

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
The Handsome Little Devils Present:
THE SQUIRM BURPEE CIRCUS!

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Making their mark on the Vaudeville Nouveau movement in America, *The Squirrm Burpee Circus* is an exhilarating, fantastical adventure featuring classic Vaudeville comedy, high-skill circus acts and a plot rooted in American Melodrama. Forged in the fire of Denver's Handsome Little Devils Productions, *The Squirrm Burpee Circus* is a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience that leaves audience chanting for more.

Featuring an eye-catching cast and a beautiful, Cirque-like aesthetic, *The Squirrm Burpee Circus* can sustain itself on eye candy alone. But they don't stop there! The show explodes with high-energy acts like The Human Cannon, The Ladder of Love and Chainsaw Juggling, not to mention classic Vaudeville comedy routines, hilarious romantic antics and swing dancing!

The Baron Vegan von Hamburger, your humble host and sworn enemy of the Squirrm Burpee Circus, will take you on a journey back in time with his breathtaking Monkey-Powered Circus Wagon. In side the Circus, anything can happen, and the Baron can't wait to put an end to it all!

On the other hand, 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!

The Squirrm Burpee Circus will begin at 7:30 at the WNMU Fine Arts Center Theatre on April 21st, 2012. Tickets are \$20 Non-members/\$15 Members/\$10 Groups of 10+/\$5 Students. Tickets can be purchased at the MRAC Office, Alotta Gelato, L&I Arts, Gila Hike & Bike, and A.I.R. Coffee (Bayard) or online at www.mimbresarts.org/event_tickets.html. Call 575-538-2505. You won't want to miss it!

ADDITIONAL INFO:

The Squirm Burpee Circus features an adorable cast based in Denver, CO. Mike Huling, Dave Clay, Cole Schneider and Jason Knauf are all veterans of the stage who bring an exceptionally high skill level to each and every scene. Mike, Artistic Director and “Mike the Handsome” began his performing career at the ripe age of 4, when he starred in a family talent show blowing bubbles. He then went on to greater things, achieving a B.F.A. in sculpture and printmaking from Colorado State University and founding the original Handsome Little Devils with big brother Dan. He skipped his graduation ceremony to perform at a juggling festival in Hawaii and has impressed audiences around the world, finally ending up on *The Tonight Show* in 2008! Now he lives with partner Cole in Denver, where he trains in juggling and dancing whenever he’s not busy running the business!

Dave Clay, “Dashing Dave”, has recently returned to the US after spending several years in Europe, juggling, street performing and entertaining the masses with his comedy skills. Originally from Portland, OR, he has toured extensively with the world-famous March Fourth Marching Band, performed at the Kennedy Center, the International Juggling Association stages and the like. He is a seasoned performer whose quick wit and amazing skill adds an in-the-moment excitement to every show!

Cole Schneider, Artistic Manager and “The Lovely Little Lolo,” is a Denver native who first stepped onto the stage in the 2nd grade and hasn’t stepped off since! She has studied dance and theatre her whole life, and was introduced to plate juggling when Mike lovingly said, “Here, catch this!” In 2005, she received her BFA in playwriting at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts and has since had the unique opportunity to utilize her degree while collaboratively developing *The Squirm Burpee Circus* with fellow cast members. Besides bringing a feminine touch to the mix, as Mike’s dance partner, Cole amazes audiences with acrobatics and air steps in the American dance form of Lindy Hop!

Jason Knauf, “The Baron Vegan von Hamburger,” has just returned to his home state of CO after spending the last few years in the improv comedy scene of Chicago, IL. Jason has honed his skills in improvisational theatre through the Second City Conservatory, the IO Training Center and the Annoyance Theater Training Program! In the past few years, Jason has been performing with his first and favorite improv comedy troupe “Cowlick!” He has also appeared in the children’s improv comedy show, *Hogwash: An Improvised Tale*. Jason is ecstatic to be performing as the Baron, where his improv skills come into play through audience interaction in every performance!

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. A rising star on the national theatre circuit, *The Squirm Burpee Circus* is not to be missed!