

THE 2018 BIG TOP TOUR THE 2018 BIG TOP TOUR

June 29 - Opening Greensboro, VT

Circus Barn World HQ 2 Shows: Friday 1 & 6 pm Presented by The Circus Barn

July 2 & 3 Waitsfield, VT

Kenyon's Field

4 Shows: Mon & Tues 1 & 6 pm Presented by Waitsfield Children's Center

July 6 & 7

Essex Junction, VT

Champlain Valley
Exposition
4 Shows: Fri & Sat 12 & 6 pm
Presented by Champlain
Valley Expo

July 9 &10

Saratoga Springs, NY

Saratoga Casino Hotel 4 Shows: Mon & Tues 1 & 6 pm Presented by Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs

July 12 & 13 Manchester, VT

Manchester Parks & Recreation
4 Shows: Thurs & Fr

4 Shows: Thurs & Fri 1 & 6 pm Presented by Town of Manchester & Manchester Parks & Recreation



July 15 &16

Keene, NH Cheshire Fairgrounds 4 Shows:

Sun & Mon 1 & 6 pm Presented by Monadnock

Waldorf School

July 18 &19

St. Johnsbury, VT

Green Mountain Mall
4 Shows: Wed & Thurs
1 & 6 pm
Presented by
Catamount Arts

July 21 & 22

Hanover, NH

Fullington Farm Field
4 Shows: Sat 1 & 6 pm
Sun 11 am & 4 pm
Sponsored by
The Sharon Academy
Presented by The Circus Barn

July 24 & 25 Marshfield, MA

Marshfield Fairgrounds
4 Shows: Tues & Wed 1 & 7pm
Presented by Marshfield
Education Foundation

July 27, 28 & 29 Waltham, MA

Gore Place 6 Shows: Fri & Sat 1 & 6 pm Sun 11 am & 4 pm

Presented by The Circus Barn

July 31 & August 1 Northampton, MA

Three County Fairgrounds 4 Shows: Tues & Wed 1 & 6 pm Presented by North Star

August 3 & 4 Newbury, MA

Spencer Peirce Little Farm 4 Shows: Fri 1 & 6 pm Sat 12:30 & 5:30 pm Presented by Theater in the Open

August 6 & 7 Freeport, ME

Maine Coast Waldorf School 4 Shows: Mon & Tues 1 & 6 pm Presented by Maine Coast Waldorf School

August 9 & 10

Kennebunkport, ME

Rockin' Horse Stables 4 Shows:

Thurs & Fri 1 & 6 pm

Presented by Kennebunkport

Consolidated Schools

August 12 & 13 Wolfeboro, NH

The Nick 4 Shows: Sun 2 & 7 pm Mon 1 & 6 pm

Presented by All Saints Church

August 15, 16 & 17 Montpelier, VT

Montpelier High School 6 Shows: Wed, Thurs, Fri 1 & 6 pm

Presented by The Circus Barn

August 19 - Finale Greensboro, VT

Circus Barn World HQ 2 Shows: Sunday 1 & 6 pm Presented by The Circus Barn





INTRODUCING THE 2018



Aaron Schondorf, 17 New York, NY

Aaron is excited to return for his fourth year as a Smirkus Trouper. He trains at Circus Warehouse during the offseason. Aside from circus, he enjoys magic, composing music, and napping.



Alexa Wang, 16 Jamaica Plain, MA

Alexa is a proud student of Commonwealth Circus Center! When not circusing, she can be found thinking about circus, theater-ing, dancing, or coming up with really bad puns.



Andrew Kaefer, 15

Maplewood, NJ
Andrew is thrilled to be back
on tour! He has trained at The
Circus Place, Trenton Circus
Squad, Circus Smirkus Camp,
Circus Warehouse, and with
Juggling Coach Richard
Kennison. In his spare time,
Andrew is a sneaker and
clothing aficionado.



Ariana Wunderle, 14

Rockingham, VT
People say circus isn't a sport, but an art or hobby.
Ariana says circus is her love, life, and passion. She's lived in the circus ring for 11 years, building up her confidence, strength, power, grace, and devotion towards circus.
Ariana trains at NECCA.



Asom Hayman-Jones, 16 Glover, VT

Asom is a self-taught recent Circus Smirkus Camp attendee. When this 3 sport varsity athlete is not practicing his circus skills, he enjoys the gym, baseball, basketball, swimming, music, and collecting mirrors. He is very thankful for this opportunity.



Graham Reicher, 15

Piedmont, CA

Graham taught himself to juggle with clementines at the age of 8, graduating to knives with help from Circus Smirkus Camp and Kinetic Arts.

When not juggling, flipping or clowning around, Graham is a debater, filmmaker, computer geek & maple syrup fan.



Hannah Grove, 16

Blacksburg, VA

Hannah is a self-taught circus performer and has trained at Circus Smirkus Camp, École Nationale de Cirque (ENC) Summer Intensive and Aerial CLT. She also is a Level 9 competitive gymnast. She loves to play with her 4 dogs and drink coffee.



Ilse Bryan, 13

Lincoln, RI

When not high-fiving people, Ilse loves to swim with mermaids, run with unicorns and fly with fairies. Last year, Ilse was the youngest competitor and a finalist in Circus Star USA. She is an alumnus of Circus Smirkus Camp and trains at EAC and Arielle Extreme.



Isabella Majzun, 17

St. Louis, MO

For many years, Isabella has trained at Circus Harmony in St Louis, MO with many talented circus artists. While she has performed all over the world, nothing compares to performing with Circus Smirkus in our traveling tent - where hard work, fun and friends come together.



Isabella Marshall, 16

Highland Park, NJ

Isabella fell in love with hula hooping in second grade, and discovered circus a couple years later. She trains at The Circus Place with Amelia Wieger, Devon Light-Wills, and Richard Kennison. Isabella also loves math, dogs, plants, and ice cream.



Nemo Mass, 18

Chicago, IL

Nemo began as a competitive gymnast before joining the circus at age 11. He has since performed with CircEsteem, MSA & Circus Arts, Aloft, Wenatchee Youth Circus, Viva Fest and Circus Smirkus.

Offstage, Nemo can be found with a guitar in hand.



Ora Lili, 14

Worcester, MA

Ora has been doing circus for four years and currently trains at NECCA and Eastern Acrobatics and Circus. She loves creativity, community, and storytelling through circus. She likes painting, photography, hugging, improv dance, and going to open gym to do more circus.



Ruby Frank, 10

Golden, CO

A born clown, Ruby has been involved with circus all of her life. She's trained at Moth Circus, Circus Smirkus Camp and in her living room. When she isn't in the ring, she spends her time doing musicals, and making art. She is thrilled to be a Smirko!



Saan Popovic, 14

Seattle, WA

Saan trains at School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts (SANCA) primarily in contortion, acrobatics, and lyra. When she is not doing circus she loves to hang out with her friends.



Dellevive WA

Bellevue, WA

Saffi has been training contortion, handbalance, partner acro and aerials at the School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts (SANCA) for 11 years. She has performed with Cirrus Circus, Teatro Zinzanni, The Moisture Festival, and is excited to be on tour again!

OP TOUR TROUPERS



Audrey Greaves, 17 Mercer Island, WA

Audrey has been training at the School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts (SANCA) for 6 years and performing with Cirrus Circus for 3 years. Her favorite things to train are juggling and acrobatics, and she is very excited to be a Smirko this year!



Ben Miron, 16 Bedford, NH

Ben trains at The Flying Gravity Circus and has also done two sessions at the Circus Smirkus Camp. Besides circus, Ben enjoys staying up late and baking cookies.



Chase Levy, 17 Newton, MA

Chase trains at Eastern Acrobatics and Circus and previously attended Circus Smirkus Camp. He loves to make movies and pancakes, eat ice cream, and inspire others to do what makes them happy.



Lou Rhinelander, 13 Melrose, MA

Proudly bringing the fanny pack back into fashion, Eva also sports tiaras, tutus & sparkles. She can spin a hula hoop on her nose at least 384 times, sometimes more! Eva trains at Sellam Circus School and Northeast Rhythmics to be her best under the Big Top!



Glenn Doyle, 14 Arlington, MA

Glenn's love of circus began at S.V. DOTO in the Netherlands when, at age 8, he spied acro from gymnastics practice. Circus Nevermind, Circus Smirkus Camp, Eastern Acrobatics and Circus, and Esh Circus Arts prepared him for this, his first Big Top Tour.



Jacob Crow, 15

Merrimack, NH

After 7 years in gymnastics, Jacob was introduced to circus at a July 4th event with Flying Gravity Circus. His favorite disciplines are hand balancing, acro and contortion. When not doing circus, he cheers for the Merrimack HS Varsity Cheer team.



Julaine Hall, 14

Lake Forest Park, WA

Julaine has trained at SANCA in Seattle since age 2. She loves pole, aerials, tumbling, acro, juggling & handstands. She delights in performing, playing/writing music, eating nealthy & studying herbs. She adores her family but can't wait to be a Smirko!



Kira DiPietrantonio, 18

Mason, NH

Kira trains with The Flying Gravity Circus run by Jonathon Roitman, and with her juggling coach Richard Kennison. When not doing circus, Kira is probably watching YouTube rideos, taking photos or eating chips. She's so excited to be on tour this summer!



Laska Lèonard, 16

Montreal, Canada

Laska has trained at the Ècole Nationale de Cirque (ENC) in Montreal and with her parents. She loves to play guitar and sing around campfires, have fun, travel, laugh and eat! Laska speaks perfect French and English.



Lola Picayo, 17

New York, NY

Lola started training circus 6 years ago at Aerial Arts NYC and is honored to be back in the ring for her final tour. Lola spends her free time pretending to be in the NBA, admiring her plants, eating snacks and wearing sick sunglasses.



Sam Ward, 18

Irving, TX

Sam just graduated and plans on pursuing a career in Circus. When not clowning around, Sam enjoys playing with his dog, Jojo, and causing trouble with friends. Sam has trained with clown coaches, Dick Monday and Tiffany Riley, and attended Circus Smirkus Camp for many years.



Serafina Walker, 15

Greenfield, MA

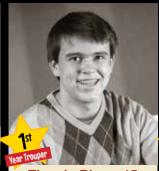
Serafina loves all things holographic and sparkles. Outside of circus, she loves dancing, shopping and painting her nails. Spending quality time and doing things with her friends makes everything 1000 times better! She trains at NECCA and Eastern Acrobatics and Circus.



Soleyman Pierini, 16

Deux-Montagnes, Canada Soleyman started training at the Ècole Nationale de Cirque (ENC) in Montreal. Thanks to circus, he had a small role in the movie "The Walk". Now

he trains at the École de Cirque Forains, Flip, takes private magic lessons and keeps working as an actor!



Theo LeBlanc, 15

South Portland, ME

This is Theo's first year as a Smirkus trouper. He loves all things circus. Theo has trained at Circus Maine and attended Circus Smirkus Camp. He is thrilled to be performing with Circus Smirkus this summer!



Baiting Hollow, NY

William started as a competitive gymnast and quickly fell in love with circus! His favorite disciplines are flying trapeze, straps & diabolo! He's trained at iFly Trapeze, Circus Warehouse and Circus Smirkus Camp. William is so excited to be back in the ring!

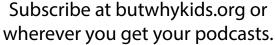


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Since 1987, we've been bringing the transforming power of the circus arts to people of all ages through three principal programs:

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smirkus.org/about-big-top-tour

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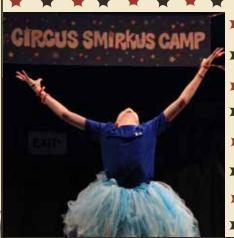
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June 23 Intro To Smirkus:

Age 5-11

(one day only)

June 16-17

Smirklings: Age 6-11

June 24-29

Session I: Age 8-16

July 1-6

Session II: Age 8-16

July 8-20

Session III: Age 8-16

July 22-Aug 3

Session IV: Age 12-18

Aug 5-17

Session V: Age 13-18



THE 2018 BIG TOP TOUR

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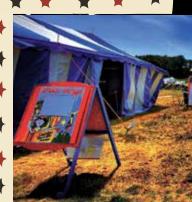
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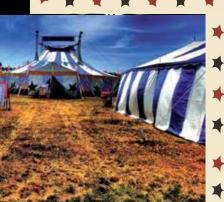
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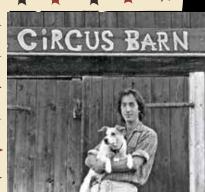












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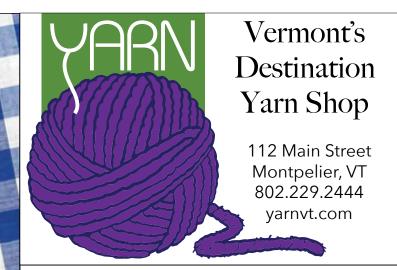
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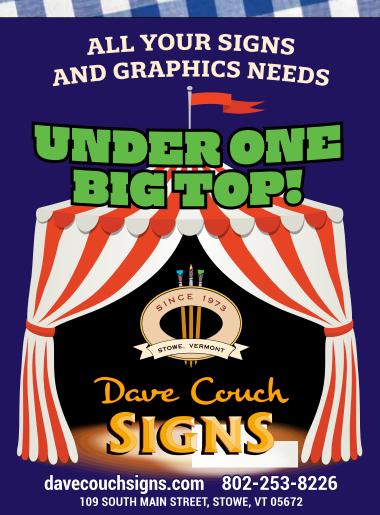


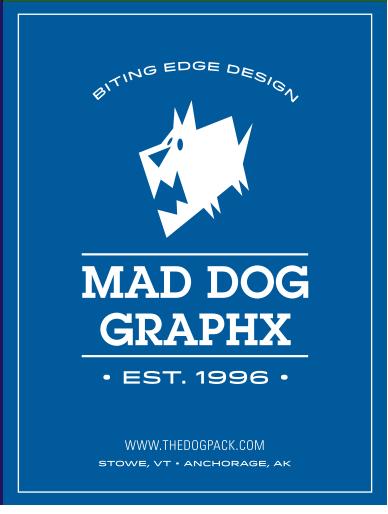




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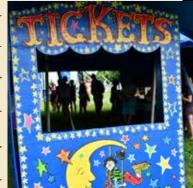


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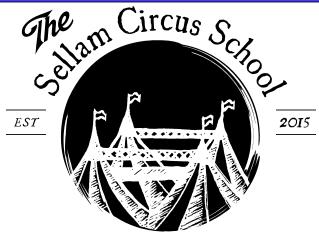
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The world needs more circus, now and always! The Smirkos in this year's show take the magic they learn here — the joy, the inclusiveness, the willingness to lend a hand to those around them — and they spread that through the world, as have the thousands of Tour, Camp, and Residency participants before them. We know you will be touched by the same magic.

This is my first season under the Smirkus Big Top. I was incredibly lucky to run away with the circus last year, and I feel like I have come home. I hope to see all of you down the road at all the shows to come.



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