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CIRCUS UNITED BRINGS STAR-STUDDERD

ACTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO STUN THE BIG E

The smell of buttered popcorn, the roar of the crowd and dauntless performers from around the globe align to bring you a circus performance larger than life at The Big E's Big Top theatre, September 13-29. This year, in conjunction with the Fair's "United We Fair" theme, Circus Spectacular becomes "Circus United." Shows will be available at 1pm, 4pm and 7pm daily. Ringside tickets can be found at TheBigE.com.

Circus Spectacular is seen by 80,000 people annually – though it is bound to break attendance records this year with its legendary lineup of both mainstream entertainers and rising rarities.

This year's production welcomes back fan-favorites Remarkable Renaldo and Little Lou, a husband-and-wife clown duo, who have been entertaining audiences for almost 20 years. Renaldo hails from Brooklyn, New York, and Little Lou was born in London, England. They began their work partnership in 2006 and have since performed at Zippos Circus in England, Circus Sarasota in Florida, a sold-out show on Broadway and countless other stages, consistently bringing laughter with them everywhere they go.

America's Got Talent: All-Stars (2023) winner Aidan Bryant is a self-taught Lyra hoop performer. In 2021, Bryant came in second place on *AGT*, but he returned to blow away the judges again when he claimed the *All-Stars* title. Since his win, Bryant has appeared on *AGT: Fantasy League* (2024) and *America's Got Talent Presents SUPERSTARS Live* at the Luxor in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tina Miser's family looks different than most – she, her husband, Brian, and their daughter, Skyler, are all human cannonballs. As a matter of fact, Tina and Skyler are the only women in the world that perform as human cannonballs. Their unique lifestyle has made them the subject of specials on *The Tonight Show* with Conan O'Brien and *The Late Show* with David Letterman, as well as articles in *The Washington Post*, *New York Post* and *Good Housekeeping Magazine*. In her performance, Tina rockets 95 ft in distance and 35 ft high at 65 mph!

Daredevil Paul Cifuentes is described by the Chicago Tribune as having "no fear." Cifuentes is a young man from Chile, but his daring spirit is surely not of this world: he defies at gravity 40 ft in the air on the whirling Wheel of Destiny. His act is not for the faint of heart.

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Acrobats Alec and Daniella's *Abril Amore* commemorates their wedding, which occurred in April (hence the name "April Love"). In a dazzling demonstration of strength, trust and passion, the pair melts your heart from high above the circus ring in a harrowing aerial tango.

The Petrov Family is a multi-generational and multi-talented circus family. Richie and Viki have prepared for you a profusion of spinning plates and antics: Plate Spinners Extraordinaire.

Nilson Escobar comes to us from Peru. Escobar recently won a Gold Medal at the International Circus Festival, and he is widely recognized as the "speed juggler." Blink and you risk missing his rapid-fire performance.

All these capers and acts of bravado will be conducted by ringleader Ian Garden Jr., who was inducted into The Big E's Circus Walk of Fame in 2022.

Circus performances have been a staple of the The Big E since 1955 when performers were first added to the Coliseum. These performances moved from the Coliseum to The Big Top tent in 1989. The Fair recently debuted a new, custom Big Top theatre in 2022, and Circus Spectacular still calls it home today.

The circus' popularity has remained consistent, but the acts become more daring each year as performers from around the world grace the one-ring, European-style performance arena.

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The Big E, brought to you by Eastern States Exposition, takes place September 13-29 in West Springfield, Mass. The Big E is the seventh largest fair in North America and is recognized as the largest event on the East Coast by attendance numbers. Advance discount tickets are now available at TheBigE.com and select Rocky's Ace Hardware locations. Visit the website for a full schedule of events check out the fairtime excitement on social media!