



JASON Barnard (back) and Jacobus Claasen (front) performing a bounce juggling act.

Three generations of Zip Zap performers share stage for the first time

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THE Zip Zap Circus dream started more than three decades ago, but at its essence, it is still about the same goal today – connecting communities through circus arts to inspire and empower youth.

Zip Zap Circus invites audiences to be blown away by their latest show “Chasing Dreams” this month in a celebration of the journey, legacy, and future of Zip Zap.

“The dream started with just a trapeze bar, a costume box, and a rusty old car. We had no idea it would become this big. All we had in those early days was our passion and a sense of purpose. The plan was to just find a way to use our experience in the circus world to bring kids together while they play,” explains co-founder Brent van Rensburg.

“It boils down to hope. We wanted to give children from all communities a sense of hope for the future. Nelson Mandela (at the time) spoke of the Rainbow Nation, and I think we wanted to play our part in making that hope for a better future become a reality.”

Van Rensburg explains that this new performance will for the first time feature all the Zip Zap performers.

“The unforgettable new show brings together the full spectrum of Zip Zap’s extraordinary talent: the Zappers, our young performing troupe; the Dare2Dream students, committed to making circus their career; and our Professional troupe, who are conquering stages around the world.”

Audiences will get to see performers at every stage of their journey – those just beginning to chase their dreams, those who are turning dreams into reality, those who have, and who continue to push boundaries in pursuit of excellence, performing together in a seamless fusion of skill, passion, and heart.

Chasing Dreams promises a breathtaking display of jaw-dropping aerial acts, high-energy acrobatics, vibrant choreography, and unexpected surprises. Prepare for jaw-dropping aerial feats, high-energy acrobatics and explosive choreography in a show for all ages.

Follow The Dreamer, who wakes up, unsure if she’s still in a dream. She embarks on a journey through the acts, chasing her dreams and overcoming challenges along the way. After facing her fears and pushing her limits she achieves her ultimate goal – a daring double somersault to catch.

“This is a one-of-a-kind chance to experience the entire performing troupe of Zip Zap Circus in action. Whether you’re a longtime fan or a first-time visitor, Chasing Dreams will leave you inspired, amazed, and believing in the power of possibility,” said Van Rensburg.

The show has eight performances scheduled at the Dome in the Cape Town CBD on July 12 and 13 and July 19 and 20.

Children under 3 enter free.