



THE CIRCUS WITH A PURPOSE COMES TO LIVERPOOL

Circus Starr arrives in Liverpool on the 28th September 2010 to raise both smiles and money for Claire House Children's Hospice.

Circus Starr's unique ethos is to raise thousands of pounds for local charities from the advance sales of tickets to local businesses. These tickets can then be donated to local community groups who otherwise would not get the chance to enjoy the magic of circus.

With this kind support from local businesses, in 2009 Circus Starr donated over £744,845 worth of tickets to UK communities. The circus is a magical mix of top flight acrobatics, breathtaking balancing and non-stop comedy.

It's laughter all the way with the hilarious antics of Duo Delbosq whose infectious style of physical comedy knows no boundaries of language or age when it comes to pure entertainment.

The outstanding Argentinean Gaucho, as featured on the Paul O'Grady Show, with the famed Bolas Dance of Courage set to wow any audience.

The Julio Troupe from Bulgaria returns with their thrilling acrobatics. Their springboard acrobatics will have people on the edge of their seats with excitement and the Russian Swing seems to enable them to defy gravity. In addition Tracy Jones brings grace, skill and sheer beauty to the world class line up with her International acclaimed Corde Lisse act.

On Tuesday 1st June 2010 Circus Starr was very proud to launch as a Social Enterprise and became a member of The Social Enterprise Coalition. This underpins what Circus Starr as a company has been doing for the last 23 years - raising the profiles of local and vital charities and donating tickets to these local communities, through the art of circus.

The circus will be in Liverpool, Pasture Farm Car Boot Site, Pasture Farm, with two shows at 4.45pm and 7pm.

Aintree hold first helicopter wedding

Property developer Anthony Lunt (26) and careworker Tina Lunt (24), from Fazakerley, decided to forgo the traditional wedding car arriving to their wedding reception at Aintree racecourse in a Robinson Helicopter.

Anthony and Tina were married at St Nicholas church on Liverpool's waterfront, then travelled to Liverpool John Lennon airport where they were picked up by the helicopter. The couple enjoyed a half hour flight over the city before landing at the Aintree Racecourse helipad, where they joined wedding guests at the Princess Royal stand.

Anthony Lunt said: "The last few years have been quite difficult for us with Tina recently recovering from cancer, so we decided to pull out all the stops and celebrate our wedding in style. We booked one of the best suites at Aintree, with a great view of the racecourse and thought why not arrive in style. At first I was thinking of hiring a Rolls Royce Phantom but then decided to be a bit different and opted for a helicopter instead."



Home of the Grand National, Aintree is the UK's most famous racecourse and one of the North West's leading venues for weddings, conferences and exhibitions.

For more information on Aintree Racecourse's wedding facilities contact 0151 522 2922 or visit www.aintree.co.uk

CAPTAIN AMERICA COMES TO THE NORTH WEST

Hollywood's Marvel Productions has chosen England's Northwest as the location to film some of its biggest scenes for the hotly anticipated superhero flick: *Captain America: The First Avenger*. This will be the first time that the film studio has filmed outside of the US.

Marvel Productions, famous for X-Men, Fantastic Four and The Hulk, will use areas of Manchester's Northern Quarter and Liverpool's Stanley Dock this month - with filming in the region lasting approximately 2-3 weeks.

The filming locations were organised in partnership with Vision+Media and Liverpool City Council's Film Office, which in the last 12 months alone helped bring blockbuster productions to the North West including *Nowhere Boy*, *Sherlock Holmes* and *Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows*. It is estimated that combined they facilitated over 2,000 filming days in the region last year, which in turn contributed approximately £48m worth of inward investment to the region.

Susan Williams, Drama Liaison Manager at Vision+Media comments: "We were approached in February by the locations manager who wanted 1940s New York streets to compliment locations already sourced in Liverpool. We suggested Manchester's Northern Quarter to Marvel as its wide streets, towering buildings and pre-war architecture make the perfect backdrop for 1940s New York."

Councillor Wendy Simon, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism at Liverpool City Council, said: "This film is on an unprecedented scale a massive boost to the profile of our film industry. We've never hosted a production of this size before - the length of time on location alone is going to have a huge impact on the economy of both cities."

BOY BAND Members Wanted

O9 Management in association with Danny Morris are currently looking to put the next big boy band together. Following their success with girl band B-Desire, o9 management alongside Danny Morris have decided to put together the next big boy band.

Have you got what it takes to be part of the next Take That, Westlife or JLS? Are you male, aged between 16-24 and can sing and dance? If you are and you are willing to work and play hard visit www.o9events.com for details of our auditions.

The band, still to be named, will be releasing their first single early in 2011 and o9 events already have several gigs lined up for them.

Applications are being invited now and auditions will be held in Liverpool in September. For the 3 months after that the lads will be given vocal and dance training and will be rehearsing for their debut performance.

Danny Morris, formally a member of X Factors Eton Road said "I was given an amazing opportunity by X Factor and I enjoyed every minute of it. We have given that opportunity to B-Desire and I now feel it's time to give the lads a chance too"

Application forms can be found at www.o9events.com

SCOUSERS WATCH OUT - THE WIRRAL STRIKES BACK!

Following in the footsteps of the smash hit show *Brick Up the Mersey Tunnels*, Bang On Top Productions have a new comedy play. After the phenomenal success of *One Night In Istanbul* in 2009 which holds the record of being "the fastest selling Liverpool Play of all time" and the subsequent return to the Liverpool Empire in 2010, *Brick Up: The Wirral Strikes back* premieres at the Liverpool Empire in September 2010 (7th - 18th).

This hilarious show takes a tongue in cheek look at the recent economic downturn and the traditional rivalries between Liverpool and the Wirral.

Book in person at the box office, online on www.liverpolempire.org.uk or via telephone on 0844 847 2525