

# FOCUS

## Daring Entertainment, Thrills 'The Greatest Show On Earth' returns

Those ready for a little three-ring circus action will be delighted to know the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's 135th Edition of The Greatest Show On Earth will show eight performances from Thursday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Rose Garden Arena.

One hour before show time, circus goers can venture down to the arena floor to find out how acrobats stay fit or to try their own skills at performing daring circus feats.

Later, with cotton candy in hand, the audience will be whisked away into a whirlwind of action and adventure, led by Ringmaster Tyron McFarlan.

McFarlan, a former Army National Guardsman, eventually found that performing was where his heart was. With a long list of stage credits, McFarlan said he's always excited to "celebrate life" as a ringmaster, connecting with international audiences in a magical world of entertainment, music, people and animals.

Bello, known as "America's Best Clown," will also be at hand to incite laughter and awe, as well as acts including the world's first female quest for the quadruple aerial somersault, and the death-defying daredevil husband and wife team of the Misers.

The Windy City Acrobats, founded by performer and competitive tumbler Tim Shaw, are known to bound onto the floor



Ringmaster Tyron McFarlan leads one of the nation's most celebrated touring companies at the Rose Garden Arena from Sept. 8 to 11.

revved up with spectacular skills. All of the acrobats got started at a young age, supported by inner-city programs to help them hone their talents. They've been the official acrobatic team for the Chicago Bulls, and all agree that their energy escalates with audience reaction while they do aerial leaps, dazzling jump rope tricks and basketball feats.

Showtimes are Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 9 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 10 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are priced between \$11 to \$50, depending on seating, and can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling 503-224-4400.

For more information on the circus, visit [www.ringling.com](http://www.ringling.com).



The Windy City Acrobats have joined the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus to amaze audiences with their daring stunts.

## Keeping Hip-Hop Local With Northwest Talent

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For Rez, "being on stage, the energy and the crowd reaction," is what keeps him striving toward hopes of making it big. That, and a love of hip hop.

Dynamix will be part of a showcase featuring northwest hip-hop talent during the Music Fest Northwest and Jus Family Records Showcase on Friday, Sept. 9 at the Roseland Theatre at 8 p.m.

Other featured players will include E-40, Bosko, Cool Nutz,



Maniac Lok, Potluck, E-Dawg and special guest DJ Chill. The Roseland Theatre is located at 8 N.W. 6th Ave.

For more information on the festival, visit the web at [www.musicfestnw.com](http://www.musicfestnw.com). To find out more about Dynamix, visit [www.jaidshea.com](http://www.jaidshea.com).

Local hip-hop sensations Cool Nutz and Maniac Lok are among the headline acts to appear Friday, Sept. 9 at the Roseland Theatre.

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