



WORLDWIDE CIRCUS SUMMIT 2015

Circus Fans Association of America

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES*

Tuesday July 14 – Opening Day!

- 2:30 PM** **Summit On-Site Shuttle Service – until 11:00 PM today – Parking lot and Summit venues on ESE**
The Summit On-Site Shuttle Service is sponsored by the Hamid Circus with drivers provided by the Melha Shrine Temple.
- 3:00 PM** **Registration Desk Opens – until 6:30 PM today – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
Registration and general information
The Registration Desk is sponsored by Spotlight Graphics.
- 3:00 PM** **Hospitality Tent Opens - until 11:00 PM today – Storowton Tavern Patio**
Food, beverages and cutting up jackpots under the “white top” on the Tavern patio
The Hospitality Tent is sponsored by Circus Producers Association.
- 3:00 PM** **Eastern States Exposition Circus Museum Opens - until 5:00 PM today – Storowton Village**
Circus models and other circus artifacts
The ESE Circus Museum is a permanent exhibit of the Eastern States Exposition (ESE).
- 3:00 PM** **Summit Midway Preview - until 6:00 PM today – Near Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
Intermittent performances by various artists including:
- Horses, Horses, Horses!** – Outdoors on the Midway
 Lisa Dufresne
- Teeny Weeny Circus** – Outdoors on the Midway
 Elmo Gibb
- Clowns, jugglers, magicians and more** – Outdoors on the Midway
- The Summit Midway is sponsored by Lisa Dufresne’s Horses! Horses! Horses!
 and Elmo Gibb’s Teeny Weeny Circus.
 Band Organs are provided by the Carousel Organ Association of America (COAA.)*
- 4:00 PM** **Circus Film Festival Series Preview - until 6:00 PM today – Storowton Tavern**
Showing of historic and contemporary circus films
- “First of May”** (1999) by Gary Rogers (Screenplay Writer)
- The Circus Film Series is sponsored by the Storowton Tavern.*

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7:00 PM **Opening Reception - until 10:00 PM - Carriage House**
Substantial hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, band organs (COAA), live music and entertainment

*The Opening Reception is sponsored by the Outdoor Amusement Business Association.
Live music provided by Windjammers Unlimited (WJU).*

9:00 PM **Circus Film Festival Session 1 - until 11:00 PM today – Storowton Tavern**

“World Circus” (2013) by Angela Snow (Director)

“Circus According to Cecil” (2015) with Marta Renzi (Filmmaker)

Wednesday July 15 – Circus Day!

5:30 AM **Arrival and load in of Cole Bros. Circus – ESE Circus Grounds**

7:30 AM **Summit On-Site Shuttle Service – until 11:00 PM today – Parking lot and Summit venues on ESE**

7:45 AM **Grand Opening - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion – Pavilion open until 5:30 PM today**
Registration Desk, vendors, circus models, performance areas, exhibits and organizational displays

*The pavilion (exhibition hall) is sponsored by Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey.
The performance space in the RBBB Pavilion is sponsored by Silzer Law Chartered.
Circus models provided by Circus Model Builders (CMB).*

8:00 AM **Registration Desk Opens - until 5:30 PM today – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**

8:30 AM **Welcome & Opening Speaker - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
Johnathan Lee Iverson – Ringmaster - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey

9:30 AM **Circus Yesterday Seminar Series Opens – Carriage House**
Circus history
Deborah Walk – Series Coordinator
President – Circus Historical Society and Tibbals Curator Circus Museum at the Ringling
The Circus Yesterday Seminar Series is presented by the Circus Historical Society.

Lecture: The origins of the modern circus - Dr. Vanessa Toulmin – University of Sheffield (England)

Magic Lantern Show: Antique slides of early circus performers – Richard Moore

9:30 AM **Circus Photography Presentations Open - until 4:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
Continuous showing of 100s of historic circus photographs by the following photographers: Jerry Cash, Los Angeles, CA; Jim Cole, St. Cloud, FL; Richard Czina, Sarasota, FL; Deborah Grosmark, Airmont, NY; Paul Gutheil, Glen Rock, NJ; Vincent Manero, Le Coin, Switzerland; Rick Purdue, Chicago, IL; Janet Sopolak, Simsbury, CT and Richard and Christopher Flint, Baltimore, MD.

The Circus Photography Presentations are sponsored by the Circus Report.

11:00 AM **ESE Circus Museum Opens - until 5:00 PM today – Storowton Village Area**

11:30 AM **Lunch Break**
Circus Yesterday Seminar Series and Circus Photography Presentations paused.

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- 11:30 AM Hospitality Tent Opens - until 11:00 PM today – Storrowton Tavern Patio**
- 11:45 AM Jackpot Junction Series Session 1 - until 1:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
Live interviews and storytelling with fascinating circus personalities . . . both young and veteran
- E. James Strates – CEO – James E. Strates Shows
- William C Taggart – 1950s Ticket Seller – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey
- The Jackpot Junction Series is sponsored by the Eastern States Exposition.*
- 1:00 PM Circus Yesterday Seminar Series resumes until 3:30 PM – Carriage House**
- Circus Music, the Lifeblood of the Circus, Recreation of an Early Twentieth Century Circus Band -**
Windjammers Unlimited
- Panel Discussion: Impact of the circus on contemporary culture –** Paul Binder – Founder of the Big Apple Circus with Fred Dahlinger, Fred Pfening III and Duncan Wall circus historians
- 1:00 PM Circus Photography Presentations resume until 5:30 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- 3:30 PM World Circus Federation Speaker – Carriage House**
Laura van der Meer – Executive Director World Circus Federation
- 4:00 PM Summit Midway Opens - until 6:00 PM today – Near Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
Continuous performances by the following acts:
- Summit Sideshow –** R.W. Commerford & Sons Tent
Scott Nelson - Producer
- Horses, Horses, Horses! –** Outdoors on the Midway
Lisa Dufresne
- Teeny Weeny Circus –** Outdoors on the Midway
Elmo Gibb
- Clowns, jugglers, magicians and more –** Outdoors on the Midway
- Summit Sideshow sponsored by the Strates Shows.*
Summit Sideshow tent provided by R.W. Commerford & Sons,
Sideshow band provided by Windjammers Unlimited
Band Organs are provided by the Carousel Organ Association of America (COAA.)
- 6:00 PM Circus Band Concert – Cole Bros. Circus Big Top – ESE Circus Grounds**
Concert band provided by Windjammers Unlimited.
- 7:30 PM Cole Bros. Circus Performance – ESE Circus Grounds**
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Thursday July 16 – Auction Day!

- 7:30 AM** Summit On-Site Shuttle Service – until 11:00 PM today – Parking lot and Summit venues on ESE
- 8:00 AM** Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion Opens - until 9:30 PM today
- 8:00 AM** Registration Desk Opens - until 5:30 PM today – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 8:00 AM** Circus Photography Presentations Open - until 5:30 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 8:30 AM** Circus Historical Society Auction Preview - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 9:00 AM** Circus Historical Society Auction until 1:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 9:00 AM** Windjammers Open Rehearsals & Recording Sessions – La Quinta Hotel
Until Noon and from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM today
- 11:00 AM** ESE Circus Museum Opens - until 5:00 PM today – Storowton Village Area
- 11:30 AM** Lunch Break
- 11:30 AM** Hospitality Tent Opens - until 11:00 PM today – Storowton Tavern Patio
- 11:45 AM** Jackpot Junction Series Session 2 – until 1:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- Kathy Maher – Executive Director of the Barnum Museum
- Tony Steele – Trapeze artist
- 11:45 AM** Circus Fans Association Trustees and NCPS Meetings until 3:30 PM – Storowton Tavern
- 1:00 PM** Circus Today Seminar Series Opens – until 5:30 PM today – Carriage House
Contemporary circus issues
Peggy Williams – Series Coordinator
Educational Outreach Manager – Feld Entertainment
- Lecture: Circus advertising** – Bill Powell – VP Marketing & Sales – Feld Entertainment
- Lecture: Circus industry hot topics** – Stephen Payne VP-Corporate Communications-Feld Entertainment
- Panel Discussion: Circus Directors’ Forum** - Paul Binder (Big Apple Circus), Barbara Byrd (Carson & Barnes Circus), Brian Boswell (Boswell’s Circus, South Africa), Zsuzsanna Mata (Budapest Circus Festival, Hungary), Wayne McCary (Big E Super Circus), John Pugh (Cole Bros Circus), Katya and Nelson Quiroga (Circus Vargas), Jim Royal (Kelly Miller Circus), Cedric Walker (Universoul Circus) and Ramon Vazquez (Circo Hermanos Vazquez).
- Panel Discussion: Circus clowning** - David Carlyon, Greg DeSanto, Bruce Johnson, David Kiser, Barry Lubin and Patricia Manuel.
- 4:00 PM** Cole Bros. Circus Matinee Performance – ESE Circus Grounds
- 6:00 PM** Circus Fans Association Auction Preview - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 6:30 PM** Circus Fans Association Auction until 9:30 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion

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- 7:00 PM Cole Bros. Circus Evening Performance – ESE Circus Grounds**
- 9:00 PM Circus Film Festival Session 2 - until 11:00 PM today – Carriage House**
 “Circus Acts for Children of All Ages” by Richard Czina
 “Kelly Miller Circus: A World of Difference” by Lane Talburt
- 9:00 PM Jackpot Junction Series Session 3 - until 11:00 PM today – Hospitality Tent**
 Ward Hall – King of the Sideshow
 Barbara Miller Byrd – Owner – Carson & Barnes Circus
- 9:00 PM Load out and departure of Cole Bros. Circus – ESE Circus Grounds**
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Friday July 17 – Future day!

- 7:30 AM Summit On-Site Shuttle Service – until 11:00 PM today – Parking lot and Summit venues on ESE**
- 8:00 AM Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion Opens - until 8:30 PM today**
- 8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens - until 5:30 PM today – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- 8:00 AM Circus Photography Presentations Open - until 5:30 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- 8:30 AM European Circus Association Speaker – Carriage House**
Helmut Grosscurth – Managing Director European Circus Association
- 8:30 AM Circus Historical Society Membership Meeting until 9:00 AM – Sheraton Hotel**
- 9:00 AM Circus Historical Society Historical Papers Session until 11:30 AM – Sheraton Hotel**
- 9:00 AM Windjammers Open Rehearsals & Recording Sessions – La Quinta Hotel**
 Until Noon and from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM today
- 9:30 AM Circus Tomorrow Seminar Series Opens – Carriage House**
Future of the circus
Amy Cohen – Series Coordinator
Executive Director – American Youth Circus Organization
- Panel Discussion Topics: Circus Applications**
 Amy Cohen, Marci Diamond, Jessica Hentoff, Maribeth Joy, Shana Kennedy and Dic Wheeler
- 11:00 AM ESE Circus Museum Opens - until 5:00 PM today – Storrowton Village Area**
- 11:30 AM Lunch Break**
 Circus Tomorrow Seminar Series and Circus Photography Presentations are paused.
- 11:30 AM Hospitality Tent Opens - until 11:00 PM today – Storrowton Tavern Patio**
- 11:30 AM Circus Historical Society Annual Banquet – Sheraton Hotel**
 Speaker: Barry Lubin – Grandma the Clown

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- 11:45 AM Jackpot Junction Series Session 4 – until 1:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- Cecil MacKinnon – Yo-Yo the Narrator - Circus Flora
- Terry Abbot - 1950s aerial ballerina – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey
- 1:00 PM Circus Tomorrow Seminar Series resumes until 3:00 PM – Carriage House**
Panel Discussion: The Path to Becoming a Professional Circus Artist
 Amy Cohen, Marci Diamond, Jessica Hentoff, Shana Kennedy and former youth performers who are now working professionally
- 1:00 PM Circus Photography Presentations resume until 5:30 PM**
- 3:30 PM Jackpot Junction Series Session 5 - until 5:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
 Robert W. Commerford – Owner R.W. Commerford & Sons Shows
- Rob Mermin – Founder – Circus Smirkus
- Jessica Hentoff & Circus Harmony youth performers
- 4:30 PM Ecumenical Worship Service until 5:30 PM – Meeting House Storrowton Green**
 Conducted by local clergy and members of the Circus and Traveling Shows Ministry
- 6:00 PM Summit Midway - until 7:00 PM today – Near Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- Horses, Horses, Horses!** – Outdoors on the Midway
 Lisa Dufresne
- Teeny Weeny Circus** – Outdoors on the Midway
 Elmo Gibb
- Clowns, jugglers, magicians and more** – Outdoors on the Midway
- 6:00 PM Summit Clown Alley – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- 7:00 PM Summit All-Star Circus - until 8:30 PM– Silzer Stage - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion**
- The Summit Clown Alley and All-Star Circus sponsored by Joe Barney and Center Ring Productions.*
- 9:00 PM Circus Film Festival Session 3 - until 11:00 PM today – Carriage House**
- “May All Your Days be . . .” by Bruce Johnson
- Ringling Bros “backyard” movies shot in the 1950s** – Robert Sabia
- 9:00 PM Jackpot Junction Series Session 6 - until 11:00 PM today – Hospitality Tent**
 Chuck Burnes – Circus clown
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Saturday July 18 – Circus Youth Day!

- 7:30 AM** Summit On-Site Shuttle Service – until 11:00 PM today – Parking lot and Summit venues on ESE
- 8:00 AM** Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion Opens - until 5:00 PM today
- 8:00 AM** Registration Desk Opens - until 1:00 PM today – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 8:00 AM** Circus Photography Presentations Open - until 1:00 PM - Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- 8:30 AM** Circus Fans Association General Session meeting - until 9:30 AM – Carriage House
- 8:30 AM** Carousel Organ Association of America meeting and banquet - until 2:00 PM –Storrowton Tavern
- 10:00 AM** Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Clown Auditions - until Noon – RBBB Pavilion
- 11:00 AM** ESE Circus Museum Opens - until 5:00 PM today – Storrowton Village Area
- 11:30 AM** Lunch
- 11:30 AM** Hospitality Tent Opens – until 3:00 PM and from 5:30 PM and 11:00 PM today
Storrowton Tavern Patio
- 12:00 PM** Summit Midway - until 1:00 PM today – Near Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
- Horses, Horses, Horses! Show** – Outdoors on the Midway
Lisa Dufresne
- Clowns, jugglers, magicians and more** – Outdoors on the Midway
- 1:00 PM** AYCO Youth Circus Showcase – 3:00 PM Silzer Stage Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Pavilion
The Youth Circus Showcase is produced by the American Youth Circus Organization (AYCO).
- 3:30 PM** AYCO Youth Reception - until 5:00 PM – Hospitality Tent
The Youth Reception is sponsored by the American Youth Circus Organization (AYCO).
- 5:00 PM** Catholic Mass – Meeting House
Celebrant: Father Richard Notter – CFA Chaplain
- 6:30 PM** Circus Fans Association Annual Banquet - until 10:30 PM – Carriage House
Speaker: John Pugh – Owner Cole Brothers Circus
- 6:30 PM** Windjammers Unlimited Annual Banquet - until 10:30 PM – La Quinta Hotel
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Sunday July 19 – Circus Smirkus

- 1:00 PM** Circus Smirkus Performance – South Windsor, CT

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