

## Tale of Robin Hood to be presented by troupe of acrobats

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For anyone who's ever wanted to see the lore of Robin Hood performed as imagined by a group of acrobats, the Naperville Jaycees have just the show.

The Jaycees are sponsoring the premiere presentation this weekend of "Robin Hood and his Aerial Extravaganza" performed by members of the Evanston-based Actors Gymnasium.

"We had them do a show last year and everybody seemed to think it was a good idea to have them back," said Tricia Tvrdik, a Jaycees spokeswoman.

The performance is a full stage show retelling of the legend of the infamous English bandit ... sans arrows.

"There'll be more swordplay and swashbuckling," said Amalia Smith, general manager of the Actors Gymnasium.

"This is a good example of what you can do with the skills we teach, using the body to tell a story and using the physical to express the emotional."

The group will offer three one-hour performances Sunday. The first starts at noon, followed by another at 3 p.m. and a final show at 6 p.m.

The shows will be at North Central College's Merner Field House, 450 S. Brainard St.

Tickets are \$7 and available at the 95th Street YMCA, the DuPage Children's Museum and Oswald's Pharmacy. More information is available at [www.naperjaycees.org](http://www.naperjaycees.org).

Smith described her company as a "circus and performing arts school" that teaches classes in acrobatics, gymnastics and circus arts to children and adults.

Last year, the group performed several acrobatic demonstrations. This year's performance allows the group to showcase many of the members' talents beyond acrobatics, Smith said.

"This is a fully actualized performance to present a more theatrical work," she said.

The Naperville performances are the first for the ensemble. The troupe will then stage several other performances for the rest of the month at its home stage.

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