



CircusWest

SHEER VERVE

Expanding the Arts

CircusWest Needs Additional Space

After more than 30 years of training circus artists and delivering performances, CircusWest is expanding programming and offerings to new venues while continuing to grow collaborations and partnerships.

To do this, we need additional space.

PERFORMANCE SPACE

DREAM

Additional Space Needs

- Minimum 40 ft x 100 ft (12 m x 30 m) unobstructed level floor space
- Minimum 24 ft (7 m) ceiling height
- Exposed ceiling (not a dropped ceiling) with 500 lb (227 kg) per point capacity for training and performance rigging*
- Two multi-stall washrooms, change rooms (wheelchair accessible)
- Loading bay or large door for equipment access
- Ability to seat 350 audience members
- Reception, lobby and box office area (around 300 sq ft or 28 m²)
- Parking available on site or nearby
- Accessible by transit
- Security system or equivalent (e.g., fenced, controlled entrance point or security guards)
- Secure storage area

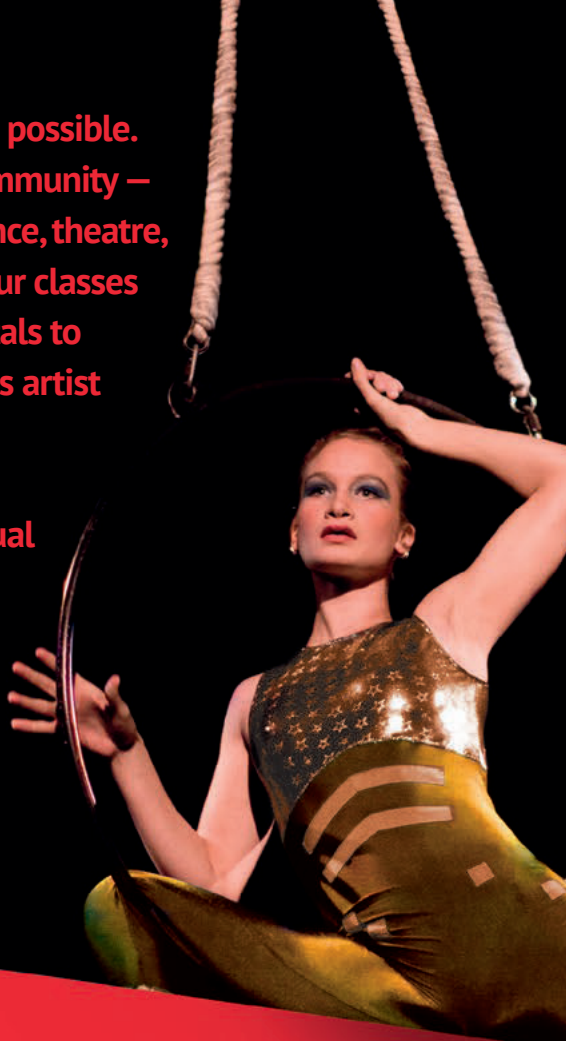
*Alternatively an interior structural frame, independent of the roof structure, could be erected within the building shell to support rigging.



DANCE STUDIO
TRAINING SPACE
BIG

CircusWest makes the impossible possible. More than art, CircusWest is a community – a meeting place of acrobatics, dance, theatre, sports, music and performance. Our classes range from circus arts fundamentals to comprehensive professional circus artist training and preparation.

Training is tailored to the individual artistic athlete while supporting them to be part of a larger ensemble in the community.



Inspire, Educate, Entertain.

CircusWest is BC's circus leader. We develop skills, build confidence, and inspire passion through circus arts training and performance. Our programs offer safe, non-competitive environments for participants of all ages and socio-economic groups. Our programs include:

- Circus arts training: CirKids (our popular child and youth program), specialty classes and programs for adults and teens, circus day camps, and circus workshops for schools, events and businesses.
- Performances at public, community and corporate events
- Collaborations with arts, learning and performance groups



CircusWest engages diverse communities and is accessible to all ages and abilities.

Western Canada's Circus Arts Leader



Circus is growing in popularity around the world and circus companies are flourishing. Cirque de Soleil for example, employs hundreds of performers and thousands of staff, staging performances around the world, and generates annual revenues in excess of \$800 million. Cirque de Soleil and other circus companies rely on professionally trained performers and staff, creating a demand for more circus schools to train emerging talents. Countless independent schools around the world offer circus arts training and education, and some countries—including Canada, the US, UK, France, and Australia—have established national circus schools.

Our not-for-profit organization generates 95% of its own income, with the other 5% coming from grants and donations. This high level of self-sufficiency reflects the growing popularity of circus, and CircusWest's standing within the many communities we serve. Numerous CircusWest graduates have pursued full-time circus studies in Canada and throughout the world. Several have become featured artists with Cirque de Soleil and other companies.

Everyone's Joining The Circus

CircusWest has grown exponentially since we moved into our current home at the PNE Garden Auditorium in 2003. Since then, we have grown 6 times in size. Now, we need more space to continue to grow and expand.

Dream Big with Us!



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Space Needs Initiative

Due to exponential growth since moving into the PNE Gardens, CircusWest is looking to develop a satellite location to expand our recreational, performance and professional programming, and to use as a performance venue for cabarets, events, and productions.

A new space will allow us to increase programming and continue to build community partnerships. We work with a huge variety of sports, arts and learning organizations. Our collaborations vary from innovative performances to sharing resources and training facilities. As leaders in the West Coast circus arts community, we're well-positioned to help shape BC's cultural landscape.

CircusWest Collaborates

Aeriosa Aerial Dance Society
American Circus Educators
Ballet BC
British Columbia Touring Council
Chilliwack Cultural Centre
Circus Lab & West Coast Flying Trapeze
City of Burnaby
City of Richmond
En Piste (National Professional Circus Alliance)
Gymnastics BC
Hastings-Sunrise Area Schools
Hastings North Business Partners Group
Jules Quesnel Elementary
Kiwassa Neighbourhood House
Light Water Drums Festival Society
Madskillz Juggling Festival

National Circus School (Montreal)
North Shore Light Opera Society
Pacific National Exhibition (PNE)
Richmond Children's Art Festival
Stratford Hall IB World School
Surrey Children's Festival
Theatre Under The Stars
Twenty Something Theatre Society
Vancouver Home Schoolers Network
Vancouver International Children's Festival
Vancouver International Dragon Boat Society
Vancouver Montessori School
Vancouver School Board
VANOC (Cultural Olympiad)
Whistler Arts Council
Whistler Children's Festival

Now we would like to collaborate with you.

Dream Big with Us!

We would love to discover the possibilities with you.

STEP RIGHT UP

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