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Bring In the Clowns: Circus Chimera Gives Aspiring Performers a Chance To Show Their Stuff

Circus Chimera concludes its successful month-long East Bay engagement with guest appearances by performers from three San Francisco Bay Area circus schools:

- **September 30, 4:30pm and 7:30pm:** Oakland-based Trapeze Arts, a full time, year round, indoor circus school specializing in the instruction of flying trapeze and other circus arts for adults and children of all ages.
- **October 1, 1:30pm:** The San Francisco School of Circus Arts, a joint project of Circus Center, the Pickle Circus and the San Francisco Circus, whose mission is to inspire passion for circus arts through training, performance, and community outreach.
- **October 1, 4:30pm:** The Prescott Circus Theatre, an after school program for Oakland youth.

The San Francisco Bay Area has become a center for the training of young circus performers with outstanding talent who go on to work in top-flight circus and circus theater troupes around the world, explains Circus Chimera president and founder James K. Judkins. "In Europe and many parts of Asia, circus arts are a performance venue equivalent to theater and ballet. It's only in the United States that the circus has come to be the unloved stepchild of vaudeville. The San Francisco Bay Area, though, is always ahead of the curve. There are many good circus arts academies here and we're excited to give some of their best students the chance to perform with us."

The shows will take place under the Big Top pitched in the parking lot of San Leandro's Bayfair Mall. Tickets to the events may be ordered by phone (1-888-663-7464) or online (www.circuschimera.com)