



## **CIRQUE BIJOU CIRCUS & STREET THEATRE STAGE**

**Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 July**

**Castle Park**

**12.00 - 18.00**

Don't miss the huge array of top quality circus and street theatre that Cirque Bijou have expertly programmed for your enjoyment. From dynamic aerial acrobatics to quirky comedy, there is plenty of talent to marvel at on this stage, so sit back, relax and enjoy the madness!

## **CIRQUE BIJOU STAGE PROGRAMME**

**All performances are BSL interpreted**

### **Asher Treleaven – Stage Compere**

Meet Asher Treleaven, one of Australia's most critically-acclaimed comedians. The former drama school dropout but accomplished circus school graduate has travelled the world over with his unique blend of physical comedy, socially responsible rhetoric and overenthusiastic patter.

### **Augusts Dakteris – Aerial Straps**

This world class aerialist has toured the world with NoFit State circus, and even appeared in The Legend of Tarzan film as a body double, you'll see why...

### **Betty Brawn – Strong Lady**

The world of the Strong Lady is filled with dazzling contrasts: muscle and grace, beauty and brute strength, lifting the hearts of the audience and...well...lifting the audience! A genuine strong woman, Betty Brawn presents an elegant array of muscular feats.

### **Blaze Tarsha – Rotating Aerial Hoop**

After learning to unicycle in just a week as a young girl, it was clear that Blaze Tarsha held a special talent for circus. She went on to train at Bristol's Circomedia, and now specialising in rotating aerial hoop, this multi-skilled performer wows audiences around the world.

### **Circomedia – Showcase**

The Bristol based internationally respected centre for circus-theatre training and professional performance will showcase performers from all aspects of Circomedia including the Youth Circus, BTEC, FdA, BA and Evening classes.

### **Cirque Bijou & Nutkhut present Khoj**

Khoj, meaning 'The Search' is a beautiful, memorable and unique new street show, created and produced by Cirque Bjiou and Nutkhut. Rooted in Indian culture, the show tells a timeless story about love and hope through circus, dance and narration. The story is told in Hindi, Urdu and English.

### **The Desperate Men – Balloon Toss**

The annual legendary, interactive and participatory sport of the day. Hosted by Bristol's favourite Desperate Men, this is water balloon tossing at its best. Grab a partner and play for top prizes.

### **The Great Sea Choir – Folk Choir**

The Great Sea Choir are Bristol's a cappella folk choir directed by Heg Brignell from Heg & the Wolf Chorus. Their sound is like a great sea; ebbing and flowing, crashing and turning. It is also a nod to the uplifting, free-spirited energy of sea shanties and other folk songs.

### **Head First Acrobats – Comedy Acrobatics**

These three scallywags have come over all the way from Melbourne, Australia to bring you a rip-roaring and swashbuckling acrobatic adventure. Featuring a high flying teeterboard, knife juggling and Cyr wheel, these acrobats are here to turn ship life upside down!

### **Korri Aulakh – Swinging Trapeze**

Korri has been training in circus since the age of 12, specializing in swinging trapeze at world renowned institutions such as NCCA London and National Circus School of Montreal, Canada. Amongst other skills, his knowledge in gymnastics and competitive trampoline made swinging in the air effortless.

### **The Little Big Horns – Brass Band**

Lead by Tim Hill, The Little Big Horns are a new funky brass band inspired by contemporary New Orleans street music. Up front and danceable, the band runs on pumping rhythm sections and dips into swing, ska, reggae and New Orleans jazz.

### **Pascal Haering – Cyr Wheel & Juggling**

Pascal Haering is a physicist turned circus performer. Swiss born and now Bristol based, Pascal specialises in Cyr wheel, juggling and acrobalance. the Cyr wheel is Pascal's favourite circus apparatus, he describes performing with it as 'like dancing with a partner'.

### **Pete Anderson – Stage Compere**

International comedian and street performer, Pete Anderson, brings unnecessary levels of enthusiasm to the stage. A finalist of the 'So You Think You Are Funny' competition, and self titled 'Rubik's Cube specialist', Pete will comper the stage like there is no tomorrow!