs and studios. The galleries exhibit local artists, with exhibitions changing every two months.

About The Actors Gymnasium:

The Actors Gymnasium is dedicated to bringing a new physicality to the American Theatre. Encouraging ground-breaking theatrical exploration, The Actors Gymnasium teaches circus arts, physical theatre and multi-disciplinary performance to children and adults; produces original, daring works of circus-theatre; and serves as a talent resource, providing performance opportunities to our students and innovative professional event entertainment for a wider audience. At The Actors Gymnasium, people Learn To Fly - physically, emotionally, and creatively. For more information, please visit www.actorsgymnasium.org