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PERFORMANCES & ARTISTS

WOLF | Circa

A unique 30 minute performance of critically acclaimed show Wolf, unleashes Circa's fierce performers in a raw, high-energy storm of acrobatics and primal power. This is unmissable - circus with fangs.

SMASHED2 | Gandini Juggling

The iconic Gandini Juggling presents 9 performers, 80 oranges and 7 watermelons, blending Pina Bausch inspired choreography with witty, inventive acrobatics. Smashed2 is as wild as it sounds.

YOU TOO CAN TUTU | Gandini Juggling

A witty take on ballet storytelling, this slapstick infusion blends playful precision, rhythmic movement and vibrant colour into a joyful, mischievous performance bursting with humour, energy and mesmerising patterns.

BEYOND | Circumstances

A vibrant yet poignant circus and dance performance. Choreographed by Piet Van Dycke, six professional performers - each an expert in a different discipline - ladder walking, acrodance, acrobike, partner acrobatics and pole dancing take the stage.

RIPPLE | TeaTime Company

A giant metal spiral drives three performers into a thrilling battle with momentum, blending circus and dance into fluid, everyday movement as time stretches, and gravity feels unpredictable.

CIRQUE DU KAKA | EggPeople

Join three hapless, circus misfits who bungle every act, recruit unsuspecting audience members, and spiral into hilarious chaos that ends in a disastrous lion-taming finale that reveals their only true skill. Dramatic eating.

THE GREAT EVE & BALDINI

In association with GModels & Casting Agency

Eve and Baldini bring raucous circus ridiculousness. Three wheels, flying objects, slapstick, acrobalance and lively audience interaction, this is a whirlwind of joy and chaos.

THE BLACK EAGLES | In association with GModels & Casting Agency

A high-energy spectacle blending African acrobatics and contemporary performance, featuring human pyramids, tumbling and limbo, delivered with vibrant energy and captivating, crowd-thrilling excitement.

CIRCUS CABARET | In association with GModels & Cabaret

An explosive Circus Cabaret show that blends acrobalance, aerial artistry, high-speed roller skating and showgirl sparkle. Expect elegance, spectacle and cabaret energy!

ACRORATS | Seeing Doobla

A playful circus duo Brie and Rick-otta tumble through their oversized picnic of cheese wedges and an enormous pizza slice, while setting up a joyful series of games and acrobatics for the audience.

WILD LAUGHTER: FUN ON THE PROM Cut To The Chase Productions & Sidelong Glance

A brand new performance in which history's forgotten clown Albert James returns to life, guiding audiences through his seaside memories, vintage postcards and joyful clowning that transforms the town into a lively, interactive celebration of comedy.

THE FLAMINGOS | Artemis Productions

Florence and Issiah, the last oversized flamingos known to exist, will roam the festival with Ringmaster Harry Bird, inviting all ages to play, interact and celebrate their flamboyance!

HARRY & STEVE'S CIRCUS SHOW FoolsRush In

A fast-paced family circus comedy, packed with juggling, diabolos, tall giraffe unicycles and playful audience participation, as Harry and Steve deliver a lively 30-minute show, full of skill, silliness and big laughs.

CLOWN FAMILY New Heritage Performance

Born from bespoke clowning workshops led by Richard Talbot, Clown Family brings buffoonery and silliness to Big Top Festival, with our new collection of clowns coming to Southport - catch them around the festival sites if you can!

PIRATE TAXI | Pirates of the Carabina

PIRATE TAXI is a circus adventure around a vintage London cab, mixing live music, humour and aerial thrills as audiences join a playful journey of companionship and shared discovery.

DON'T FEED THE EXPLORERS

Birdcage Stage

A slapstick family adventure that follows bumbling explorers through wild jungles. Expect exotic creatures, aerial-acrobat monkeys and a clumsy panda that creates a hilarious, high-energy circus escapade.

NOW THAT I AM BECOME D/DEAF

(Destroyer of Words) by Tit for Tat in association with Extraordinary Bodies

Now That I Become d/Deaf is a non-verbal, visual clown show that transforms hearing loss into playful connection, exploring identity, silence, chaos and belonging through looks, movement and laughter.

LIFE'S A BEACH | by Joli Vyann in association with Cirque Bijou

Joli Vyann's new duet, 'Life's a Beach', captures a joyous, chaotic day at the beach, playfully observing family life while hinting at darker concerns, from polluted seas to antisocial behaviour.

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS | Delivered by, Artemis, FoolsRush In & EggPeople

Be sure to check out the FREE, participatory circus-themed workshops and masterclasses taking place at The Extravaganza Room in Southport Market.



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PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 2 MAY

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