

LONE STAR CIRCUS®
presents



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2023 edition of **American CircusFest** — a weekend of circus arts competitions and workshops!

This second edition of **American CircusFest** will feature circus artists, from Juniors to Beginners and up to Professional performers, who will compete in a variety of disciplines and will be judged by an eclectic panel of top circus professionals.

Presented by Dallas's very own Lone Star Circus®, **American CircusFest** will take place the weekend of **April 1-2, 2023**, in two different venues: **Lone Star Circus School** for Juniors and Beginners, and under the Big Top of **Circus Hnos. Vazquez** for professionals.

PRIZES:

The winner of the Professional Competition will receive a contract to perform in one of **Lone Star Circus®** productions and work alongside the industry's finest!

Second prize: \$ 500.00 – third prize: \$300.00

The Winners of the Junior and Beginners competitions will be invited to perform in the Professional Competition under Circus Vazquez Big Top.

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, FREE OF CHARGE

Lone Star Circus was founded in 2006 by Fanny Kerwich, an 8th generation circus performer of French descent. Fanny currently serves as Creative and Executive Artistic Director of Lone Star Circus® and Lone Star Circus School.

Since its inception, the school has flourished and has become one of the premier circus schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Fanny is proud to bring American CircusFest to circus artists by combining all areas of circus under one event. This event gives students and professionals the perfect opportunity to showcase their talents among some of the leaders in the circus community.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHEN:

Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2, 2023

VENUES:

JUNIORS - BEGINNERS:

Lone Star Circus School - Strong Fitness
4207 Simonton Rd., Suite A
Farmers Branch, TX 75244

PROFESSIONALS:

Circus Hnos. Vazquez
Riders Field
7300 Rough Riders Trail
Frisco, TX 75034

CATEGORIES:

- Juniors (children and teens training in circus schools)
- Beginners (advanced circus school students and non-professional individuals)
- Professionals

PARTICIPATION FEE (BEGINNERS AND JUNIORS ONLY) *:

- Single Competitor- \$115 per category
- Duet Competitor- \$85 per person, per category

**Workshops will have a separate fee and registration process.*

For all questions regarding the General Information, kindly contact us at:

manager@lonestarcircus.org



JUNIOR AND BEGINNER CATEGORIES

ACCEPTED SPECIALTIES:

AERIAL: Silks (Tissu), Hammock, Lyra (Hoop), Rope.

FLOOR ACTS: Acrobatics, Tumbling, Contortion, Balancing Acts, Juggling, Rola-Bola, Tightwire, etc.

WARNING: *Because of time constraints, acts with complex equipment and rigging cannot be taken into consideration.*

REGISTRATION:

Registrations must be submitted to: manager@lonestarcircus.org before the deadline of **March 27, 2023**.

CHANGES TO REGISTRATION:

If you wish to make any changes to your registration, you may do so before registration closes.

When emailing, please give the full name under which the registration has been made and give detailed information regarding your registration.

After the registration closes, no changes will be accepted, and no refunds will be given to competitors unable to compete — however, your 2023 participant fee may be used as credit towards the 2024 event.

EQUIPMENT AND PROPS:

Apparatuses for silks, hammock, lyra, trapeze and rope are provided by Lone Star Circus School. You may not use your own. Lone Star Circus School also provides crashmats and mats, that are *mandatory for the performance of aerial acts*. All participants must follow the instructions of the Head Rigger.

Other equipment, especially equipment used by Beginners that is not provided by Lone Star Circus School *needs to meet safety standards and be fully approved by our riggers* before the event. Don't use any "improvised" equipment or props.

JUNIOR AND BEGINNER CATEGORIES (Continued)

MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWANCE FOR EACH ACT:

- Juniors - 3 minutes
- Beginners - 4 minutes

SAFETY:

Do not perform any tricks of which you are not 100% sure. Do not experiment or improvise during your performance. **Any performance that seems reckless or unsafe will be immediately stopped and disqualified.**

COSTUMES:

Your costume must fit your body and fit the requirements of your act. It must be of good quality, solid and in good taste. If you work on fabric or rope, do not wear costumes with sequins or anything that could disrupt the fluidity of your movements.

This is a family-friendly event, and your costume should reflect that. No indecency will be tolerated. "Accidents" may happen, but intentional stripping or exposure of private body parts will lead to immediate disqualification. The producers reserve the right to refuse a costume deemed inappropriate.

MUSIC:

Music must be edited to fit the length of the act within the allocated time. Music not properly edited will not be accepted. Music, like your act, must be family friendly. If your music is a song that contains profanity, you will be disqualified.

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JUNIOR AND BEGINNER CATEGORIES (Continued)

Music must be submitted via email **with your stage name and the category in which you compete**. Please email a link to your music to: manager@lonestarcircus.org. (*MP3 attachments only*).

Music must be submitted **before the registration deadline**. For technical reasons, we cannot accept music submitted after the deadline, *and latecomers will have to perform their act in silence...*

CHANGES TO MUSIC:

If you need to make any changes to your music, you may do so **no later than March 30, 2023** (by email to manager@lonestarcircus.org). When emailing, please give the full name under which you are registered and detailed information regarding your music change. After registration closes, no changes can be made.

BEHAVIOR:

We always expect proper behavior whether prior, during, or after the competition. Showing of disrespect, rudeness, foul language, and/or sexual misbehavior will lead to immediate disqualification.

JUDGES FEEDBACK:

The **American CircusFest**'s Jury will be composed of highly qualified professionals. They will judge the participating acts on three elements: **TECHNIQUE, ARTISTRY, AND CREATIVITY**. Their decisions will be final and shall not be disputed in any fashion. However, if so requested, they will be happy to give you feedbacks regarding your act.



PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

REGISTRATION:

Registrations are selective. They must be submitted to: manager@lonestarcircus.org **before the deadline of March 27, 2023**, and must include a **good-quality video** of the act submitted (link) in its entirety (no editing). REGISTRATION IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR PROFESSIONALS.

NOTE: Because of time constraints, acts that require a complex equipment and/or rigging cannot be considered.

CHANGES TO REGISTRATION:

If you wish to make any changes to your registration, you may do so before registration closes.

When emailing, please give the full name under which the registration has been made and give detailed information regarding your registration. *No changes will be accepted After the registration closes.*

MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWANCE FOR ALL SPECIALTIES: 6 minutes

MUSIC:

Music must be edited to fit the length of the act within the allocated time. Music not properly edited will not be accepted. Music, like your act, must be family friendly. If your music has in it a song that contains profanity, you will be disqualified.

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PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY (Continued)

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American CircusFest is a family-friendly event, and your costume should reflect that. No nudity will be tolerated. Costumes must be in good taste and well-made. “Accidents” may happen, but intentional stripping or exposure of private body parts will lead to disqualification. The producers reserve the right to refuse a costume deemed inappropriate.

PROPS AND RIGGING:

Contestants are expected to provide all rigging and equipment necessary for the performance of their act.

We acknowledge that the performance of circus acts, notably aerial acts, is inherently dangerous. Although accidents rarely happen, they are quite often due to a faulty equipment. Therefore, your equipment, props, and rigging must be made according to the highest standards of the profession and be well built and secure; they will need to be *fully approved by our riggers* before the event.

BEHAVIOR:

We always expect proper professional behavior whether prior, during, or after the competition. Showing of disrespect, rudeness, foul language, and/or sexual misbehavior will lead to immediate disqualification. If such reprehensible conduct happened after the competition, perpetrators will be stripped of their prizes, if any.

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