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## The MONTE-CARLO International Circus Festival

### Big Competition of New Acts Presented

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**USPA NEWS** - After the unique 40th Festival jubilee, the 41st International Circus Festival returned in January 2017 with a big competition of new acts being presented for the first time in Monte-Carlo. From 19 to 29 January 2017, more than 120 artists from 16 countries performed under the Fontvieille Big Top...

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Created in 1974 by H.S.H. Prince Rainier III of Monaco, the International Circus Festival of Monte-Carlo has become the largest and most prestigious circus event in the world. It awards the most respected prize in the world of the circus, namely the «Golden Clown» (Clown d'Or) award. It is currently organized and presided by H.S.H. Princess Stéphanie of Monaco.

We attended the January 20, 2017 Competition Show presenting the Second Program.

The Jury was presented over by H.S.H. Princess Stéphanie and the Members were :

- \* M. Alexander GRIMAILO - Producer and Stage Director RUSSIA
- \* M. Li CHI - Artistic Director of the Chimelong Group CHINA
- \* Mrs Isabella ENOCH - Circus Director DENMARK
- \* Mrs Mutsumi OKI - Circus Tour Production JAPAN
- \* M. Clemens ZIPSE - Producer and owner of 'Dinner Show' GERMANY
- \* Mrs Liana ORFEI - Circus Director ITALY

Jury Junior International :

- \* Max AVITAL - BELGIUM
- \* Noa LURON - FRANCE
- \* Camilla VITALI - ITALY
- \* Rachel RANDRIANARIVONY - MADAGASCAR
- \* Lara GOMES MOUTINHO - PORTUGAL
- \* Clara FILLERY - UNITED KINGDOM

AWARDS :

- \* CLOWN D'OR : Troupe Trushin , Sky Angels
- \* CLOWN D'ARGENT : Troupe Acrobatique de Xianjiang, Chilly & Fly, Marek Jama, Erwin Frankello, Frères Zapashny
- \* CLOWN DE BRONZE : Troupe Gerlings, Sons Company, Troupe Holmikers, Mario Berousek, Alexandre Batuev, Troupe Skokov
- \* Special Award from the jury :OTTO WESSELY for his entire carrier and to ALEX MICHAEL
- \* Special Award for the Development of the Art of the Circus in Russia to ZAPASHNY Brothers
- \* Cup in Memory of PRINCESSE ANTOINETTE (to the youngest Artis of the Festival) to TRIO IZHEVSK

SPECIAL AWARDS

- \* TROPHÉE LOUIS MERLIN : Troupe Trushin

- \* FROM THE CITY OF MONACO : Alexandre Batuev
- \* CIRCUS FRIENDS MONEGASQUE ASSOCIATION : Otto Wessel
- \* NICE-MATIN / MONACO-MATIN Newspaper : Gustavo Sartori
- \* TMC MONTE-CARLO : Troupe Holmikers
- \* BLACKPOOL TOWER CIRCUS : Troupe Skokov
- \* CIRQUE DANS L'UNIVERS Review : Chilly & Fly
- \* SOCIETE DES BAINS DE MER HOTELS & CASINOS : Sons Company
- \* SOCIETE DES AUTEURS, COMPOSITEURS ET EDITEURS DE MUSIQUE : Sky Angels
- \* ERICH ROZEWICZ : Trio Izhevsk
  
- \* Z.P.R. FROM WARSAW : Marek Jama
- \* FAIRMONT MONTE-CARLO : Erwin Frankello
- \* EMILIEN BOUGLIONE : Marek Jama
- \* CIRQUE D'HIVER BOUGLIONE : Tom & Pepe
- \* SELLSCHAFT DER CIRCUSFREUNDE E.V. (German Circus Friends Association) : Wolf Brothers
- \* ITALIAN CIRCUS FRIENDS : Rich Miteku
- \* STUDIO GRIMAILO MOSCOW : Otto Wessely
- \* EUROPEAN CIRCUS ASSOCIATION (E.C.A.) : Daris Huesca & Enrico Caroli
- \* NATIONAL COUNCIL : Acrobatic Troupe from Xianjiang
- \* JURY JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL MONACO INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT : Erwin Frankello
  
- \* JEROME MEDRANO : Wolf Brothers
- \* NIKULIN MOSCOW CIRCUS : Zapashny Brothers
- \* STARDUST CIRCUS INTERNATIONAL : Duo Hand 2 Stand
- \* KOBISOV CIRCUS : Marek Jama
- \* MOIRA ORFEI : Alex Michael
- \* GANDEY : Sky Angels
- \* BOLSHOI CIRCUS "" GREAT MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS : Troupe Gerlings
- \* ROSGOSCIRK : Alexandre Batuev
- \* FORUM DE LA PASTORAL : Duo Emotion
- \* GREAT WORLD CUP "" CHINA ACROBATS ASSOCIATION : Zapashny Brothers
  
- \* SWISS CIRCUS FRIENDS : Reto Parolari
- \* DOUROV THEATER MOSCOW : Erwin Frankello
- \* MONACO INTER-EXPO : Bayramukov Troupe
- \* TEATRO FROM MUNICH : Olimpos Brothers
- \* NANDO ORFEI : Skokov Troupe
- \* FROM THE PUBLIC : Erwin Frankello
- \* CHIMELONG GROUP : Mario Berousek

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