



# **‘Bike and Circuses’ Entertains and Educates Through Circus Arts, Magic, Dance, Music and More!**

***All-ages show is Winnipeg’s First Carbon Neutral Theatre Event***

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WINNIPEG – Bike and Circuses, an outdoor theatre spectacular presented by Green Kids Inc., is inviting audiences to enjoy a circus of wonders in the great outdoors June 8-12 on the bike trails of Lagimodière-Gaboury Parks.

During the show, audience members bike, walk or slow roll their way along the parks’ trails, stopping to enjoy performances along the way. All pieces are themed around environmental awareness, climate change or active transportation. The all-ages show features performances by circus performers, musicians, poets, hip hop dancers, puppeteers and more. There are also physically accessible show options.

This is the first public theatre show produced by Green Kids Inc., which has historically focused on environmental education in schools. As part of this initiative, Green Kids is partnering with community organizations, environmental NGOs and local businesses to create an interactive outdoor lobby where audiences can learn about environmental advocacy, active transportation and concrete actions like composting.

“This show is truly a mix of art and education. We are presenting an awesome spectacle, while giving our audience the opportunity to reflect on environmental issues in a gorgeous park setting,” said Daina Leitold, Executive Director of Green Kids Inc. and Co-Director/Designer of Bike and Circuses.

“Highlighting our connection to nature is paramount. The time spent in between performances - when audiences are enjoying the beauty of the parks - is a key part of the show.”

In keeping with Green Kids’ enduring green mandate, the creation and presentation of Bike and Circuses will be 100% carbon neutral. This means that the production is choosing eco-friendly materials and transportation while crafting the show. Almost all set, costumes and props will be discarded or second-hand items, and travel will be by foot, bike or transit as much as possible. The production will also do a comprehensive waste audit and offset minimal vehicle travel by audiences, performers, vendors and volunteers. Carbon Credit Capital will be assisting with the carbon footprint calculation and coordinating the carbon offset process. This will be Winnipeg’s first officially carbon neutral theatre event.

“Carbon neutrality really reflects the spirit of the show, and the priorities of Green Kids as a company,” said Co-Director/Designer Brenda McLean. “We’re extremely proud to be trailblazers in this area. Local theatres and ArtJunktion have been incredibly supportive – providing us with wood, costumes, fabric and set pieces to reuse. It’s been a true collaborative effort.”

In addition to public performances, Green Kids is also organizing a free K-12 school show on June 9 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. All Winnipeg schools are invited to participate. Space is limited.

## Show Details

### Individual Ticket Pricing

\$20 - Adults (plus fees)

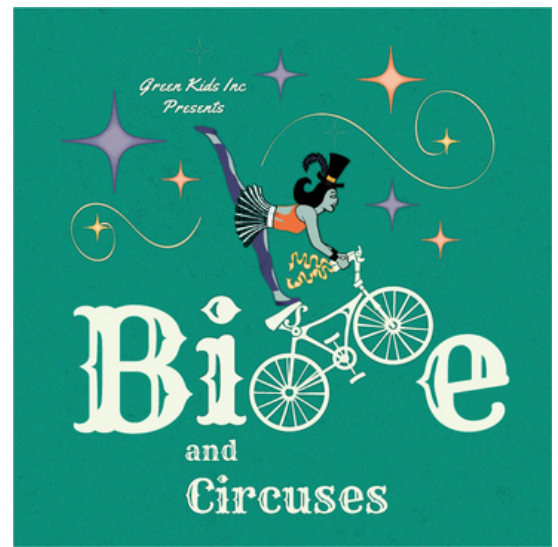
\$10 - Ages 6 - 17 and Underemployed Folks (plus fees)

FREE - 5 & Under

### Group Packages

10% Discount - Family Pack (4 tickets)

15% Discount - Group Rate (10 tickets)



**Bike Shows** (for fairly confident cyclists) - June 8, 9, 10, 11

**Walking / Slow Roll Show** (for pedestrians, folks pushing strollers and cyclists who prefer to go slowly like little learners) - June 12th matinée

**Physically Accessible Show** (for those who prefer a flat surface or may need to take a break in a chair along the way. The trail is wheelchair accessible) - June 12th evening

### Performers/Creators Include:

John Hirst Anderson, Eugene "GeNie" Baffoe, Emma Beach, Karrie Blackburn, Anaïs Bossé, Duncan Cox, Kara Joseph, Ady Kay, Duncan McGregor, Amber O'Reilly, Jean van der Merwe, Nathan Sawatzky-Dyck, Shanley Spence and Kiah Verinder.

Showtimes and other details can be found on the Bike and Circuses site:

<https://www.greenkids.com/general-3>

**Green Kids Inc.** is a live-theatre company dedicated to environmental education through performance! Our mission is to educate children, teachers and families on environmental issues and inspire them to be tomorrow's leaders by taking positive action towards protecting our environment. In the last 30 years, Green Kids has performed for over 1.4 million students from over 1,600 schools across Canada.

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