

## MEDIA RELEASE

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FAMILY EVENT

# Barely Contained at Darling Harbour

Circus Oz, Australia

Circus Oz Big Top, Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour  
December 30 – January 26

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*"A big shiny crowd-puller of a spectacle by the group that is at the top of its game"* The List, Edinburgh

*"Fast, funny and sexy...[Circus Oz is] guaranteed to bring out the awed inner child in the grumpiest adult"*  
The Australian

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The internationally acclaimed and undeniably Australian **Circus Oz** move into Tumbalong Park at Darling Harbour this January to present **Barely Contained** for Sydney Festival 2010.

Performed under their very own Big Top, **Barely Contained** is two hours of non-stop action – exquisitely executed aerial mastery, jaw dropping acrobatic performances and comedic mayhem – all driven by the dynamic, original and eclectic music of the all-new Circus Oz band.

Introducing some brand new performers, along with several familiar Circus Oz faces, this troupe of exciting and daring multi-skilled performers offer up a selection of irreverent characters, barely controlled chaos and stunt-jumping acrobatics that will have audience members – both young and old – on the edge of their seats.

The new Circus Oz show opens with the cast exquisitely dressed in the formal and opulent surroundings of a ballroom. But in true Circus Oz style, this elegant scene descends into a manic comic fiasco of absurd acrobatics and non-stop action with an explosive finale.

Featured acts include thrilling rubber limbed tumbling, duo juggling, chair balancing, teeterboard, hoop diving, group bike and amazing aerial rope performances.

For more than three decades Melbourne-based **Circus Oz** has travelled the globe and have been celebrated for its high-energy performances and larrikin spirit. From the Tivoli Gardens on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and a refugee camp on the West Bank, to Indigenous communities in the Australian desert and a glass opera house in the Brazilian rainforest, the troupe has visited over 26 countries across five continents.

The founding members of Circus Oz wanted to create a circus that could combine the traditional elements of circus tricks with elements of rock'n'roll, satire and theatre, all with a distinctly Australian signature. They wanted it to be funny, irreverent and spectacular and a celebration of the group as a bunch of multi-skilled individual women and men, rather than a hierarchy of stars. Thirty years on (and still with one of the original performers), this philosophy is still present and Circus Oz is thriving as a high-energy animal free "gleefully Australian" circus.

**Barley Contained** also performs at Adelaide Festival 2010 from February 24 – March 14.

Where	<b>Circus Oz Tent, Tumbalong Park</b> Darling Harbour
When	December 30 – January 26 Wednesday–Sunday Dec 30, Jan 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 7.30pm Dec 31 at 6pm Jan 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24 at 1.30pm Jan 26 at 12.30pm & 6pm
Duration	2hrs, including interval
Price	Premium Adult \$75 / \$65 Child \$40 Family (2 adults / 2 children) \$190 A Reserve Adult \$55 / \$45 Child \$30 Family (2 adults / 2 children) \$140 B Reserve Adult \$50 / \$40 Child \$25 Family (2 adults / 2 children) \$125
Bookings	Sydney Festival 1300 668 812 Ticketmaster 1300 723 038 Groups (10+) 02 8512 9020
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