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# The City of Redwood City presents Zoppé - An Italian Family Circus The 7<sup>th</sup> Generation

REDWOOD CITY – The Circus is coming to town! Redwood City is proud to welcome, Zoppé, An Italian Family Circus from October 14<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup> for spectacular two-hour performances that will enthrall the entire family! The Circus tent will be set up next to the Downtown Library at 1044 Middlefield Road in Redwood City and will host matinee and evening performances.

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, 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. Giovanni Zoppé, the sixth-generation circus performer who plays Nino, says the show aims higher than what passes for circuses these days. "We try to touch every emotion during the show," he says. "They'll laugh, they'll cry, and they'll feel for the characters. It's more of an event than a show."

Giovanni revived the Zoppé Family Circus in America four years ago, and has since been building its reputation with audiences and critics as an enchanting exhibition of traditional European circus. The Zoppé Circus evokes something from a picture book: the clown, the trapeze, the dancing dogs, the ring and the tent, created to be reminiscent of the one-ring European family circuses of the last century and will thrill and amaze children and adults alike with its breathtaking stunts and astonishing acrobatics. **Plus, Zoppé brings a new thrilling act this year, the Rosales Family from Mexico City, Mexico, a family of acrobats and jugglers including 8 year old twin boys who will melt your hearts. The Zoppé Family Circus is a oncea-year event not to be missed, so get your tickets early!** 

### **Show Dates and Times:**

Friday, October 14 & 21: 4pm & 7pm Saturday, October 15 & 22: 11am, 3pm & 7pm Sunday, October 16 & 23: 11am, 3pm & 6pm Tuesday, October 18: 6:30pm Wednesday, October 19: 6:30pm Thursday, October 20: 6:30pm

## **Ticket Prices**:

Weekday Shows: Youth (2-11): \$10 / Adult (Age 12+): \$15 Weekend Shows: Youth (2-11): \$13 / Adult (Age 12+): \$18 Children 2 and under must sit on laps - NO CAR SEATS

## **Ticket Purchase:**

Online at: http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/Zoppe.html Or at: Red Morton Community Center, 1120 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061 Or at: the Circus Tent (CASH ONLY) 2 hours prior to the first showtime of the day. Call the ticket Hotline for up-to-date information 650.780.7586.

More info at: <u>http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/Zoppe.html</u> and <u>http://www.Zoppecircus.com</u> <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=IG\_Jc2FpkrE</u>

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

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