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Souvenir Program**

40th Anniversary Edition

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MANAGEMENT

Management

Nelson & Katya Quiroga

Producers & Co-Owners

This young and energetic couple has taken on the daunting task of reviving the interest and appeal of the traditional traveling circus to a whole new generation! Having had the opportunity of performing with some of the best circuses in the world, Nelson and Katya add Circus Owner & Impresario to their impressive résumé. In 2005, they formed Tabares Entertainment, Inc. and together with their immediate & extended family embarked on a new and exciting business venture. While remaining respectfully true to the quality of an historic Circus Vargas, this courageous duo, with their innovative ideas and bold choices, breathe new life into an old family tradition!



Alberto & Patricia Marinelli

Alberto Marinelli
Stage Manager &
Lighting Director

Patricia Marinelli
Costume Designer &
Wardrobe Director



Already an accomplished performer, Alberto has made the transition to Stage and Lighting Manager as a natural progression in his circus career. He is Nelson's older brother and lifetime business partner. Together they have performed numerous daring and dangerous acts. Their brotherly intuitions and trust prompted their success and drives their continuing partnership to this day. Alberto is responsible for the ambience of each performance and uses his creative ingenuity & originality to help create the concepts of each new Circus Vargas edition. Once a production has been developed Alberto's talented wife Patricia designs the many beautiful costumes and oversees the process of creating the entire Wardrobe.

MANAGEMENT

Management

Vittorio Arata

General Manager & Performance Director

Vittorio's career has spanned the globe for over four decades. He has mastered nearly every aspect of circus life and brings his extensive knowledge and experience to Circus Vargas as General Manager & Performance Director. Undeniably a complex occupation, Vittorio supervises the cast and crew as well as all aspects of the entire tour, which is a great support for his daughter Katya & son-in-law Nelson. Vittorio's diligence, skill and hard work keep things running smoothly under the Big Top.



Roque Quiroga

Maintenance Director



Matilde Quiroga

Concessions



Andrea Bachliyski

Office manager



Trudy Arata

Concessions

Stoyan Bachliyski

Concession Manager

The Circus Vargas Family!

Circus Vargas is indeed a family operation. Aside from their regular responsibilities, every member of the family is involved in the day-to-day operations and together they function like a well-oiled machine. Both Katya and Nelson's parents are part of the team. Katya's father Vittorio is General Manager and his lovely wife Trudy is part of the concession department. Andrea, Alberto and Nelson's sister runs the office. Her husband Stoyan is in charge of the concessions. Nelson's mother Matilde also works in concessions and his father Roque is the Maintenance Director. But Roque & Matilde's most important role is being the glue that keeps the family together. They are the backbone, providing strength, sharing experience and wisdom, but most of all supporting and encouraging their children to follow their dreams. There is so much involved, so many important details when presenting a live performance, and the ultimate success of the production depends on the stability of its infrastructure. This foundation and support system is essential and at Circus Vargas it is called family!

HISTORY

History

Clifford E. Vargas

In 1969, Clifford E. Vargas fulfilled his childhood dream when he raised the canvas of what was to become "America's favorite Big Top Circus!" Having been a lifelong circus spectator and fan, Mr. Vargas believed he could bring back the glamour, thrills and heart-pounding excitement of the authentic old-time circus. He was adamant that a circus wasn't a circus if it wasn't under the big top and wanted to make sure that every generation would have the opportunity to experience its magic firsthand. He was dedicated and determined to make the name Circus Vargas synonymous with family entertainment and continued to do so until his untimely death in 1989.



The Show Must Go On!

With the future of the show in jeopardy, Roland Kaiser and Joseph Muscarello, both longtime friends of Mr. Vargas and management executives with the show, joined forces and took over the reins at Circus Vargas. As co-producers their combined talents proved to be a triumphant union. Together they collaborated successfully for almost fifteen years, investing, sacrificing, risking, modifying, transforming and ultimately saving the show that had meant so much to so many. They successfully continued the Circus Vargas legacy until their retirement in 2003, producing a show that even a hard to please showman like Clifford Vargas himself would be proud of.

The Story Continues...

Clifford Vargas often traveled the world in search of new and exciting acts. In the late 1980's on a trip to South America he stumbled upon "The FLYING TABARES" of Argentina! When he saw brothers Nelson and Alberto perform their trapeze act to standing ovations, he wasted no time in hiring them, bringing them to the United States to perform in his 20th anniversary edition of Circus Vargas. Throughout different times in their career, the Tabares also worked under the management of Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Muscarello. When they heard the owners would retire and the big top would come down for good, they seized the opportunity to take over the circus that had jump-started their career, and had always held a special place in their hearts. In 2005, Nelson & Katya Quiroga-Tabares proudly became United States citizens, and founded their production company, Tabares Entertainment, Inc. They now proudly present CIRCUS VARGAS, America's Favorite Big Top Circus!



Circus Generations



Roberto Francia



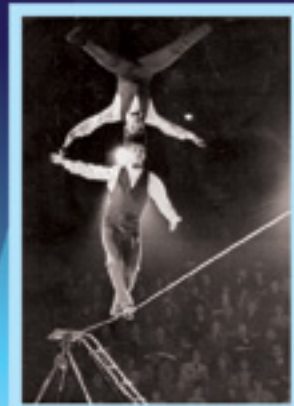
Roque Quiroga



Roland & Manja Kaiser



Roque Quiroga



Vittorio & Billy Arata



Roberto Francia & Juan Francia



Julia Bolderdijk & Connie Schoen



Matilda Francia-Quiroga



Ingrid Kaiser



Julia, Robert, Jan, Ingrid Bolderdijk & Connie Schoen



Jan Bolderdijk



Trudy Arata

*The Circus. It's our life. It's in our blood.
From generation to generation. The legacy lives on.*

Jon Weiss



Jon & Laura Weiss

If anyone ever wanted to run-away with the circus, this would be their chance! Twenty-Five minutes prior to every show, Jon Weiss and his lovely wife Laura host an exciting interactive pre-show center-ring, under the Circus Vargas Big Top! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the pre-show action, as Jon and Laura guide them on a quick crash course in circus skill and stamina! "This is our way of welcoming the audience and making their experience here even more personal." It's a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Jon as he shares some of his amazing skills and encourages children of all ages, to try their hand at juggling, clowning, balancing and much more!

Fun Fact: Jon Weiss participated in Season 4 of the popular Reality Series "The Amazing Race." His pal & he finished fourth out of 12 teams!

MATTI

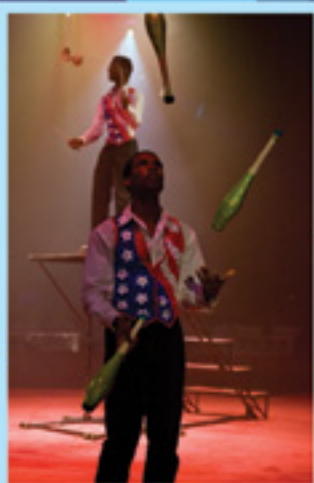
Matti Esqueda



Matti Esqueda

As funny in the ring as he is out, this natural born comedian is right at home playing the fool. Blessed with an innate ability to make people laugh, Matti Esqueda can't think of a more fulfilling career than that of a circus clown. His endearing silliness and riotous routines bring out the child in everyone and he is often inspired to include members of the audience in some of his comical capers! Entertaining people and making them happy is Matti's driving ambition. "Everyone knows that laughter really is the best medicine. When I make people laugh it relieves their stress and lifts their spirits. Who wouldn't love a job like that?"

TED McRAE



Ted McRae

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Children of all ages..." The Ringmaster has always been an integral part of the authentic circus charm. Circus Vargas is proud to have the very talented Ted McRae as ringmaster of their special 40th Anniversary edition. Using intonation and inflection as his tools, Ted introduces the acts, presents the performers, and signals changes in the tone of show with subtle nuances in his speech. A booming and dramatic introduction with a cautionary air directs the audiences attention to feats of daring and danger, while a jovial and light-hearted lilt may suggest the arrival of the clowns. Much more than just an announcer, Ted's role influences the atmosphere and ambience of the entire performance as he uses his distinguished and melodious voice to guide the audience through their Circus Vargas experience.

MARINELLI

The Marinellis



The Marinellis

The Marinellis are a young and talented troupe of acrobats who take an old audience favorite and turn it into a fast-paced, action-packed display of twists, turns, flips, somersaults and more!

This upbeat, energetic routine, with its mix of modern music and dance choreography makes this dangerous display look deceptively easy and fun!

Only years of practice, discipline and skill can produce an act as exceptional as the magnificent Marinellis!

Prelude

An exciting pre-show mix & mingle, hosted by **Jon & Laura Weiss**, turns the tables, inviting the audience to take part in a quick crash course of skill and stamina, Circus Vargas style!

Intermission

Act One

National Anthem & Overture

~ **Ted McRae**

Presented by Ringmaster **Ted McRae** and featuring the entire cast, is our patriotic opening parade, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of America's Favorite Big Top circus!

~ **Vladimir**

Hobo hi-jinks abound with vagabond **Vladimir's** vaudevillian cat & dog revue!

~ **Matti Esqueda**

A comedic interlude cleverly concocted by the innovative clowning of **Matti Esqueda**!

~ **Marinelli Family**

A modern acrobatic ensemble combined with an urban infusion of dance, music, rhythm and sound, proudly presented by the multi-talented **Marinelli Family**!

~ **Illusion**

An awe-inspiring, presentation of split-second transformations in a jaw-dropping, magical "**Quick Change**" illusion routine!

~ **Matti**

Guaranteed to conjure "A Thousand and One Laughs" quicker than a genie's magic lamp, are Circus Vargas' clowns in their rib-tickling, side-splitting, spoof of Arabian Nights!

~ **Equestrian**

Sawdust meets pixie dust when spritely princesses entertain, in an elaborate, equestrian fairy fantasy, accompanied by their beautiful Belgian draft horse Rodin!

~ **Angels of the Air**

An aerial adagio elegantly executed by Circus Vargas' enchanting "Angels of the Air."

Act Two

~ **Flying Tabares**

A formidable display of unparalleled skill and grace, high above the arena floor, proficiently performed by the world renowned **Flying Tabares**!

~ **Matti Esqueda and Jon Weiss**

Another riotous sketch by comical duo **Matti and Jon** as they try their hand at hip-hop in this hilariously funny musical caper!

~ **Espana Duo**

The **Espana Duo** "Swing" into motion in this jazzy Rolla Bolla rendition of balance, skill, style and dance!

~ **Liberty Horses**

A lively liberty horse and pony presentation under the direction of our horse whisperer.

~ **Motorcycle Madness**

Mania mounts when Circus Vargas goes full throttle with their wildly electrifying production, "Motorcycle Madness!"

~ **Willy Family's "Sphere of Fear"**

A death-defying execution of precision timing and meticulous momentum, daringly displayed by the **Willy Family's "Sphere of Fear!"**

Finale

Entire Circus Vargas cast bids farewell!

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Vladimir Kopaev



Vladimir Kopaev

Vladimir Kopaev presents his cuddly crew of canine and feline companions in this adorable, wacky routine reminiscent of the vaudevillian revues of yesteryear! Vladimir the lovable vagabond, a lonely hobo befriended by a band of furry cohorts who amuse and entertain with their amazing animal antics to the delight of both children and adults alike!

ILLUSION

Illusion



Quick Change Illusion

Luis, Yasmin and Patricia amaze and astound audiences with their spellbinding, split-second magical metamorphosis! Instantaneous costume transformations transpire, in a flash, fascinating and astonishing onlookers. An unbelievably, mind-boggling "Quick Change" illusion conjured up before your eyes, in this bewildering, inexplicable and perplexing magic presentation.

ANGELS

Angels of the Air



Aerial Chiffon

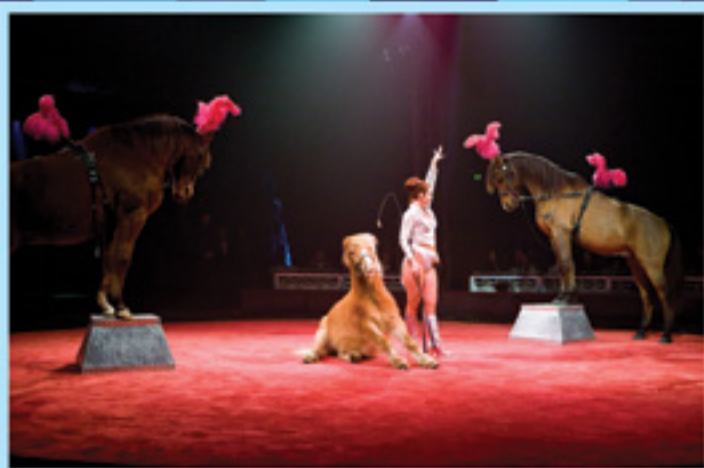
High above the big top, an elegant aerial display presented by Circus Vargas' beautiful "Angels of the Air."

Amazingly lithe and agile, wrapped in mere strips of a silky chiffon, they enchant audiences with an acrobatic ensemble of motion and dance. While supporting themselves with only their own strength, draped in billowy fabric, they gracefully perform an aerial ballet of style and strength, that can only be described as mesmerizing and exquisite.

Our Angels are: Danielle, Yasmin, Michelle, Celeste & Soraya

EQUESTRIAN

The Riveras



The Riveras

Enchanting Equestrian exhibitions under the direction of the Riveras. Showcasing their majestic strength and elegance, The Riveras guide their horses through a multitude of entertaining maneuvers and exercises while demonstrating the mutual respect and affection between both animal and trainers.

MOTORCYCLES

Sphere of Fear



Motorcycle Madness

The Willy family has made a career out of pushing the limits! True daredevils at heart, they both thrill and terrify audiences with their high-octane, revved up routine of split-second timing, precision and velocity. Watch as they maneuver regular recreational dirt bikes inside the steel sphere at breakneck speed, spinning simultaneously around the globe in a continual circular motion passing each other, crisscrossing, and missing each other by mere fractions of an inch! This extreme performance, while nervously exciting to watch, is definitely not for the faint at heart!

ESPAÑA

España Duo



España Duo

Eros and Danielle España are the epitome of today's modern circus couple. Great looking, multi-talented, both are accomplished entertainers, he a seasoned and consummate circus performer, she a gifted dancer and choreographer who has composed much of the Circus Vargas production. Together they are the quintessential combination of skill and style. This dynamic duo swing, with a jazzy Rolla Bolla Routine of balance and concentration, in Circus Vargas' 40th Anniversary Edition.

FLYING TABARES



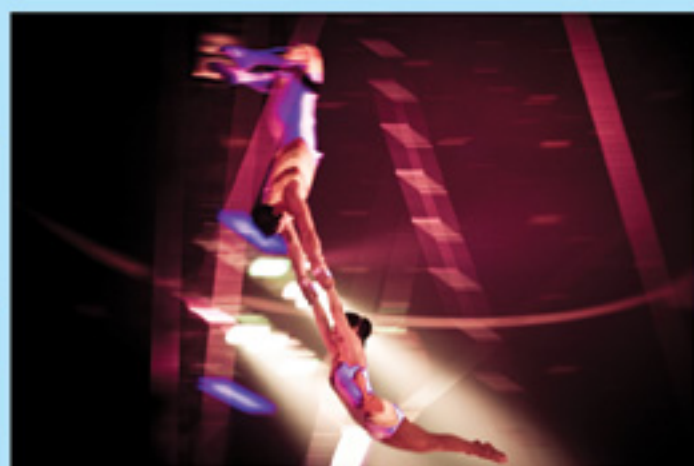
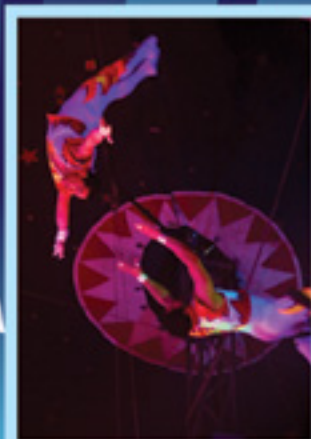
The Flying Tabares

World renowned aerialists, The flying Tabares have thrilled audiences on virtually every continent. Comprised of a multi-generational and tight-knit family, this troupe of daring athletes is known not merely for their precision and execution of extremely dangerous acrobatic feats, but for the seemingly effortless grace and balletic style with which they present it.

Fun Fact: In 2004, The Flying Tabares performed for The Royal Family of Monaco where they were awarded the prestigious "Golden Clown" statuette at the International Circus Festival of Monte Carlo.

TABARES

Fly for me Argentina



FINALE

Finale



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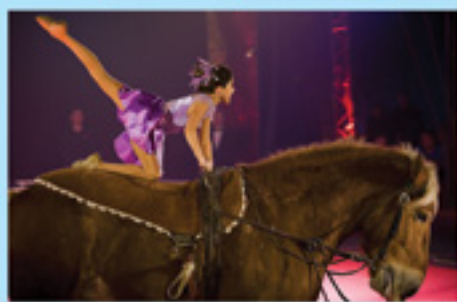


Rolanda Kaiser Andrade

Publicist, Writer

CULTURE

Next Generation



The Next Generation



A Proud Circus Vargas Tradition

Circus Vargas has an enormously long history of philanthropic contribution. Since its inception in 1969, Circus Vargas has partnered with numerous charities and organizations both locally and nationally; The Pediatric Aids and Aids Foundations, Make A Wish, Special Olympics, and DARE, just to name a few. While entertaining audiences for four generations, Circus Vargas continually maintained efforts to give back to the community, whether through financial means, ticket donations or benefit performances. Today, it is Tabares Entertainment Inc's objective to preserve this proud and enduring Circus Vargas Tradition of presenting quality family entertainment while carrying on in support of worthy and deserving civic and charitable causes such as Kids Cancer Connection, Ronald McDonald House, CASA and the Assistance League of Victor Valley.

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Signatures



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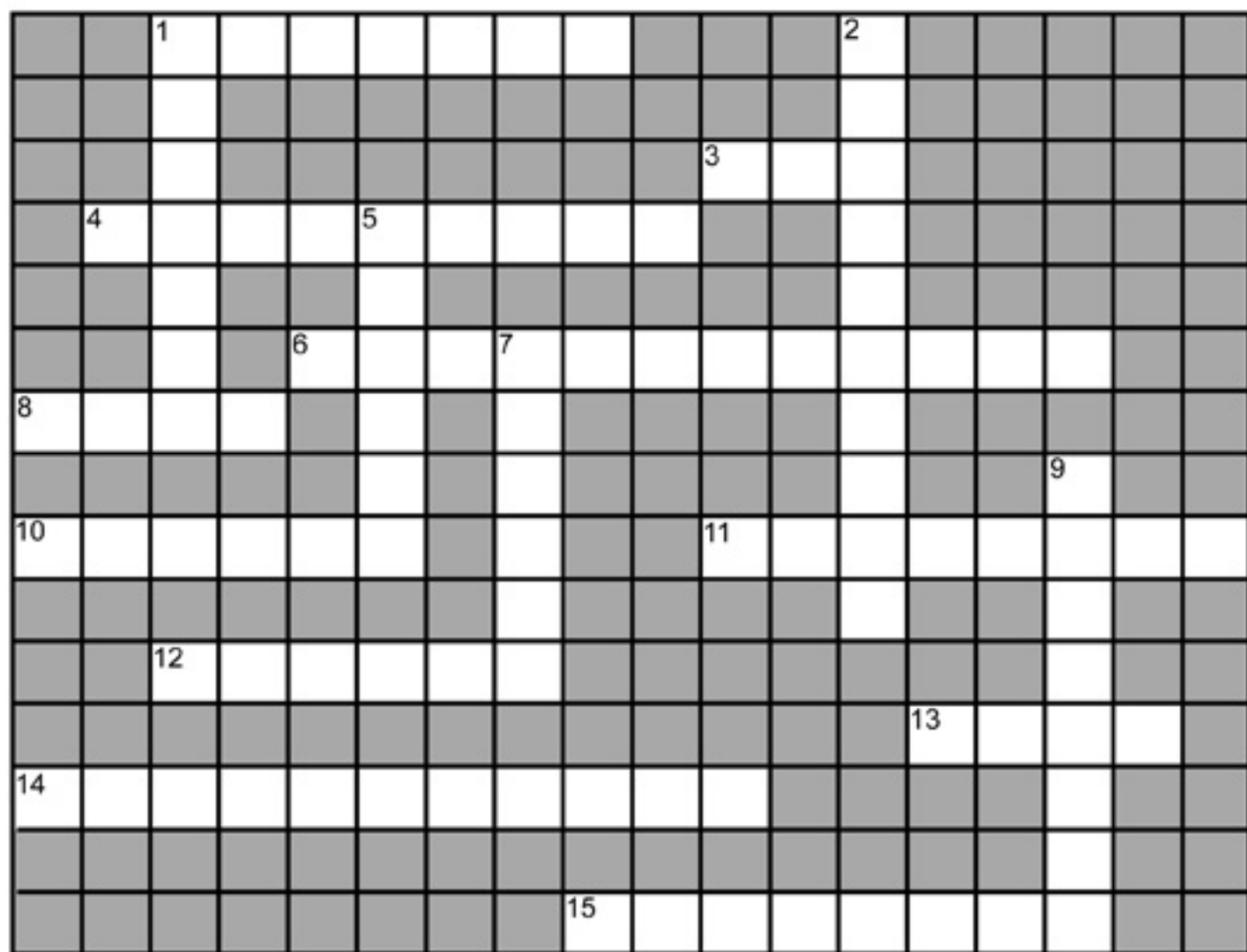
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COLOR THE CLOWN



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. An elephants favorite snack.
3. "Going to the circus is ____"
4. A frozen dairy treat
6. A fluffy, pink, sugary snack.
8. What the circus is held under.
10. The circus is lit up with multi-colored ____.
11. A long nosed, big eared animal.
12. The show being held under the big top.
13. When we are hungry, we eat ____.
14. Fast bicycles that run on motors.
15. The circus performers wear these.

DOWN

1. A buttery popped snack.
2. The circus announcer.
5. Funny people with big red noses.
7. Very big cats.
9. Filled with air, they float.





*Thank you
for visiting Circus Vargas!
See you all again soon,
under the Big Top!*