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Tralee Circus Festival

In Association with Siamsa Tíre

Gandini Juggling, Circus Siamsa, and more..

SIAMSA TÍRE, TRALEE

Friday 12th to Saturday 13th November

The zany and delightful **Tralee Circus Festival** returns to Siamsa Tíre from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th November. The Festival began in 2000 as a juggling convention, and a way for the different strands of a circus culture to meet, share ideas, fun and create an Irish expression for this exciting artform. Since its humble beginnings, it now includes many events in a unique, fun-filled weekend. The festival is presented in association with Siamsa Tíre.

At the heart of the festival is **Circus Siamsa**, a public variety show, held in Siamsa Tíre. It's the national showcase for contemporary circus and features top national and international performers handpicked and hosted by the Fanzini Brothers.

But the fun doesn't start there! Outside Siamsa Tíre, on Friday 12th from 7pm, there will be a special celebration to launch the festival with a bang - **a fire and percussion** performance featuring **Craiceann** on percussion and some of Ireland's finest fire performers.

This is followed by **Quartet** with **Gandini Juggling** on the same evening (Friday 12th) in Siamsa Tíre at 8pm. **Gandini Juggling** are a legendary group of jugglers and 'Quartet' is an unashamed celebration of group juggling. The Gandini Juggling quartet is a tightly knit precision machine weaving complex patterns with balls, clubs and rings. This piece takes colour as a starting point for forty minutes of joyous virtuosity. **Tickets are €16/13**

"Quartet...offers a show that is varied in tone and effect, funny and aesthetically delightful. The audience, myself included, were rapt". Thomas Wilson, Total Theatre

Two performances of **Circus Siamsa** take place on Saturday 13th at 2pm & 5pm. Join the **Fanzini Brothers** for a celebration of modern circus culture with some of the most exciting national and international acts of the 21st century circus scene. Antics include the world famous **Gandini Jugglers**, manipulation legend **That Man**, the almost famous **Lords of Strut**, to mention a few. *"It's circus Jim, but not as we know it."* **Tickets are €12.**

The Fanzini Brothers are Denis Butler and Con Horgan (both from Tralee) who have performed nationally and internationally for the last 12 years. Circus Siamsa has received funding from the Arts Council, Kerry County Council and local businesses and has created an unforgettable, varied and entertaining show, don't miss it!

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