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The City of Redwood City presents
Zoppé - An Italian Family Circus
La Nonna

REDWOOD CITY – The Zoppé Italian Family Circus welcomes guests into an authentic one-ring circus tent, in Red Morton Park in Redwood City from October 11th through November 3rd for matinee and evening show times. For 2019, Zoppé brings a special show honoring women... La Nonna (Grandmother in Italian) This one-ring circus honors the best history of the Old-World Italian tradition and stars Nino the Clown, along with many other thrilling, mostly women-based acts. Tickets and info at: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/zoppe>

History. History is made in moments like these. La Nonna is a special tribute to a past Zoppé matriarch who kept the show alive during the great depression with her tenacity and perseverance. La Nonna celebrates the POWER, BEAUTY, and ELEGANCE of women with a predominately female company of artists. This is a historic show for the greater circus community. Zoppé is at the forefront of what circus has to offer humanity, while pointedly keeping in touch with true circus tradition.

177 years and seven generations of the Zoppé Family uphold the love and fun of their uniquely intimate show. Though they've born the perception of accessory, women have always been integral to the circus. Zoppé will premier groundbreaking all-female troupes in, until now, male-dominated disciplines. These empowered women will show you that femininity embodies each point along the spectrum between softness and power, often simultaneously.

Come. Find out for yourself why this circus is historic. Feel the drum of the horse's hooves thunder through your body as the first-ever all-female Cossack act rides around the ring. Hold your breath as our trapeze troupe display impeccable timing, graceful strength, and sheer bravery. Everyone is welcome inside this tent that is impressively put up and taken down every location with loads of hard labor and a raucous good time. The Zoppé family shares its home and story with you as you enter into the Big Top. Everyone leaves with a smile, warm heart, and their own story to discover and tell. This is not an experience to be missed.

The Circus Tent has a home in beautiful Red Morton Park, specifically 1455 Madison Ave. Multiple parking lots surround the park, with 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 its multiple sports fields 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!

Tickets at: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/zoppe> and <https://squareup.com/store/RWCZoppe>

More info at: <http://www.zoppecircus.com>

Check out the excellent article about the Zoppé Family Circus at:

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/giovanni-zoppes-real-life-family-circus>

Check out our Zoppé Promo Video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw5wZNduV4A>

Full Show Schedule

10/11: 4pm & 7pm
10/12: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm
10/13: 12pm, 3pm & 6pm

10/16: 6:30pm
10/17: 6:30pm
10/18: 4pm & 7pm
10/19: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm
10/20: 12pm, 3pm & 6pm

10/23: 6:30pm
10/24: 6:30pm
10/25: 4pm & 7pm
10/26: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm
10/27: 12pm & 3pm & 6pm

10/30: 6:30pm
10/31 No Halloween Shows
11/1: 4pm & 7pm
11/2: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm
11/3: 12pm & 3pm

Press/Ticket Information

Zoppé - An Italian Family Circus.

Matinee & Evening Showtimes, Wednesdays through Sundays, October 11 - November 3.

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

Youth: \$10-\$18, Adults: \$15-\$23, Front Row Seats: \$20-\$28

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Blurb/PSA

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Detailed Ticket Prices

Wednesday/Thursday: Youth \$10/Adult \$15/Front Row All Ages \$20

1st Weekend (includes Friday): Youth \$15/Adult \$20/Front Row All Ages \$25

2nd & 3rd Weekends (includes Friday): Youth \$17/Adult \$22/Front Row All Ages \$27

4th Weekend (includes Friday): Youth \$18/Adult \$23/Front Row All Ages \$28

Ages: Youth 2-11, Adults 12+

Children under 2 must sit on laps - NO CAR SEATS

Ticket Purchase

Online at: <https://squareup.com/store/RWCZoppe>

In person on October 2nd-10th from 9am-3pm at the Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, CA 94061

At the Circus Tent after October 11th: 1 hour prior to the first showtime of each day.

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

Online at: <https://squareup.com/store/RWCZoppe> for up-to-date information about tickets and sold out shows

New Acts for 2019

Zingara Riders

Molly Plunk

Mongolian Circus

Santos Family

Aimee Klien – RingMistress

Carmen Rosales – Juggling

About The Zoppé Circus:

The Zoppé Family Circus has an amazing, unique story. The Zoppé Family Circus emerged 177 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.

Napoleone Zoppè began his career in Budapest, Hungary where he met a ballerina named Ermenglida and founded a circus in Venice, Italy which still bears their name today.

Alberto Zoppè, Napoleone's great-grandson, inherited the circus, a grand equestrian in his own right. Alberto toured Europe with the circus since his youth and forged a friendship with famed actor/director Orson Welles. Alberto was then offered a job by John Ringling North of Ringling Brothers fame, who was putting together the circus acts for Cecil B. Demille's Oscar-winning film, The Greatest Show on Earth.

Alberto would remain in America and together with his wife Sandra, he has ushered in a new generation to continue the family tradition. His son, Giovanni revived the Zoppè Family Circus six years ago and has since been building its reputation with audiences and critics as an enchanting exhibition of traditional European circus. Giovanni is grateful for his family keeping the tradition alive, especially his father who performed with the circus into his eighties and managed to wow the crowd every time he stepped into the ring.

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.

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

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