



Community Circus Newsletter

Issue #1, November 2007

Welcome to this new and important step in the development of a National Community Circus Network - the first edition of a monthly Newsletter.

Right now, with all these Community Circus (CC) groups getting started, we see there is a need to share experiences, information and resources. The first national CCC (CC Convention) is now behind us. Time to promote the benefits we discussed (at the Forums) with the wider community, the government and future sponsors and ... give them a opportunity to reach us.

The Newsletter has 3 parts, reflecting the National Convention structure

1. International Developments
2. What is going on in NZ?
3. Resources

We hope this monthly newsletter gives everybody an **active** chance to participate and through that process, brings Community Circus to another level - to a great Circus Community!

1. International Developments

The 30th EJC (European Juggling Convention) just took place in Greece. There is an excellent report with good photos in the last Kaskade (European Juggling Magazine, <http://www.kaskade.de/en/index.htm>) but I hope Paulipaul from Central City Circus Auckland will tell us all about that in the next newsletter?

And another even older one **the 60th IJA** (yes –the big international one) took place in Winston Salem, NC, USA. More information available on www.juggle.org and again a good write up in the Kaskade

22,000 Acrobats and Gymnasts and Circus Artists participated from the 8th-14th July in the **World Gymnaestrada in Austria**. In seven days they had 1600 hours of shows. There was also a group from NZ so we hope to hear more from them.

Upcoming International festivals:

- 15 - 18 Nov 2007 Brazil Banestado Association www.9cbmc.com.br
- 2 - 10 Aug 2008 31st EJC Germany / Karlsruhe www.ejc2008.de
- 1 - 4 May 2008 South Africa juggling festival www.juggle.co.za/convention.htm
- June 2008 1st international Acrobatics Convention Croatia 2008 www.akrobatiek.net
- 14 June 2008 World juggling day www.juggle.org
- 14 - 20 July 2008 61st IJA — Kentucky/USA www.juggle.org

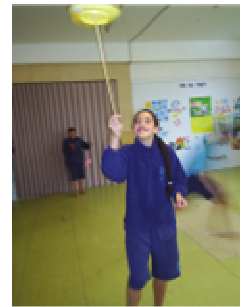


2. What is going on in NZ?

Community Circus Feature of the month

“Nu Flo Community Circus” Kawakawa

(Kawakawa is between Whangarei & Kerikeri; it is the home of the famous Hundertwasser toilets and the Kawakawa train station) Bridgette, Salvatore, and Annaleese (Brid's talented daughter) with the generous support of Thomas have settled into fortnightly circus training at the Nu Flo Youth Centre in the heart of Kawakawa . It is a natural fit between our extended circus family and this local youth centre. We are working with a group that varies each time from 10 to 20 young people. We have invited Rachel, a gymnastic instructor, to join our leadership team. Future plans include the addition of acrobatics and a local show for parents at the Nu Flo Centre.



Tahjai enjoying her training

Upcoming Events

Community Circus Teacher Training

1. Whangarei 28 October 10 – 5 pm
2. Kaitaia 18 November - 10-5pm
3. Waipu 9 December - 10-5pm contact thomas@circuskumarani.co.nz to register

Emphasis this year is to encourage local helpers to participate in the training to support local teachers in each area; limited spaces may be available for new trainees outside area

3rd Northland Circus Festival at the Kai Iwi Lakes, Northland

(more details & registration on www.circuskumarani.co.nz) 2 day intensive training has been added this year before the public frenzy at the weekend. **IMPORTANT !!! please book your accommodation for festival asap = the camping sites are open to the public and very popular, so not many left.**

To secure your camping space contact info@kauricoast.co.nz or Phone 09 439 8360

If you want to run a Workshop or take part in the public shows, please contact, Claudia or Thomas at info@circuskumarani.co.nz now so we can make the arrangements for your accommodation & catering. We also invite short performance acts from your community circus group as part of evening shows.

Olli`s Tour

Olli Rickin, an established performer and teacher at Circo Arts School in Christchurch tours Northland & Auckland with her clownesque Circus Show

6th – 8th Nov Dargaville 11th Nov Kawakawa 12/13th Nov Whangarei

14th Nov Kawakawa 15th - 21st Nov Auckland

23rd - 30th Nov Kaitaia, Bream Bay/ Waipu (not yet confirmed)

If you want to book Olli for these dates 23 – 30th please contact info@circuskumarani.co.nz

Festival to Festival Tour 2008

We are preparing the first tour (test run) from the Northland Circus Festival to the NZ Juggling & Circus Festival in Wellington. It is designed for overseas performers, who want to travel & perform around NZ – in partnership with local NZ performers. One aim is to promote CC with performances at community events and the second is to widen the creative horizon (bring in, the whole wide world) and pass on skills to our CC groups.

So ... if you are interested to have this hot mix of performers & teachers in your town between January to March 2008 please contact us.

Community Circus groups in NZ—Contacts & basic information

Dargaville: Circus Kumarani

Started 2003

2 main teachers - 9 weekly classes => 80 participants

Monthly Focus with presentation => this month juggling

Contact	Thomas Hinz	09 439 5152	Thomas@circuskumarani.co.nz
	Claudia Guthrie	09 439 5152	info@circuskumarani.co.nz

Kaitaia:

Starting November 2007 (in progress)

2 main teachers

Contact	April Atkinson	09 439 7892	april.atkinson@paradise.net.nz
	Mark Shanks	09 409 4009	marksurf55@hotmail.com

Kawakawa: Nu Flo Community Circus

Started July 2007

2 main teachers – fortnightly classes

Contact	Bridgette Jochem	09 404 0828	'joch.g.b'@slingshot.co.nz
	Salvatore Lauria	09 407 7776	onearth@xtra.co.nz

Waipu:

Started May 2007

1 main teacher – 1 weekly class

Contact	Achmed Abman	09 432 1773	achmedabman@hotmail.com
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Whangarei: Whangarei Community Circus

Started February 2007

3 main teachers – 4 weekly classes

Contact	Martin Herbertson	09 437 5224	martinherbertson@hotmail.com
	Tony Smith	09 432 2200	kayakkasmith@hotmail.com

Other community circus groups: Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch etc. -- **Please send your group details** info@circuskumarani.co.nz

If you are aware of any other community circus groups please encourage them to contact Claudia, Frances, or Thomas. info@circuskumarani.co.nz

3. Resources

Circus Summer school at CircoArts - Christchurch <http://www.cpit.ac.nz/subjects/circoarts/>
two week blocks in December & January contact **Olli Rickin** or **Godfrey Sim** simg@cpit.ac.nz

Library ... in process:

do you have a treasure (books, DVD's, magazines, equipment) that could be an inspiration for others? To make it accessible to our network post/email the details to Kumarani and it will join our library system with your contact details. IMPORTANT! We still have to work out how to run it.

Email your suggestions to Salvatore at onearth@xtra.co.nz

How might we handle postage cost? How long would people have item? What cost per week?

Websites – Forums - Blogs

Just a few to start with. Now its up to you to fill the collection...thanks; email Thomas with additions!

Check out the photos from the CC Convention – thanks Marco & Markyspark, on the OCP (Open Circus Project) Forum – NZ <http://groups.google.com/group/open-circus-project/topics?hl=en>

American Youth Circus Organization <http://www.americanyouthcircus.org/>
info@americanyouthcircus.org and AYCOteachers@yahoo.com

You can join this group and receive great information on Circus. Thanks Colin!

1st NZ CC Convention took place from the 17th – 19th August 07 in Dargaville / Northland

75 Participants from all over the country came all the way for 3 days of workshops – Forums - Shows. There was a beautiful mix of people: Performers, Festival organizers, CircoArts Teachers, regional manager from Ministry of social development, students and teachers from AUT, IHC/IDEA groups and off course Community Circus members.

Check out the Report on <http://groups.google.com/group/open-circus-project/files?hl=en>

It is down at the bottom of the files page and from Frances.

We hope you enjoyed this first edition and that there was something interesting for you in it.

If you know another Community Circus Group to add to our overview or people/organizations who are interested in CC, please send us their contact details and show them our website- forum- newsletter.

Please send us your feedback, suggestions, articles, reports.

Thanks

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