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The City of Redwood City presents
Zoppé - An Italian Family Circus
The 7th Generation

REDWOOD CITY – The Circus is coming to town! Redwood City is pleased to welcome, for the seventh year, Zoppé, An Italian Family Circus from October 10th through October 26th for spectacular two-hour performances that will enthrall the entire family!

The Zoppé Family Circus welcomes guests into the intimate 500 seat tent for a one-ring circus that honors the best history of the Old-World Italian tradition. Starring Nino the clown, and featuring his son Julien, the circus is propelled by a central story (as opposed to individual acts) that feature acrobatic feats, equestrian showmanship, canine capers, clowning and plenty of audience participation.

The great thing about the circus is how it rejuvenates and reinvents itself every season! This year, Nino, with lots of help from sturdy audience members, walks a tightrope, brings back his exciting swing act, and maintains his running feud with boss-man, Pepino. Equestrian ballerina Tosca has created a real duo horseback act with Pepino. Rudolf and Carla Heinen also return with their performing canine family. They have recently adopted some very talented poodles!

New acts for 2014 include...

From Mexico City, the 6-member Osorio Family, will thrill audiences as they fly through the ring, are catapulted into a net - in their Russian swing act, and flip like mad off of their teeterboard.

The Amazing Roland from Cuba - half hand-balancing act, half contortionist, half crazy with talent and wildly flexible - will amaze with his strength, control and agility.

The Circus Tent has found a home at Red Morton Park, specifically 1455 Madison Ave. There are multiple parking lots distributed around the park and it is an easy stroll to the tent. On your stroll, see why Red Morton Park was voted Bay Area Parent Magazines "Family Favorite" park of 2013 with it's vast green lawns perfect for lounging, flower gardens, and kid's playground.

The Zoppé Family Circus is a once-a-year event not to be missed, so get your tickets early!

<http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/zoppe.html>

<http://www.zoppecircus.com>

Meet the Zoppé Family at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiKd2GxteDk>

Full Show Schedule

10/10: 4pm & 7pm

10/11: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm

10/12: 12pm, 3pm & 6pm

10/14: 6:30pm

10/15: 6:30pm

10/16: 6:30pm

10/17: 4pm & 7pm

10/18: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm

10/19: 12pm, 3pm & 6pm

10/21: 6:30pm

10/22: 6:30pm

10/23: 6:30pm

10/24: 4pm & 7pm

10/25: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm

10/26: 12pm & 3pm

Press/Ticket Information

Zoppé - An Italian Family Circus.

Matinee & Evening Showtimes, October 10-26.

Circus Tent: 1455 Madison Ave., Red Morton Park, Redwood City

Youth: \$10-\$15, Adults: \$15-\$20,

Front Row Seats: \$20-\$25

at 650.780.7586 or

[http://www.redwoodcity.org/
events/zoppe.html](http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/zoppe.html)

Detailed Ticket Prices:

Weekdays: Youth \$10/Adult \$15

1st Weekend: Oct. 12-13:

Youth \$13/Adult \$18

2nd & 3rd Weekends:

Oct. 19-20 & Oct 25-26

Youth \$15/Adult \$20

Front Row Seats All Ages:

Weekdays: \$20

1st weekend Oct. 12-13: \$23

2nd & 3rd Weekend Oct. 19-20 & Oct 25-26: \$25

Ages: Youth 2-11, Adults 12+

Children under 2 must sit on laps - NO CAR SEATS

Ticket Purchase:

Online at: <https://www.mkt.com/rcpaf>

In person: 9am-4pm at the Community Activities Building 1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, CA 94061

At the Circus Tent: 2 hours prior to the first showtime of each day.

Cash and Credit Cards are accepted for in-person transactions.

TICKET HOTLINE: 650.780.7586 for up-to-date information about tickets and sold out shows.

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About Downtown Redwood City

Bringing the best of cultural and local entertainment, downtown Redwood City, with its lively and active music, theater, dining, and shopping scene, is truly the heart of the community and has become the place to bring friends and family to the San Francisco Peninsula.

For more information please email lwilder@redwoodcity.org or go to

<http://www.redwoodcityevents.com/oktoberfest.html>. Visit Redwood City's award-winning website at

www.redwoodcity.org for information about the City and its services, the community, recreation

programs, education, City government, and local business. Subscribe to Redwood City's event newsletter

by emailing recnews@redwoodcity.org.

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Press Information

Blurb/PSA

The Zoppé Family Circus welcomes guests into the intimate 500 seat tent in Red Morton Park in Redwood City from October 11 through the 20th for matinee and evening show times. This one-ring circus honors the best history of the Old-World Italian tradition and stars Nino the clown, along with his son Julien. The circus is propelled by a central story (as opposed to individual acts) that feature acrobatic feats, equestrian showmanship, canine capers, clowning and plenty of audience participation. Ticket and info at: www.redwoodcity.org/events/zoppe.html

Hi-res Photos by Justin Miel at: http://www.hopeinsite.com/rwc/zoppe/Justin_Miel/

Ticket Prices

Oct. 12-13: Youth \$13/Adult \$18

Oct. 19-20: Youth \$15/Adult \$20

Other dates: Youth \$10/Adult \$15

Front Row Seats All Ages:

All dates except below: \$20

Oct. 12-13: \$23

Oct. 19-20: \$25

Ages: Youth 2-11, Adults 12+

Children under 2 must sit on laps - NO CAR SEATS

Ticket Purchase

Online at: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/zoppe.html>

Sales end at 4pm on 10/10 for 1st weekend, and 10/17 for 2nd weekend. Tickets will then only be available at the Circus Tent.

Or

As of 10/11 - at the Circus Tent (cash only) 2 hours prior to the first showtime of the day.

TICKET HOTLINE: 650.780.7586

for up-to-date information about tickets and sold out shows.

CIRCUS SCHEDULE

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About The Zoppé Circus:

The Zoppé Family Circus has an amazing, unique story. The Zoppé Family Circus emerged more than 160 years ago to become one of the legendary circuses in all of Europe. And like many good legends, it begins with a boy and a girl falling in love. In 1842, a young French street performer named Napoline Zoppè wandered into a plaza in Budapest, Hungary, looking for work. There, his eyes glanced upon a beautiful equestrian ballerina named Ermenegilda, who captured the hearts and minds of the crowd with her grace and showmanship. More importantly, this talented beauty captured Napoline's heart.

However, since Napoline was a clown, Ermenegilda's father saw him as beneath her and disapproved of their relationship. The two ran away to Venice, Italy, and founded the circus that still bears their name. Alberto Zoppè, Napoline's great-grandson, inherited the circus almost 100 years later.

Alberto's children, Giovanni, Tosca and Carla, along with their spouses, have all been active at one time or another in the family business. Giovanni revived the Zoppè Family Circus in America three years ago, and has since been building its reputation with audiences and critics as an enchanting exhibition of traditional European circus.

On the treatment of their animals...

The Zoppe Circus uses only domestic animals - dogs and horses - who are the personal pets of their owners. As family-owned pets, the animals are raised, transported and housed with expert, loving care. Some of the dogs in the show have been rescued from animal shelters by the Zoppe family.

More info at:

<http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/zoppe.html>

<http://www.zoppecircus.com>

Video at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=IG_Jc2FpkrE#t=34

The Zoppé Circus is sponsored by the City of Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

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