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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 proud to welcome back for its fourth year, Zoppé, An Italian Family Circus from October 12th through October 21st, for spectacular two-hour performances that will captivate 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 their 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." The latest addition to the Zoppé family, Giovanni's son Julian, was born in Redwood City during a previous tour, and has been performing with his family for his entire life.

Giovanni revived the Zoppé Family Circus in America six 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.

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

Show Dates and Times:

Friday, October 12 & 19: 4pm & 7pm
Saturday, October 13 & 20: 12pm, 3pm & 7pm
Sunday, October 14 & 21: 12pm, 3pm & 6pm
Wednesday, October 17: 6:30pm
Thursday, October 18: 6:30pm

Ticket Prices:

Weekday Shows: Youth (2-11): \$10 / Adult (12+): \$15
Weekend Shows: Youth (2-11): \$13 / Adult (12+): \$18
Front Row (All Ages +2): Weekdays \$20 / Weekends \$23
Children under 2 must sit on laps - NO CAR SEATS

Ticket Purchase:

Online at: http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/zoppe_tickets.html

In person:

As of 9/24 - Red Morton Community Center, 1120 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

Or

As of 10/12 - 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.

More info at: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/Zoppe.html> and <http://www.Zoppecircus.com>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=IG_Jc2FpkrE

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

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