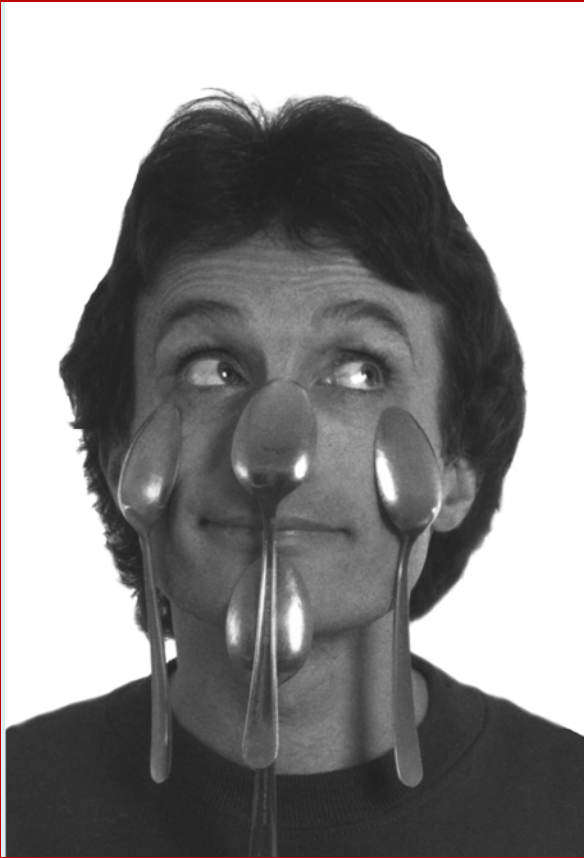


Rick Davis Offers

“CIRCUS PLAY DATE” in Temple



Celebrated comic and clown Rick Davis will conduct a “Circus Play Date” in Temple on Sat., May 9, from 2 to 4 pm at the Town Hall.

Every American kid dreams of running away with the circus! And on Sat., May 9, kids of all ages will become circus performers for a day at Rick Davis’s fabulous “Circus Play Date” in Temple. During the “Play Date” workshop, scheduled from 2 to 4 pm in the Temple Town Hall, renowned comic and clown Rick Davis will share secrets of coveted circus skills gleaned from his lifelong career with Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey, and show biz.

Parents, grandparents, and youngsters will all join in the fun during the two-hour workshop, learning the delights of juggling, diabolos, plate spinning, balancing, devil sticks, tight wire, acrobatics, magic, and clowning. A refreshment break will follow the workshop, after which Davis will present his renowned one-man act “Totally Useless Skills.”

Rick Davis's Circus Play Date is sponsored by the Mansfield Public Library, and revenues will benefit the library’s Building Fund. Admission is a suggested donation of \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 15 & under.

Davis joined the circus after graduating from college with a BA in philosophy (his first useless skill). “After Philosophy, the circus is a perfectly logical step!” Rick declares. In addition to Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey, his career has included performing at Walt Disney World and the White House, and on

Broadway. The former star of the educational television show Felix the Cat, Rick has toured 15 countries. He has appeared at Radio City Music Hall, on Bill Cosby's You Bet Your Life, and on numerous television talk shows, and is a regular on America’s Funniest People. He is a school residency director for Circus Smirkus and a member of the board of the American Youth Circus Organization.

In addition, Davis is the author of 3 books on Totally Useless Skills and the founder of the famous Institute of Totally Useless Skills. He holds a degree in Philosophy (his first useless skill), and lives in Temple with his wife, Jackie, and their children, who tolerate his compulsive, expulsive, and repulsive singing.

Rick and Jackie are co-directors of Silver Lining Circus Camp, based in Temple. In weekly 5-day sessions campers of all skill levels discover that they can do things they never thought they could do – and have fun! For information about this year’s schedule, call 603-654-5875, or go to www.circuslearning.com.

For more information about Rick Davis’s Circus Play Date in Temple on May 9, call 878-3100.