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UPSALA-CIRCUS



# STREET KIDS HAVE DREAMS

Upsala-Circus is a unique social circus project that exists in Russia since 2000. The goal of Upsala-Circus is the social adaptation of neglected children and youth by means of social circus work.

The aim of Upsala-Circus work is to offer an alternative to street life, reintegrate children into society and create favorable conditions for their thorough development. Mastering circus skills allows children to fulfill their need for risk by socially accepted means.

Circus is a bright and colorful world, attractive to all and open for every child notwithstanding his or her skills, physical abilities and social status.

Our Circus is created for "bad boys" – for kids whose values and behavior patterns do not fit into frames set by social standards, school or their own parents. We accept those kids the way they are and respect their life experience. Circus gives them an opportunity to learn, develop and achieve their dreams.



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Если есть не Sense Creative,  
то это Creative было  
в Демонстрацию!!!  
А если есть Creative, то это  
и есть Creative и Creative!  
Вопрос: где Creative и Creative?  
Со стороны Creative и Creative!  
У Creative, когда Creative!!!  
Все и Creative и Creative!!!

Anvar Libabov  
the head of clown theatre Licelei





# WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CIRCUS

- Circus: engaging children in training process, organizing trainings on acrobatics and juggling, as well as dance and acting classes.
- Social support for children and their families, official paperwork assistance, crisis assistance.
- Charity performances at orphanages, correctional facilities, social institutions.
- Summer and winter circus camps.
- Participation in international exchanges, circus and theatre festivals, yearly tour to Europe.

The result of our yearly work is staging a new circus show where every young artist has his or her own part.



# SPECIAL CHILD

The project exists since 2005 on the base of correction school #25. Circus trainings for children with multiple developmental disorders are organized twice a week.

Group circus trainings allow children to develop emotionally and to improve movement coordination agility (especially important for children with physical disabilities).



# CIRCUS BEHIND THE FENCE



In October 2009 Upsala-Circus organized a new field project - "Circus behind the fence". It is aimed at social adaptation of adolescents from Special school #1 (closed school) for young boys that committed crimes.

The project purpose is to change future prospects for children and adolescents who have once committed offences so that at least some of them would not end up at a juvenile colony or in prison.

After being released from the special school the adolescents continue trainings in Upsala-Circus main circus groups.

# VISITING HOOLIGANS



Photo by Yulya Drezhikova

«Visiting hooligans» - the project of Upsala Circus, which allows children from orphanages and social organizations of St. Petersburg and the region to be guests at circus performance and to meet new opportunities of life.

In a circus tent young artists show their performance to young viewers and then Upsala Circus gives gifts and photos on the memory. During the event children become acquainted with their peers who choose the way of circus for their lives. Getting acquainted with the artists, children spend time with fun and benefits while learning about another side of life. Thus, artists of Upsala Circus by own example show the audience that there are other ways out of difficult situations. Also they learn how to help and become stronger through this.



# FLYING CHILDREN



The festival for kids and grown-ups was established in 2007 and takes place every summer.

It is a unique art ground for professional artists as well as social projects in the field of music, circus and theatre.

Contemporary circus teams from Europe meet on stage with theatre for disabled persons, theatre for deaf children, children amatory circus etc.



# OUR CIRCUS IS DIFFERENT

Upsala-Circus creates contemporary circus shows - colorful plays that embrace acrobatics, juggling, pantomime and modern dance.

Upsala-Circus organizes performances at orphanages, schools, institutions for disabled people and other charity organizations, at theatre and concert halls in Russia and abroad.

Every year Upsala-Circus artists go on a tour across Europe where they demonstrate to the audience the new circus shows.

Upsala-Circus organized circus exchanges for children and youth circuses from Germany, Switzerland, Finland.



# SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

All Upsala-Circus artists live at home and go to school.

Upsala-Circus graduates are now rather successful individuals: they either study or work and help Upsala-Circus and partner organizations as volunteers and trainers.

Upsala-Circus graduates entered Universities.

Upsala-Circus graduates formed the Upsala-Circus Studio. They perform regularly with their own show and participate in Circus activities.

2005: First Prize at the International Circus Festival LILALU in Munich.

2006: Grand Prix at the international Briantsev Children's Theater Festival in Saint Petersburg.

2007: First Prize at the 6. International Children's and Youth Circus Festival at the Circus Cabuwazi in Berlin.

2008: First Prize at the Children's Theater Festival "Christmas Meetings at the Mokhovaya" in Saint Petersburg.

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