

# Bringing the Magic of Circus to Palestine

Courtesy of Palestinian Circus School

The Palestinian Circus School will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by throwing a big party that brings together thirty-two circus artists from Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Colombia, Morocco, Germany, Denmark, and Kenya with thirty-two artists from Palestine!

With the festival's slogan United for Freedom, we advocate for freedom in general yet focus on the two major forms of freedom that we lack as Palestinians: Freedom of speech and freedom of movement. We promote both of these forms of freedom by breaking the boundaries: Bringing artists from different backgrounds together to enable them to express themselves and their cultures through their shows, we take them to different cities to allow international and local artists to perform throughout Palestine.

With this festival we wish to spread joy and pride among the local population and to raise awareness of the important role circus can play in Palestine, because the training and related social activities as well as the acquisition of artistic skills strengthen the personal, social, and national identity of our active participants. In a small conference, the organizers will highlight the aims and approach that govern social circus activities and will share Palestinian and international experiences in the field.

Furthermore, the festival aims to open a window into the creative potential of Palestinians in all their walks of life, to be witnessed by visitors and participants from around the world at first hand. Thus, it shall raise international recognition of Palestinian creativity and highlight the Palestinian aspiration for freedom and a life in dignity.

In this first Circus Festival in Palestine we aim to reach as many people and children as we can. Therefore, 11 International groups (32 artists in total) along with 4 Palestinian groups (32 artists in total) will present A TOTAL OF 44 shows, half of which will be held for students in private, public, and UNRWA schools, the others open for the general public.

The festival will take place between 6 and 14 of October and will visit Ramallah, Jerusalem, Nablus, Jenin, Birzeit, and Al-Far'a Refugee Camp.

We brought the circus to you, so now all you have to do is come and bring your friends and children to enjoy a variety of circus shows with acrobats, jugglers, clowns and aerialists from Palestine and all over the world!

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