

## Clowns, acrobats, jugglers part of Circus in Progress

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Professionals, instructors and students at the Actors Gymnasium will showcase a range of circus skills at Circus in Progress, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. "It's our show that's dedicated to the development of new work, giving our advanced students and colleagues a chance to try out new material in front of an audience," said co-artistic director Larry DiStasi. "It's also going to feature some headlining acts like Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi and Lijana Wallenda Hernandez, my wife and sister-in-law, who are lifetime circus performers, doing some amazing stuff on trapeze."

The range of performances will include clown acts, partner acrobatics, many diverse aerial acts, work with silks, magic, juggling and contortion.

Members of the Actors Gymnasium Teen Ensemble will perform. "They're an amazing young troupe of teenagers, who've been studying with us-some of them as many as eight, nine years," DiStasi said. "It should be an exciting show all around."

Tickets are \$10. Reservations are recommended.

For details, call (847) 328-2795.

Get physical

Encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle is the goal of the Worldwide Day of Play. Celebrate that annual event with the Park District of Highland Park, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Sunset Woods Park, 1801 Sunset Road. There will be games, inflatables and more at this free, drop-in event. In case of rain, the play day will move indoors to the Highland Park Recreation Center.

For details, call (847) 579-3120.

Things are looking up

Your family can view the Moon, Jupiter and Neptune when the Lake County Astronomical Society sets up powerful telescopes in the parking lot of Vernon Area Public Library, 300 Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, 7-8:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29. Society members will answer questions during Astronomy under the City Lights. You don't need to register.

For details, call (847) 634-3650.

Puzzling event

Children can visit the Lake Forest Children's Library, 360 E. Deerpath, anytime between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, for Storybook Character Puzzles Drop-In Craft. They will color their favorite book character and then a staff member will use a machine to cut the drawing into a jigsaw puzzle your child can take home.

For details, call (847) 234-0648.

Helping dreams come true

There's always a fascinating project for children to work on at Kids Craft Mornings at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. From 10:30 a.m.-

noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, participants will create dreamcatchers and learn about Native American culture. The workshop is free with museum admission of \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and students, with a \$10 maximum per family.

For details, call (847) 475-1030.

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