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## CirKids Presents

# ***FULL CIRCLE CIRCUS***

**May 1 – 4 at the PNE Garden Auditorium**

*Original show mixes thrilling contemporary circus skills with old-time circus fun*

Vancouver, April 2, 2008 -- A lion tamer who's afraid of lions. Lady Lillianna Fortuna, a graceful trapeze artist. The clown duo Flik and Flak. These are just a few of the characters who'll take to the ring in ***Full Circle Circus***, an original production where contemporary acrobatics, juggling, unicycling, and more meet classic circus fun. Presented by Vancouver's CirKids School of Circus Arts, this 90-minute extravaganza features 28 talented local performers between the ages of 12 and 18.

*Full Circle Circus* opens in the mythical National Museum of the Performing Arts, where an exhibit set in the Victorian era depicts the world's first modern one-ring circus. The fun begins when, suddenly, the exhibit comes to life, and a group of museum visitors travels back in time to this early circus stage. Aerialists, acrobats, jugglers, clowns, unicyclists, stilt walkers, dancers, even a circus freak, all showcase their skills in this magical world, as they rehearse for their first-ever circus ring performance. The show comes "full circle" when opening night of this Victorian-era spectacular becomes the dramatic last act of *Full Circle Circus*.

*Full Circle Circus*, which was conceived by CirKids Artistic Director Jay Nunns, runs for seven performances -- **Thursday, May 1, Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3 at 12:45 and 7pm, and Sunday, May 4 at 12:45pm** -- at the PNE Garden Auditorium, 2901 E. Hastings Street in Vancouver. The production is designed for ages 5 and up.

Tickets for *Full Circle Circus* are on sale now at [www.cirkids.org](http://www.cirkids.org) or by phone at 604-737-7408. Tickets are \$12 for youth, students, and seniors, and \$18 for adults.

### **About CirKids**

Since 1985, CirKids has offered programs for youth ages 5 and up who want to experience the joys of circus arts. CirKids alumni have gone on to work with Cirque du Soleil, attend Canada's National Circus School, and become professional performers around the world.

CirKids' latest venture, *The Avatar Circus Project*, which features established professional circus artists as well as CirKids' alumni who are launching their professional performance careers, was selected to perform during the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad. CirKids' performers have also appeared in Global TV's Variety Show of Hearts Telethon, Granville Island's *Winterruption*, the Vancouver International Dance Festival, the Vancouver International Children's Festival, and at community events throughout the Lower Mainland.