

About Cirkidz

Cirkidz is a not-for-profit organisation that was founded in 1986 to provide meaningful recreation and community engagement opportunities for disadvantaged youth. 30 years later... we are still empowering young people and enhancing their social, physical and creative development through value based training and a lot of fun!

The Impact of Circus

Famous clown and circus performer Reg Bolton completed his thesis in 2004 on 'Why Circus Works,' where he examined how the values and structure of circus make it a significant developmental activity for children. We borrow from these principles to create a fun and interactive experience for all of our students.

Uni SA recently completed a study of Cirkidz workshops showing that circus based skills training in schools actually increases motivation and engagement in learning and can increase student planning and task management skills. It is well understood that remaining in school and getting a good education is a pre-requisite for a good and healthy life. So ensuring young people remain motivated and engaged in learning is key (*Cirkidz in schools 2015*, McGrath & Stevens).



Donate to Cirkidz when you enrol online:

Upon enrolment through our online booking system, you can choose to add a donation to your fees from as little as \$5. This money helps us to repair and improve facilities and will help us along our way to becoming a sustainable not-for-profit.

Want to help facilitate excellence in young people?

Become a friend of Cirkidz! Join our Philanthropy Giving Program and contribute to making Cirkidz an even more amazing place for children to build their confidence, coordination and make new friends as they progress through their circus journey. You never know where it could take them!

Benefits of joining our Philanthropy Giving Program:

- VIP exclusive invites to opening nights
- Updates from the Cirkidz Team
- Discounts to Cirkidz productions
- Opportunities to support the community
- The joy of supporting young people

For more information about joining our Philanthropy Giving Program, please visit cirkidz.org.au or email Nick Skibinski: general.manager@cirkidz.org.au



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Philanthropy
GIVING PROGRAM

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS CENTRE, THE HOME OF CIRKIDZ
www.cirkidz.org.au

"I had a difficult time during Year 9 at high school due to some issues with teachers and some social problems which really effected my confidence. All of my closest friends and most inspiring mentors were at Cirkidz so it was almost like a release and a safe place during that time."

Jascha's Journey From Cirkidz to the Skies

Jascha Boyce was asked to join the Cirkidz troupe at the age of 9. She can't remember ever being as excited as she was that day. All of her hard work in Tackerz and Tweenz had been observed by her trainers and she was about to take the next step in her journey. Jashca spent 10 years in Troupe training and performing with an incredible group of young people lead by mentors who she still seeks guidance from today.

Gravity and other myths (GOM) was founded in 2009 by 7 young acrobats who had graduated from Troupe. They decided to keep training with the help and support of the SA Circus Centre and created their first show Freefall for the Adelaide Fringe Festival. They toured Freefall extensively throughout Australia before creating their second and ground breaking show A Simple Space. This led GOM to their first overseas tour to the Edinburgh Fring Festival in 2013. Within a year they were living their dream and touring internationally almost full time earning standing ovations and sell out crowds all over the world.

Without the help and support of the Cirkidz family Jascha says she would not be able to be where she is today. Growing up in the circus community allowed her to freely express herself as she learned to build her confidence and skills as she continued along her journey.

The Cirkidz Journey

Tiddlerz (ages 2.5 - 5) is where the children begin their journey in our circus school and where they begin to understand how their bodies work by learning through play. Parents and carers actively participate with their child during class and help them to explore their surroundings while they learn to coordinate their bodies.

Tackerz (ages 5 - 8) the children now participate independently and learn team work skills, sharing, bonding and developing empathy as they recognise that their world is greater than just their family unit.

Tweenz (ages 9 – 12) learn resilience and develop their own identity as they specialise their skills. Group and individual problem solving support their growing understanding of responsibility and their place in the wider community.

Teenz (ages 13-17) use their specialised skills to develop techniques to confidently survey risks and challenges, they combine technical skill with increasingly complex creative expression (abstraction and reinvention) to shape their own identity into adulthood.

The Impact of Donations

Cirkidz is a not-for-profit organisation that helps children build confidence and coordination through circus activities in a non-competitive environment. We are a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission, welcoming students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.

Donations to Cirkidz Enable us to:

- Improve our facilities, including the repair of current equipment and purchase of new equipment
- Improve our lessons with additional funds for lesson structure development
- Contribute to the Scholarship fund, which provides full-fee scholarships to students in all age groups that may otherwise be unable to attend classes
- Nurture creativity, by giving students greater opportunity to contribute to creative productions and express themselves through circus arts
- Give back to community, by developing partnerships with schools and disadvantaged communities

Donations made to Cirkidz go directly to assisting with these causes and enabling the organisation to be a more diverse community and creating more positive and meaningful experiences for all students.



Jashca Boyce
Cirkidz graduate
& International
Circus Artist
Gravity & Other Myths
(GOM)



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