



Big Top Snapshot!

Circus Oz is a legendary, world-famous, globe-roving icon. Our shows are raw, diverse, inspired, spectacular, fantastic for families, and very funny as well! For four weeks each year the Circus Oz Big Top sets up in Birrarung Marr, lighting up the city skyline creating a carnival-like atmosphere during Melbourne's winter. Exploding onto the Big Top stage in June 2010 is our new show starring our crew of highly skilled performers, with a clutch of new acts of non-stop energy, all set to the rocking sound of the live Circus Oz band.

Returning for its second year is the Circus Oz photography competition, Big Top Snapshot! The theme is "Circus Oz: See It To Believe It" and entrants are encouraged to be interpretative and creative in their approach.

WHO MAY ENTER:

Entrants can enter either of the following categories:

- Secondary school students: a student currently enrolled in an Australian secondary school
- Open: amateur photographers or film makers (including tertiary students) who derive less than 50% of their income from photography or film making.

Circus Oz staff and their immediate families, are not eligible to enter the competition.

WHAT TO ENTER:

Entrants must respond to the theme "Circus Oz: See It To Believe It" and can submit a maximum of two works in each category.

The two categories are:

- Still Photography: colour or black and white
- Short Film: the film can be created using animation, photography or film. Maximum length 2 mins.

JUDGING:

Judging will be based on composition, technique, content and creativity. The judging panel will include Mike Finch (Artistic Director of Circus Oz) and a representative from Michaels. Decisions of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

PRIZES:

Thanks to Michael's and Canon the following prizes will be awarded.

Winner of Secondary school Still Photography category:

\$300 Michaels/Canon Voucher and \$149 Michaels Media School Course Voucher

Winner of Secondary school Short Film category:

\$300 Michaels/Canon Voucher and \$149 Michaels Media School Course Voucher

Winner of Open Still Photo category:

\$300 Michaels/Canon Voucher and \$149 Michaels Equipment Hire Voucher

Winner of Open Short Film category:

\$300 Michaels/Canon Voucher and \$149 Michaels Equipment Hire Voucher

All winning and highly commended works will be part of an exhibition at Michaels in October 2010.



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HOW TO ENTER:

- Entry to the competition is free
- Entries close at 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday 31 August 2010. Late entries cannot be accepted.
- All entrants must complete an entry form (www.circusoz.com/bigtopsnapshot) and either email it to bigtopsnapshot@circusoz.com.au or mail it to Circus Oz, PO Box 504, Port Melbourne 3207.
- Entrants must upload their photograph or film to Flickr or YouTube.
 - Still photographs should be uploaded to the Circus Oz Big Top Snapshot Flickr group <http://www.flickr.com/groups/bigtopsnapshot2010>. All entries must be tagged 'Big Top Snapshot' and either 'secondary' or 'amatuer'. Please note that short listed entrants may be required to provide a higher resolution of their photograph for final judging.
 - Videos should be uploaded to YouTube as a video response to the Circus Oz Big Top Snapshot video at <http://www.youtube.com/user/circusoz>

KEY DATES:

- Tent set up scheduled to start week beginning 31 May (canvas due up on Thursday 3 June). Please note that Big Top Snapshot entrants are not allowed to enter the construction site.
- Media call: 16 June at 11am
- Closing date: 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday 31 August 2010
- Winners and highly commended entrants will be notified by Friday 17 September
- Exhibition of winners and highly commended works at Michaels from 1 October 2010

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Photographs or films that have won any prizes in any other competitions are not eligible.
- Up to two photos or short films per person per category can be entered.
- All applicants must complete an entry form for the work they are submitting.
- By entering the competition the entrant grants Circus Oz, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use, reproduce and communicate to the public the image for non-commercial, educational and promotional purposes. Any photograph/film reproduced will include an artist credit, where space permits.
- It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain any necessary permissions, including releases from people that appear in their photograph or film.
- The entrant must be the creator of the photograph or film and hold the copyright for the work.
- No responsibility is assumed for lost or late entries or corrupted digital files.
- All images and films are transmitted at the entrant's own risk, although care will be taken by Circus Oz. The entrant releases Circus Oz from liability for any damage to, or loss of, submitted material.
- Entrants must not enter the Big Top site during the Melbourne season out of performance opening hours and should refrain from taking risks to secure a good shot.
- Entrants are invited to attend the Circus Oz media call but must register their attendance with Circus Oz (please see media call information sheet).
- By entering Big Top Snapshot! you will be automatically registered to Mates of Circus Oz e-news.
- If an entry does not comply with the terms and conditions it will not be considered.