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CIRCUS OZ

Launching in Melbourne the World Premiere of their latest show. See it to believe it!
16 JUNE - 11 JULY 2010, BIRRARUNG MARR

TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 14

You won't believe your own eyes when the world-famous larrikins of Circus Oz raise their Big Top at Melbourne's Birrarung Marr for the World Premiere of their new production. The 'nothing-is-impossible' performers of Circus Oz, including a combination of new and familiar faces, will deliver two hours of non-stop energy, reality-defying new acts and one or two old favourites to bring out the child-like wonder in all of us.

Following hugely successful seasons of *Barely Contained* at the recent 2010 Sydney and Adelaide Festivals, creative development for the new 2010 show recently began in the Circus Oz 'Lab' at their Port Melbourne home. The explorative 'Lab' program fosters the creation of new acts and builds relationships between new cast members during an intensive six to eight week training and development period. Playing from June 16 to July 11, the World Premiere season of their next show will introduce several brand new acts and exciting performers to Melbourne, all suspending our disbelief against a live, killer score from a re-booted Circus Oz band. Adding to the dazzling feast for your eyes, the new show is being designed by internationally acclaimed costume designer **Laurel Frank**, a founding member of Circus Oz, and highly accomplished theatre set designer **Darryl Cordell** who recently designed the 2010 Moomba Parade.

Artistic Director Mike Finch says of the new show for 2010 "We've headhunted a gang of extraordinary fresh new performers to join our ensemble in our Secret Circus Laboratory. We've found a diva, an Amazon trapeze artist, a swinging percussionist, a precision foot-juggler, and an ex-human-torch".

Believe it or not, it's now more than three decades since the Melbourne-based Circus Oz first started making shows and traversing the globe to become a world-famous Australian entertainment icon. Their performances are hilarious, raw, diverse, inspired, and spectacular. After this World Premiere Melbourne season, Circus Oz will hit the road on a tour that will take the company the length and breadth of Australia, and via the Top End to the World.

Can absurd acrobatics make a sensible adult laugh themselves silly? Can a graceful aerial performance have a young child gasp in astonishment? Circus Oz invites you to get your family and friends together and prove it to yourself with your own eyes. Be one of the first to grab a winter-blues-busting seat when tickets for Circus Oz's new show go on sale on Wednesday 14 April at Ticketmaster.

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June 16 - July 11, 2010 at Birrarung Marr, Melbourne

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Season Information

Duration: 2 hours (including 20 minute interval)

Venue: Birrarung Marr, Between Federation Square & Batman Avenue, Melbourne

Show Times

Wednesday 16 June 7:30pm

Thursday 17 June 7:30pm

Friday 18 June 7:30pm

Saturday 19 June 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 20 June 1:30pm

Wednesday 23 June 7:30pm

Thursday 24 June 7:30pm

Friday 25 June 7:30pm

Saturday 26 June 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 27 June 1:30pm

Wednesday 30 June 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Thursday 1 July 1:30pm

Friday 2 July 7:30pm

Saturday 3 July 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 4 July 1:30pm

Wednesday 7 July 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Thursday 8 July 1:30pm

Friday 9 July 7:30pm

Saturday 10 July 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 11 July 1:30pm

Ticket Prices

Adults: \$48-\$72

Concession: \$37-\$62

Kids: \$27-\$46

Family: \$123-\$190

Groups over 10 (adults): \$36-\$39

Bookings via Ticketmaster: www.ticketmaster.com.au, 136 100 or via circusoz.com

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