Performance Guide
Circus Luminous 2019: Chaos

The theme of Circus Luminous this year is chaos. In simple terms, “chaos” means disorder. You can think about this theme as you watch the circus, or you can just enjoy the performances for how they look and how they make you feel. The circus features live music, performed by musicians who sit slightly below the stage, in the front of the theater.

The circus will be performed in four acts, with an intermission (break) after the first two. You can walk around the theater and lobby at any time.

These are the circus artists—without their costumes—who will perform in Circus Luminous 2019. All of them have great strength, balance, and flexibility.

Photo by Anne Staveley
Here are the kinds of things you can expect to see in Circus Luminous. These photos are from past performances, so this year’s show will be similar…but new!

Amazing Acrobats!

Performers will dangle gracefully above the stage as they perform on ropes or silk fabric.

The ropes and fabric are hung from strong support bars near the ceiling. The performers have practiced acrobatics over many years, so they can do them safely.

Some acrobats perform using a large steel hoop, known as a lyra, that hangs from up above. Lyra performances can be very beautiful. Here you can see a lyra and the dramatic backdrop the Circus Luminous team painted for a past show.
Unicycles!

Riding these one-wheeled cycles and making tight turns on them while on stage is even harder than it looks!

What’s a circus without clowns? You’ll see clowns in this production, too. Some circus performers go to clown school, where they learn the art of making people laugh. The clowns pictured here are also doing acrobatics.

Look for other kinds of activities on stage while you watch Circus Luminous. Which are your favorites? Why did you like those best? Also notice the costumes, theater sets, and music. How do these things enhance what the performers are doing? All the details come together to make Circus Luminous so much fun.