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Circus Mojo~ 2010 Year in Review

a brief history & many thanks

Greetings!

What an exciting journey 2010 has been for Circus Mojo and its creator Paul Miller!

Paul, who grew up in northern Kentucky just outside of Cincinnati Ohio, left his hometown in 1996 to tour with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. In 1998, he was off to New York City, then to Japan in 2000, and Chicago in 2001. In 2008, Paul moved back home to Cincinnati, bringing plans for a unique circus project he named Circus Mojo with him. Paul spent a year looking for just the right location to create a circus training and performance space for Circus Mojo. In November 2009, after considering an old church, a bus depot, and a few movie theatres, Paul closed in on the perfect location--a former clutch manufacturing plant that had once been the old Ludlow Movie Theatre--and it was just a

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2011 MOJO EVENTS

Save the Dates

2/24-25/2011

Cincinnati Art
Museum

[The Amazing
American Circus
Poster](#)

Opening Performance
Invite Only

3/12/2011

[ArtsWave](#)

(Fine Arts Fund)
Sampler

Hosted at Circus Mojo
Center

322-26 Elm St,
Ludlow KY

Performances &
Workshops by Mojo
Youth Troupe, Adult
Instructors and Guest
Artists

3-5PM

Free To the Public

3/19/2011

Cincinnati Art
Museum Life in the
Circus

Paul Miller Gallery

juggler's throw away from downtown Cincinnati.

As we look back at 2010 and forward to the New Year, we want to thank you for your generosity in sharing your "Mojo" with us. Your talent, zeal, confidence, drive, enthusiasm, and spirit continue to help increase the awareness and support for the very important work we are doing.

December Highlights

~ Circus Mojo's *Mojo Medicine* program offers circus for "All Ages and Abilities" at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) Many thanks to the hospital for making a terrific video which can be [VIEWED HERE](#).

~[Emmanuel Tawiah](#) and three of Circus Mojo's teen apprentices, Jesse, Caleb and Brandon, perform at Skiddaddles Drop-in-Anytime Day Care. The next night, we performed for the Rotary Club of Covington's 90th birthday party at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club. With the exact same show resonating for both groups, Circus Mojo proves the age-old maxim that the circus is for "children of all ages!"

~The Christmas season culminates with a performance of Mojo's CircAbility with our class of ten elderly and disabled adults from [Catholic Residential Services](#).

November Highlights

~Circus Mojo received exciting news when the Society for the Arts in Health Care announces Circus Mojo will be the featured opening performance at their annual conference in San Francisco in April, 2011. An additional highlight--Circus Mojo will offer a workshop at the conference. To read more about this very special event, [CLICK HERE](#).

~Mojo's CircAbility welcomes special needs students from Catholic Residential Services for a seven-week session.



Talk
11AM
Open to Public

4/14-16/2011
[Society for the Arts
in Health Care
Conference](#)
San Francisco, CA
Performance and
Workshop
Registration Required

5/2011
Spring Circus
Circus Mojo Center
Ludlow
Time Date TBA
Tickets: \$5 kid
\$10 Adult
Group Rate Available

6/4/2011
**Circus Mojo @ Cincy
Art Museum**
Performance &
Workshops
1-4PM
Open to the Public

2011 CLASSES

**Circus Mojo
Sat. Circus All Ages
and Abilities
Performance Troupe**
Session 1# 1/8- 2/12
Session 2# 2/19-3/26
Session 3# 4/2-5/7
10AM-12PM
\$125/session

**Mon. Circus Skills
Juggling, acrobatics,
balance, clowning**
Session 1# 1/10-2/14
Session 2# 2/21-3/28
Session 3# 4/4-5/9
4:30- 5:45 PM



October Highlights

~Circus Mojo opens the ARTrageous Concert series at the University of Cincinnati's Raymond Walters campus with guest artist Meshu Tamrat who learned his circus skills on the streets of Ethiopia. Meshu wowed the crowd by doing a front tuck over nine people without using a mini-trampoline or anything but his "Mojo." More tickets were purchased for these shows than the entire 2009 ARTrageous series! Circus Mojo packs'em in! To view photos, [CLICK HERE](#)

~Mojo Medicine brings the circus to the kids at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center with a Halloween party covered by WLWT news. [VIEW VIDEO](#)

September Highlights

~Nearly 7,000 people attend Cirque Devou with Circus Mojo and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra. [Professional performers](#) from New York City, Chicago, and Arizona perform alongside our youth from Ludlow, Kentucky. This is a wonderful homecoming for Paul as Devou was the setting for his first professional performance as a teen apprentice with Devou Shakespeare in 1992 at the 1930's WPA-funded amphitheatre. The Cirque Devou show establishes the Millers as a second generation circus family with Paul's children, Lucas and Hope Miller, making their debut. Evening highlights can be [VIEWED HERE](#). To see photos, [CLICK HERE](#)



\$75/session

Circus Silly Willy
KinderCircus

2-6 Years Build:
Coordination
Cooperation
Imagination
Inspiration
Tuesday
1/11- 2/15
10-11AM
\$75/session

Wed. Juggling
Solo/Group
All levels

Session 1# 1/11-2/16
Session 2# 2/23-3/30
Session 3# 4/6-5/11
4:30- 5:45 PM
\$75/session
Session 1# 1/13-2/17
Session 2# 2/24-3/31
Session 3# 4/7-5/12
5:00-6:15 PM
\$100/session

Circus Silly Willy
KinderCircus

2-6 Years Build:
Coordination
Cooperation
Imagination
Inspiration
Friday
1/14- 2/18
1-2 PM
\$75/session

Fri. Balance
Wire, Globe, Stilts,
Rolla-Bolla, Cable
Wheel & More

Session 1# 1/14-2/18
Session 2# 2/25-4/1
Session 3# 4/8- 5/13
4:30- 5:45 PM
\$90/session

Circus Summer
Camp

Weeks of:
6/13-6/17
6/20-24
6/27-7/1
7/11-7/15

August Highlights

~Paul Miller, a/k/a Social Circus Artist/Lobbyist/Activist/Entrepreneur, is the guest blogger for Soapbox Media. He writes "Circus is about resilience-about getting up, trying again and succeeding." Read the [ENTIRE BLOG HERE](#).

~Preparation begins for "Cirque Devou" with the Kentucky Symphony. The last few weeks of summer camp keep everyone busy.

July Highlights

~Paul Miller wins the [Next Generation Leader Award](#) presented by Legacy and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his concept that circus is a medium for social change and economic empowerment.

~Circus Mojo receives excellent press coverage from the Cincinnati Business Courier in their article, *Clowning Around Just Fine at Circus Mojo Startup* and in the Man of the House blog article, *Move it Fat Boy - Adult Circus Workout proves BIG KIDS get into the act too!* [VIEW VIDEO FROM BLOG](#) and [READ ARTICLE HERE](#)

June Highlights

~Circus Mojo offers circus camps for kids on dialysis at Tennessee's Camp OK and for blind and visually impaired kids at the Clovernook Center in Cincinnati. To view photos, [CLICK HERE](#).

~Circus Mojo partners with Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, the Mason Community Center, Camp Ashirenu, the Girl Scouts of Erlanger, and Cincinnati Country Day School for ten-week programs at the Circus Mojo Center. Emmanuel Tawiah and Paul Miller spend every day working alongside teen Circus Mojo apprentices Elliot Campbell, Jesse Suttles, Kevin Traylor and Jesse Himmelsbach. Best part of the partnership? Every week ends with [a pie fight](#).

May Highlights

~Circus Mojo holds its first open house welcoming guests from the Cincinnati and nationwide circus community to Ludlow to tour the theatre and to view the blueprints for the space's final redesign. [VIEW EVENT PHOTOS](#)
[VIEW FINAL DESIGN](#)

~Our spring program, *Mojo at the MAC* (Madisonville Arts Center), united youth from twelve schools. We played to a "straw house" (circus lingo for the show being so packed the only place left to sit is on the floor). [VIEW VIDEO](#).

7/18-22
7/25-29
8/1-8/5
9AM-3PM
\$150/week

Performance
Every Friday
2PM

April Highlights

~Circus Mojo's space at the Ludlow Theatre is booked for birthday parties and Boy Scout group workshops. Kids from the community stay busy working on the Spring Circus.

~Paul Miller is named one of "Cincinnati's Most Interesting People" by *Cincy* magazine. [READ ARTICLE HERE.](#)

March Highlights

~The Ludlow Fire Department becomes a close partner after seeing the old theatre/new Circus Mojo space for the first time. The fire fighters explain they need space for training exercises that include pulling down ceilings, breaching walls, and practicing search and rescue. Circus Mojo's theatre space needs

demolition work and two estimates come in at a hefty \$25,000. Recognizing a money-saving opportunity for both parties, Paul Miller suggests letting the fire fighters use the theatre space for practice *and* Circus Mojo will get their

demolition work done. The fire fighters agree to do the work at no cost and, in appreciation, Circus Mojo offers free circus camp for the residents of Ludow. Photos of the project that benefited Circus Mojo and the community of Ludlow can be [VIEWED HERE.](#) To learn more read the [LUDLOW COMMUNITY CONNECTION.](#)



February Highlights

~ Mojo presents the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Cooperative Society with the option of offering Mojo Medicine, a program that brings the joy of the circus to children and their families at the hospital.

~The *Cincinnati Enquirer* writes a great article about Circus Mojo. [READ ARTICLE HERE](#)

~ Circus Mojo performs at the Madisonville Arts Center as part of the Fine Arts Fund Sampler weekend (now ArtsWave). We offer the fine art of "How to Take a Pie in the Face," a huge hit with the audience. Watch an excerpt of the performance [HERE](#)

January Highlights

~ We began the year in Houston with performances and workshops at Texas Children's Hospital where we shot a video. [VIEW HERE.](#)

~Circus Mojo opens its studio in the former Clutch Company office in Ludlow, Kentucky. Our new space has a 3-bedroom apartment on the second floor and a studio on the first. All of our materials including the two-by-four's, paint, windows, and cabinets were recycled and/or reused. We also installed a tank-less hot-water heater and bathroom to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. [VIEW STUDIO HERE.](#)

Circus Mojo would like to thank the countless performers, funders, media partners, CircEsteem, My Nose Turns Red Theatre Company, The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, Texas Children's Hospital and Cincinnati Children's Medical Center Hospital personnel, students, business groups, campers, parents, audience members, and the city of Ludlow, Kentucky and the Ludlow Fire Department for their support and/or participation in Circus Mojo's inaugural year.

IN JOY~

Pauly
Circus Mojo / Paul Miller



Circus Mojo teaches and presents the circus arts with a fresh perspective and encourages everyone to express their unique mojo--talent, zeal, confidence, drive, and spirit. Fully insured with a long list of quality references, Circus Mojo partners with schools, hospitals, arts organizations, corporations, scout groups and non-profit groups providing top notch circus performance and instruction

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