

9th Hueckelhoven Circus Festival

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Call

Despite the current restrictions for cultural events of any kind, we decided to look way ahead and publish our call for the 9th Circus Festival for pupils. For four days, our grammar school will turn into a circus school! We invite circus groups from all over Germany and abroad to come and join us for our competition in the big top. Be part of it!

Because of the unpredictable situation of the current pandemic, there will be several adjustments and changes in the application process and the festival itself.

If you are a member of either a school circus club or a circus project, and still attending school (or finish school in 2021), this festival is for you! You can soon download our entry form on www.zirkusfestival-hueckelhoven.de and register with either a complete show or a single act. Please fill in the form and tell us a bit about the acts you would like to show. Attached videos/links would be very much appreciated, as we will need to make a choice in case of too many applications.

As it was mainly the older members of circus clubs and projects who had the opportunity and the motivation to keep up their individual training during the pandemic, we have opened the competition for young people who have already finished school (max. age 25 years). A close connection to the performer's home circus club is required. As an exception and because of the pandemic, older performers will be accepted in the competition in an extra category. However, as this is a festival mainly for pupils, the number of performances for older artists in the finals will be lower.

The number of performers/acts/shows allowed in the festival will be determined by pandemic measures. As the course of events is rather unpredictable, this year's festival requires a maximum degree of flexibility from participants as well as from the organization team. We kindly ask you for your understanding regarding any kind of alterations.

Right now, our guideline is a maximum of 20 people for a complete show, or a maximum of four single acts (max. 10 people altogether) per circus.

Accommodation is usually offered in our gym. We are working on alternatives as there might be restrictions concerning the number of people in one location, but each person will need to bring a sleeping bag. A local catering service will provide the meals. Costs per person will be between 40 and 50 euros (for 3 - 5 days).

The festival is a competition, and we intend to keep it that way – despite the circumstances. Whether we will be able to perform in front of a live audience, or whether restrictions might force us to arrange a live stream has not been decided yet.

So, why are we still planning the festival? We are convinced that after a year full of limitations and bans our kids need something to look forward to. We want to motivate them and give them a chance to pursue their goals and have a dream fulfilled.

We are aware that our call, compared to previous festivals, might leave you with a lot of questions. We apologize and hope that this does not stop you from enrolling. Please, get back to us with any questions you have.

We are currently working on our website, but you should soon be able to download the entry forms.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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