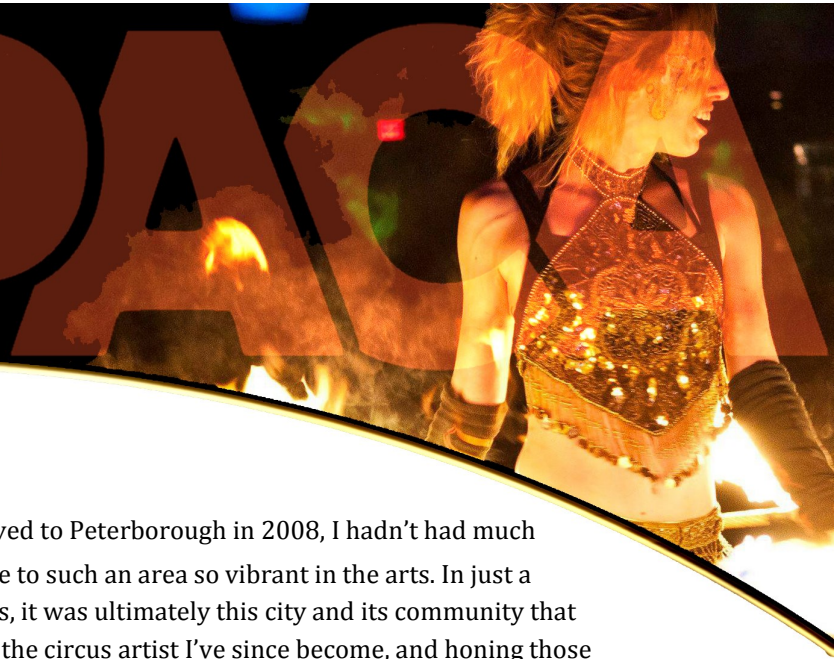


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**W**hen I first moved to Peterborough in 2008, I hadn't had much previous exposure to such an area so vibrant in the arts. In just a couple short years, it was ultimately this city and its community that nurtured me into the circus artist I've since become, and honing those skills have allowed me to travel far and wide, entertaining a plethora of people with imagination, creativity, movement, and expression. I'm often asked why I don't move on to a larger city and setup shop there, but the truth is I love this place: Peterborough, Market Hall, the artists and the community. This week has been the beginnings of a dream come true, because in working with your children I've been given the chance to ensure that Peterborough's next generation of artists will be just as every bit as creative, inspirational, talented, and multifaceted as the generation that taught me, if not more so. How wonderful it would be if one day somebody from our town could audition for the likes of Cirque Du Soleil and the National Circus School, and the auditors would say "Amazing! Vous devez avoir étudié à Peterborough." As the city of Stratford is to Shakespeare, it is my hope to one day capitalize on the raw artistic talent found here and elevate Peterborough to a similar status. This past week with your children have been such a wonderful set of inaugural first steps, and I hope to see them all again soon. Thank you for letting me spend this time with them.

I would like to thank Market Hall for helping to make this possible, as well as the assistant instructors for their time and expertise: Victoria, Simon, Brent, Patricia, Opal, Nicole, and The Other Simon... You guys were amazing!

*~Director's Note—Student Performance*



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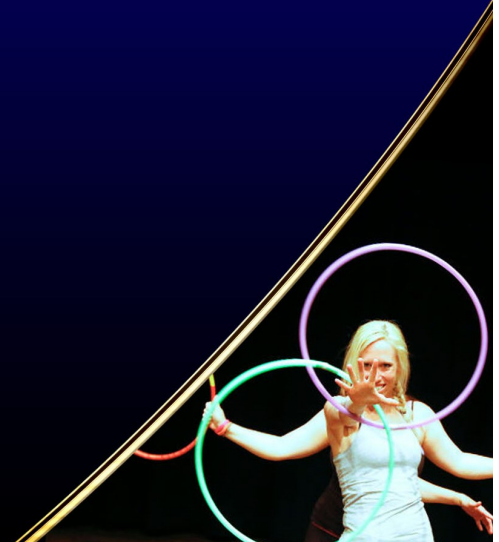
# **Volunteer for PACA!**



**PACA is seeking volunteers to assist with numerous events and activities coming up. We are predominantly looking for someone to assist with organizing our after party on opening night (we'll call that the party organizer) assisting backstage (we'll call those backstage hands.) and people who can help coordinate volunteers and handle communications. If interested, please contact [info@academyofcircus.org](mailto:info@academyofcircus.org)**

# Recreational Circus Camp at Market Hall

For the week of August 31st to September 4th, PACA put on its first recreational summer camp in Market Hall Performing Arts Centre. The camp was attended by 16 participants, aged 9-14 years old, many with a dance and gymnastics background. The program was supervised by PACA's Artistic Director, Thomas Vaccaro, featuring assistant instructors Victoria Wood for Hoop & Poi, Simon Cretin for Juggling, Brent Greenham for Handbalancing/acrobatics/hand-to-hand/pyramids, and Opal for Aerial Arts. The students each picked at least one discipline to present before their parents and family at the end of the week, compiling a 17 act show to an audience of 40 onlookers. True to the spirit of circus, the children were encouraged to express their own individuality and design pieces that were true to their own self-expression with minimal guidance.





# Circus Stellar!

A close-up photograph of a circus performer with a beard and a green headpiece. The performer is blowing a bright, vertical flame from their mouth. They are holding a thin, dark rod horizontally with their right hand, which is positioned just above the flame. The background is dark, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the performer's face and the flame.

**Strap yourselves in, because we're about to launch to the Moon and beyond! Circus Stellar, folks! PACA is proud to present their sophomore production out of Market Hall Performing Arts Centre November 5th and 6th of 2015. If you thought Circus Dreamland was dreamy, you'll be blown away by a super nova of interstellar exploration into the vast unknown of outer space and beyond. Returning Peterborough circus veterans, first-time recreational circus students, Participants from our social programs, a headliner from The National Circus School of Montreal, Projections by an award winning specialist, Makeup by facesby2, and a robot from a competitive combat robot designer! You will not want to miss this hyper-collaborative Big Bang of a show!!**

# Fundraising Nights

With the excitement for Circus Stellar coming up, what do you guys say we put some fun in FUN-draising? Boston Pizza in Peterborough has opened up to PACA to offer a “fundraising circus extravaganza night” at their two locations in Peterborough.

**5-8pm at the Chemong Location on September 16th**

**5-8pm at the Lansdowne Location on September 27th**

Here's how it works! We will perform sporadically for the patrons of Boston Pizza between the allotted times and speak to the guests. If we convince them to sign “PACA” on the backs of their restaurant bills, Boston Pizza will donate 10% of that bill to our organization, which we will put to overhead costs for Circus Stellar. If you have an interest in performing, please contact Thomas at [info@academyofcircus.org](mailto:info@academyofcircus.org) or just come out to Boston Pizza during those times, tell all your friends, and enjoy the show! Hope to see you there!

# Upcoming Peterborough PAC Classes

One of the most exciting things about this past summer with our social programs and recreational camps has been seeing the seeds planted for the next generation to take the reigns as they form their own artistic expression. To that end, if you are looking for a way for your child to continue their studies in the circus world, consider registering them at Peterborough PAC. More information can be found at [www.peterboroughpac.com](http://www.peterboroughpac.com) though the predominance of the program will feature circus arts, dance, and aerial acrobatics. Times are:

Friday	Saturday
4:15 – 5:15pm – 6-9 year olds	9:00 – 10:00am – 6-9 year olds
5:15 – 6:15pm – 9-12 year olds	10:00 – 11:00am – 9-12 year olds
6:15 – 7:15pm – 12-15 year olds	11:00 – 12:00pm – 12-15 year olds
7:15 – 8:15 pm – 15 and up	12:00 – 1:00pm – 15 and up

The program with the PAC runs throughout the year, from September to June with a year-end recital to showcase to families. Peterborough PAC can be found at 270 Milroy Drive, just off of Chemong Road, and their number they can be reached at is 705-775-2787 (ARTS).





# Recreational Circus Jams

Looking for a place to practice with others, have fun and socialize while you fling circus toys around? In case you didn't know, this sort of thing is exactly how PACA, The PyroFlys, and other circus groups in town were formed many years ago, and though they've been on hiatus for a while, we are ecstatic to say that thanks to Tegan Moss they are officially back. Circus Jams!!!

Thursday nights from 8-9:30!! Any and all flow arts circus disciplines welcome. While the first 45 minutes we can chat and communicate verbally, the last 45 minutes are silent and all communication must be done through flow, dance, or action. \$5 suggested donation, \$50 max for October to June. First Circus Jam begins October 1st. Hope to see you all there!



# Something to Look Forward To

## **SAMPLE: un salon des refusés**

a free catered multi-media happening  
enjoy eye-popping visuals, music, food,  
a unique art show and live performances

**Friday September 25, 2015 9pm - 2am**

**Electric City Gardens, 373 Queen Street  
Peterborough, Ontario, Canada**

**ART**  
curated by  
**Toby Tylor**

**VIDEO**  
Nim  
Lainsa  
VJ Guy  
Daniel Collins  
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