

# Circus Creatives UNITE

A weekly zoom call for circus creatives to join together and fan the flames of each other's visions.

**Meeting time:** Sundays at 9am Pacific U.S. / 12pm Eastern U.S. / 5pm London

## **Who is this group for?**

This group is for people who are actively creating, producing, or developing new projects. Whether it's a solo act, a community project, a new show, an invented apparatus, or any kind of circus related art creation. This group is NOT for discussion around circus instruction or general training. Those who are interested in joining the weekly calls should be committed to fostering a reciprocal relationship to other members of the group. This means actively listening and supporting the other members and projects in addition to gaining support and encouragement on your own project. Our goal for this group is to foster community, accountability, networking and support.

## **Communication**

We will all be on a whatsapp group chat together. This chat can be used for scheduling updates and also posting updates, inspiration, and encouragement for one another. It is totally possible to be on the WhatsApp group and turn off notifications if you're worried about too many messages. You are also welcome to join the meetings without being on the group, however you may miss out on schedule updates or logistical information.

## **What happens on the group calls?**

The meeting will be limited to a one hour time frame to respect the time of everyone on the call.

The calls will begin with individual introductions where each person present has the opportunity to briefly share about who they are and any creative projects they are working on. These introductions will be limited to 3 min each. If there is a large group on the call, we may do introductions via the chat box.

Each week there will be a different speaker from the group. This speaker will be arranged ahead of time and will choose a topic to focus on for the weekly call. The speaker will have 15 min to speak about the subject they've chosen. The next 20 to 30 mins will be for discussion or group creative prompts or exercises. (Non-physical, for example mind mapping or partnering off and having pre-assigned topics to discuss with your partner)

At the end of the call we will open it up to networking and support requests (members directly communicating specific needs to the group that will support them in their goals). Then we will end the call with a vision statement (big picture) and action step (stepping stone) for that week.

## **Does this cost anything?**

No, the meetings are completely free. This is facilitated by Paper Doll Militia as an offering and a way to hold space for the creative community. All that we ask is that those who take part show up fully present and ready to give as well as receive. The goal is for these meetings to inspire and elevate all who participate, and to help support one another in realizing our visions.