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10th World Circus Day

Every year since 2010 the executive director of the Federation has the honour to greet the participants of the World Circus Day (WCD) in this Special edition offered by Planet Circus.

In 2019 we celebrated the 10th WCD and also the 10th anniversary of our organization. Based on a two years' experience of the European Circus Day by the European Circus Association the Federation launched the WCD project right after its foundation.

The idea of celebrating our art-form together gained territory and the number of participants increased gradually. At the same time we never stopped reaching out for new partners regardless whether they are members or not of the Federation.

We believe that the World Circus Day is the biggest common feast of the international circus community. It is a festive circus day, when we can combine our strength, power and imagination for the sake of raising public attention and promoting circus arts.

Public relation became a highly important element. WCD offers a simple, but very effective opportunity to deepen the knowledge about circus, about its wonders and secrets by letting the audience looking behind the curtains. It is an opportunity to gain bigger support and broader recognition. The WCD special contains the best photos, which were sent to us of the world-wide events.

In the past I focused a lot on the number of participating countries and the number of events which were registered on our website (www.circusfederation.org). But the experience of the years made us recognize that it is more important to concentrate on the quality of the actions and to analyse their effects on the public, authorities and fans in general. Today WCD is held in almost 50 countries. Due to our data in the case of selected circuses, we can state that the publicity and the programs on that day contribute to a higher public awareness and to the increase of circus-goers.

There is no need to emphasize the importance of WCD, and how significant it is to demonstrate the unity of our community. Nevertheless we are aware that our actions are not always reflecting that desired idea, but the Federation is convinced that the following decade will prove serious improvement.

Acting massively together is a way to show the world that we are united and we work together to safeguard our values and traditions for the sake of the next generations.



Greeting card from H.S.H. Princess Stéphanie of Monaco, Honorary FMC President.

Today circus-arts have an important impact on the society. It's not only a form of entertainment but a mean of social cohesion offering hope to many young people, it opens up new possibilities for a better life and its moral values are examples to follow. The cheerful look of young kids in this edition is the best evidence of our conviction in the future. The Federation hopes to welcome lots of enthusiastic participants on WCD, which is always the third Saturday of April each year. The WCD's logo is free to get and to use! Download it from the Federation's website! We are always happy to share ideas or offer assistance during the planning and preparation time for the 11th WCD in 2020. Please contact us!

Zsuzsanna Mata
Executive Director of the Fédération Mondiale du Cirque

Circus Barlay & Netzwerk Ostsee-Circus (Germany) organized together a large circus-party with "Hüpfburgen," pony rides and various activities in the ring - even including WCD branded drinks. <https://www.ostsee-circus.de>



Australia



Vulcana - The "Insert Audience Here Cabaret" presented a diverse program of new short circus works. Brisbane Powerhouse, Brisbane circus@vulcana.org.au



National Institute of Circus Arts Australia - To celebrate WCD keen adults were invited to fun one-hour introductory sessions to give them a little taste of what circus is all about. Why should kids have all the fun? NICA, Melbourne <http://www.nica.com.au>



Australian Circus Festival in partnership with Performance Art Western Sydney performed for the public and offered free trial classes to the public to do any circus class they wish for the entire month of April. www.australiancircusfestival.org





Afghanistan

Mobile Mini Circus for Children - On WCD a social circus workshop and show were presented for the kids in Afghanistan. (left) www.AfghanMMCC.org

Los Cirquea2 - The circus family from Patagonia joined the WCD celebration with a day open to the entire community, with workshops, competitions and free shows. (right) cirquea2@gmail.com

Benelux



Argentina

Circus Alexander (Alex Sijm) invited everybody to share together the beauty of the circus. Free accessible circus shows were presented by a group of enthusiastic classic circus artists. <http://www.circusalexander.nl>



Shandong Acrobatic Troupe, Jinan - Mr. Urs Pilz and Golden Clown winners of the Festival International du Cirque de Monte-Carlo from Shandong.

China



Zhuhai Chimelong Hengqin Circus Theatre - Mr. Urs Pilz, president of the Fédération Mondiale du Cirque, with Mr. Zhigang Su. <https://zh.chimelong.com/circus-city> (below)



The China Acrobats Association celebrated WCD in Beijing, Zhuhai City in Guangdong province and Luoyang City in Henan province. <http://www.21caa.org>

Anhui Acrobatic Troupe - Also in the province of Anhui, Mr. Urs Pilz visited the acrobatic troupe in the city of Hefei and spoke to the students about the importance of WCD.

The acrobatic students of the Shanghai circus school, celebrating and having fun on WCD. <http://www.sh-cs.com>





Denmark

Circus Museum at Hvidovre (Copenhagen) and Danish Circus Friends Association - Free admission at the circus museum. Circus fun for kids at Circus Baldoni's ring for free. Lecture and show with the magician Henning Nielsen, known from Denmark Got Talent. Gala performance in Circus Baldoni at reduced tickets prices. <http://www.danskecirkusvenner.dk>



Circus Barus - A party for families was organized by circusfans with many free attractions, such as bubble games, wheel of fortune, juggling corner, animal show and petting zoo, information about „animals in the circus“ and the Gesellschaft der Circusfreunde e.V. www.circus-barus.de

Germany



Gesellschaft der Circusfreunde e.V. Hamburg/Schleswig-Holstein and Zirkus Frank - Day of open doors, a view behind the scenes, join-in action for kids and parts from the show. <http://www.zirkus-frank.de>

Finland



Sirkuskoulu Rainbow - The Rainbow Circus School in Kotka was open to celebrate WCD and a band played. www.sirkuskoulurainbow.info

Circus Krone - Free admission was offered to visitors of the Krone Zoo. Also workshops for kids took place in the big-top, amongst other attractions like pony riding and kid's make-up. www.circus-krone.com



France

Cirque sur l'Eau - Open day and meeting with the artists and the animals under the big-top. www.cirquesurleau.com

MACIVA Hungarian Circus and Variety Nonprofit Ltd. - The opening night of the summer show, "FlyingCircus", took place on WCD. The show is directed by the multi-festival award winner and Guinness Record holder Krisztián Kristóf, who choreographed and directed the circus scenes of Tim Burton's Dumbo. www.fnc.hu, www.maciva.hu



Rambo Circus celebrated WCD and performed at the Nikam Farms in Pune, Maharashtra. And "Circus Life," a photo exhibition, was organized by circus fan and photographer Arul Horizon. <http://www.rambocircus.in>

Hungary



India



Italy



CEDAC organized an open day during which it was possible to visit the Documentation Centre and its collections. The book "Ultima turnè," was presented, written by Roberto Bianchin, writer, circus journalist, musician and variety artist, edited by I Antichi Editori. <https://www.articircensi.org/>



Japan



Kinoshita Circus - Kinoshita Circus celebrates WCD every year, not only on the one designated day (April 20th this year), but over an interval of many days. The circus promoted and celebrated the 10th WCD from April 15th - April 23rd this year, emphasizing animal welfare, social welfare, and sharing family entertainment to help build a bright future for children. Nagoya, Shirakawa Park. <http://kinoshita-circus.co.jp/>



Kazakhstan

Kazakh State Circus - On WCD the Kazakh artists performed at art venues in Almaty. Also, the director of the Kazakh State Circus gave an interview to radio station "Zhuldyz FM." <https://circusalmaty.kz>



Kenya



Young circus artists and enthusiasts performed at the Sarakasi Dome in Nairobi.

www.sarakasitrust.org

Monaco



In the presence of HSH Princess Stephanie, Honorary President of the Federation Mondiale du Cirque, the Festival International du Cirque de Monte-Carlo organized and presented a special circus show, with participation of the Femina Sport Monaco gymnasts, the circus school "Tous en Piste" of Tourette-Levens, the Cirkadance and Circus Resort schools and students from the Circus Harmony from the United States.
www.montecarlofestival.mc/

Mongolia



The Association of Mongolian Circus organized a circus workshop and gave a show at the Angels theater in Ulaanbaatar
<http://circusmongolia.mn/>

New Zealand



Flip N Fly circus school - A free open day for everyone was organized in Silverdale Auckland.
<https://flipnfly.co.nz>



Christchurch Circus Trust - A public circus open day was held at the circus centre. Visitors could enjoy and try all kinds of circus skills, from aerial skills like trapeze and hammock to juggling and balancing on globes, tightwire and rola bola, unicycle and stilts. The talented tutors and students also put on a show.
chhcircus.co.nz



Palestina

The Palestinian Circus School -
The school organized open circus days in Jenin, Ramallah, Birzeit and Jerusalem.
<http://www.palcircus.ps>



Puerto Rico

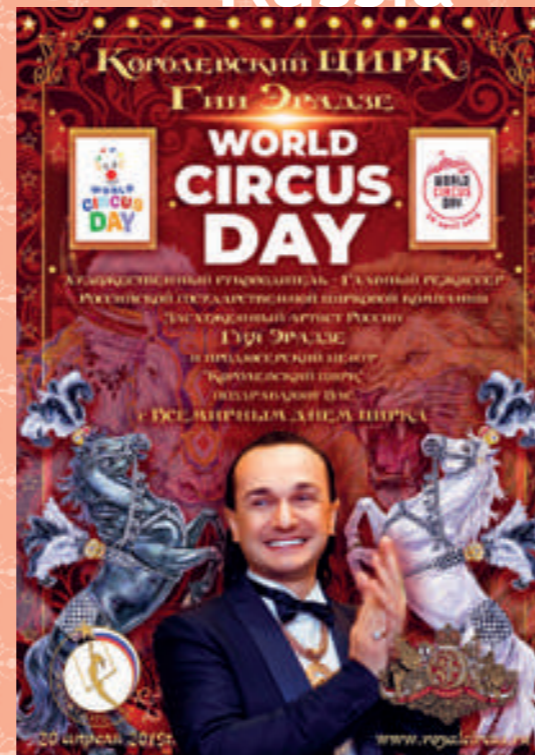
Escuela Nacional de Circo de Puerto Rico -
The circus school prepared a magical night in their circus tent with a varied show for the local community.

South Africa

McLaren Circus - The front of house compound was opened welcoming children of all ages to join in the fun and hop on the various rides and jumping castles, free of charge with a much enjoyed 2019 show.
Parow North, Cape Town
<http://www.mclarencircus.co.za/>



WCD celebration at Circus Nikulin, Moscow. <http://www.circusnikulin.ru>



Artistic director of the Russian State Circus, Gia Erazé.

Bolshoi State St Petersburg Circus - The administration of the circus and the artists of the tour-show of the Bolshoi State Moscow circus visited an Oncology Centre to bring joy to children. Also, WCD was celebrated at an Animal Shelter. Before the shows started, there was a circus quiz and a performance of children from circus schools.
www.circus.spb.ru

Sweden

The Swedish Circus Academy organized an evening with circus-themed shopping and a performance of Circus Princess Johanna in Växjö. Also a parade took place with the artists, orchestra and animals, shows and an open house at Circus Olympia, training of artists and animals and a lecture by Johanna Abrahamsson (winner of Swedish circus prize).



Switzerland



Ecole de Cirque du Talent in Chavornay celebrated World Circus Day with animation, shows, exhibition, stands, contests etc.
www.ecole-cirque-talent.ch



Ukraine

Donetsk State Circus "Cosmos" - In honour of the 10th WCD a week of circus art PR was held in Donetsk, Donbass region.
<http://cirk.dn.ua>



Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan State Circus - A wonderful free entry circus show was given to the audience in Tashkent.
<http://www.sirk.uz>

USA



Circus Harmony - Circus Harmony celebrated WCD with a fundraiser at Baked Bear St. Louis where, in collaboration with Cirque du Soleil and Chafietz Arena, Baked Bear gave away a limited number of a special Cirque du Sandwich ice cream sandwiches. Also Circus Harmony's flying children performed. 20% of all proceeds from other ice cream sandwiches sold that day went to support Circus Harmony's Flying Children Scholarship Fund. (left)
www.circusharmony.org

Circus Juventas - Saint Paul, Minnesota (below)
<https://circusjuventas.org>



In Somers (NY) WCD was celebrated by showcasing the arts inspired by Somers' heritage in circus history. A musical duo, sons of Hachaliah Bailey performed beneath a portrait of Bailey himself in the galleries of Somers Historical Society. Bailey is credited with being the first in the US to publicly exhibit an elephant as part of a traveling menagerie in the early 19th century. His efforts gave rise to an entire industry which evolved into the exhibition of exotic animal acts in the American circus today. Bailey's headstone personifies his life. (above)



Even more registered partners...

Swoop Physical Theatre - Australia
 Hakasirkus - Finland
 Cirque Piedon - France
 Tous en Piste - France
 Landauer Weihnachtscircus - Germany
 Hungarian National Circus, Jozsef Richter - Hungary
 Cooperativa Sociale Sportiva Dilettantistica, Chez nous ...le cirque! O.N.L.U.S - Italy
 Alain Rikard - Mexico
 Comunidad Artistas Circense Puebla, Mexico Teatro y Circo Xutil - Mexico
 Great Moscow State Circus at prospect Vernadskogo - Russia
 Rosgoscirk - Russia

Andrey Silchev and Museum Anatoly Durov - Russia
 Voronezh Center of Circus Arts - Russia
 Slovak Artists' Community and CirKusKus - Slovakia
 Evolution Circus - Spain
 Cirkus Brazil Jack - Sweden
 Circus 250 - UK
 Gandeys Circus Edinburgh - UK
 Zippos Circus and the Circus Friends Association of GB - UK
 National Circus of Ukraine - Ukraine
 Kora Shrine Circus - USA
 Salida circus - USA
 Something historical Society - USA
 Synapse Circus Center - USA

The Fédération Mondiale du Cirque would like to thank all circuses, circus schools and circusfans who participated in WCD 2019, also those who did not register their event and uploaded photos. Next year, please register all activities on the FMC website and provide photos for the documentation of this worldwide event.

Spain



S'Espai de Circ - Circus workshops and performances at the isle of Menorca, Spain. <http://sespaidecirc.blogspot.com>

United Kingdom



Andrew van Buren celebrated WCD in PhilipomAstley's hometown Newcastle-under-Lyme.
<http://www.philipastley.org.uk>

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