

# VARIETY COMEDY SHOW

## Mz. Pearl's Variety Show is a one-woman comedy circus act



Heather Pearl, aka Mz. Pearl, said she specializes in physical and slapstick comedy and circus tricks like juggling, stilt walking, acrobatics and a lot of audience participation.

"It's pure fun," Pearl said.

One of her bits is a Tango fan dance, which is more comedy than Tango, Pearl said. She mixes in Chinese yo-yo tricks and balancing on the big circus ball while teaching participants how to spin ribbons and plates on a stick.

"Often, kids hang out and practice their new skills long after the performance is over," Pearl said.

Beyond her scheduled appearances on stage at the fair, Pearl said she's taking her circus tricks and physical comedy to the Umatilla County Fair day camp.

"I think it's fantastic there's a camp right at the fair," Pearl said.

"The kids who go to camp can do workshops with me and come to the show during the week."

For the past 15 years, Pearl has entertained small and large audiences at county fairs, festivals, corporate events and libraries.

She trained in physical theatre and clown at Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake, California, and at the San Francisco School of Circus Arts.

Pearl said she performs year-round, but more in the summer months. During the school year she is the movement education teacher at the Cedarwood Waldorf School.

Teaching and performing, Pearl said, makes a nice balance as she raises her twin 9-year old daughters who help run the sound equipment and occasionally show off their own circus skills.

"Kids in the audience love it," Pearl said. "It's awe inspiring for them to see other kids perform."



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