THE CIRCUS COMES TO LONE TREE ARTS CENTER
Handsome Little Devils Perform *Squirm Burpee: A Vaudevillian Melodrama*

LONE TREE, CO – The Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) is bringing the circus to town this October 16-20. Forged in the fire of Denver’s Handsome Little Devils Productions, *The Squirm Burpee Circus* is a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience. Featuring an eye-catching cast and a beautiful, Cirque-like aesthetic, *Squirm Burpee Circus* can sustain itself on eye candy alone. The show explodes with high-energy acts like The Human Cannon, The Ladder of Love and Chainsaw Juggling, as well as classic Vaudeville comedy routines, hilarious romantic antics and swing dancing!

Making their mark on the Vaudeville Nouveau movement in America, *Squirm Burpee Circus* is an exhilarating, fantastical adventure featuring classic Vaudeville comedy, high-skill circus acts and a plot rooted in American Melodrama. The Baron Vegan von Hamburger, your humble host and sworn enemy of the Squirm Burpee Circus, will take you on a journey back in time with his breathtaking Monkey-Powered Circus Wagon. The Baron is played by Jimmy Slonina, who most recently starred as the White Clown in Cirque du Soleil’s "O" at the Bellagio on the Las Vegas Strip. Prior to that, he toured North America as a lead clown in Cirque’s KOOZÂ, directed by David Shiner. He also created characters for and performed in Franco Dragone's Vegas aquatic spectacle, Le Rêve. Originally from Chicago, Slonina has worked with many world-renowned, award-winning Chicago theatre companies, including Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago
Shakespeare Theater, Redmoon Theater, and Defiant Theatre to name a few. He is also the recipient of two Joseph Jefferson Awards for acting.

Mike the Handsome and Dashing Dave are two dapper Vaudevillians and world-class jugglers trying to put on a show, despite their unique girl problems. Dave falls in love with a new audience member every show, while Mike has forsworn love altogether! Add the Mike-obsessed Lovely Little Lolo to the mix, and you’ve got a recipe for romantic disaster! Together, Dave and Mike evoke the brotherly comedy of the Smothers Brothers, Martin and Lewis and the like, while Mike and Lolo’s hilarious antics are reminiscent of I Love Lucy. Throughout the show, the evil Baron Vegan von Hamburger is plotting to destroy them, and it will take a real change of heart for him to let the Circus go! Will Dave ever find his One True Love? Will Lolo win Mike’s heart? Will the Baron succeed and obliterate them once and for all? When the show begins, you’ll wish you brought your bedpans!

Mike the Handsome is played by the Handsome Little Devils’ Artistic Director, Mike Huling. Performing in over 12 different countries, Mike and his brother Dave were a smash hit all the way to The Tonight Show, where they performed their famous Ballet of the Flame-Throwing Pogo Sticks. Following successful national tours of Squirm Burpee in 2008 and 2009, Handsome Little Devils Productions was able to make their off-Broadway debut at the New Victory Theater in 2010. In addition to his duties as Artistic Director and performer, Huling builds the majority of the props and sets for the company along with his brother, Dave.

Dave Clay, brother of Huling, was also a founding member of the ensemble, bringing home his love for entertaining to his character, Dashing Dave. After several years of living in Europe, Dave Clay has performed in theaters and festivals throughout the Pacific Northwest and across the United States. He entertains with an adept passion built on quick wit and outstanding stunts that have brought him success from the comedy clubs of San Francisco to the International Jugglers Association stage. He has toured nationally with March Fourth Marching Band, juggled at the Kennedy Center and performed alongside the Oregon Symphony.

Rounding out the cast as the Lovely Little Lolo is Lara Chamberlain. Chamberlain joins the group from NYC, where she is currently a featured dancer in the nationally-touring
company of Cirque Le Masque Productions. Prior to joining the circus, Lara has been a vocalists and dancer for PGT Entertainment/Princess Cruises. Together, the cast creates a one-of-a-kind ensemble act that keeps the audiences rolling in the aisles long after the curtain has gone down.

Tickets for *Handsome Little Dveils* can be purchased online at [www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org](http://www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org) or by calling 720-509-1000. Tickets start $28 (plus $3 service fee). A special $25 matinee will take place at 1:30pm on October 16. A student matinee will take place at 10:00am on October 17 for $10. *Handsome Little Devils’ Squirm Burpee* is presented in part thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, Health One & SkyRidge Medical Center, Colorado Creative Industries, Bellco Credit Union, the Andrews Winslow Foundation, and Professor Michael R.Harris and Charlotte Min-Harris.

**About LTAC**

The Lone Tree Arts Center is a professional, innovative and environmentally friendly, LEED Certified venue. LTAC operates a dynamic model for the performing arts by collaborating with some of the premier Colorado performing arts companies to present their productions in Lone Tree as well as presenting national and regional tours. LTAC has quickly discovered its place as a new provider of arts education programs for children and an important meeting and event rental site for corporate, civic, private, and community arts groups.

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