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From the producer and creators of  
*The Scooty & JoJo Show's Carpenters Halloween and Diva Brunch*

**BigTop JoJo and his Towering Show of Wonder  
invites you to**

**CIRCUS SALON @ CIRCUIT NIGHTCLUB, JULY 11  
&  
CIRCUS SALON @ DARKROOM, JULY 13**

**WHAT:** BigTop JoJo and his Towering Show of Wonder celebrates the freak inside each of us with a fantastical caravan of audacious performers and mythical creatures hosting *Circus Salon*, our first of many outrageous carnival shows, throughout the Chicago.

*Circus Salon* offers audiences a casual experience to "peek behind the curtain," see acts and design elements in development, witness auditions for the *Phenomenal Phantasmagoria* (our upcoming BigTop event), and socialize with the creators and performers in the Towering Show of Wonder.

**WHY:** Transforming dance and rock clubs and other unconventional venues into mystical midways, this new invention in entertainment from the Chicago-based creators of *Carpenters Halloween* and *Diva Brunch* offers adventurous audiences an experiential extravaganza of magic and music, dancing and dreamscapes, comedy and curiosities.

**WHERE:** **Circus Salon @ Circuit Nightclub**, 3641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 11, 2010, 7pm

**TICKETS:** Admission: \$10; tickets available at the door; Age: 21+

**DESCRIPTIVE:** Join BigTop JoJo (and hostess Scooty as Carny Cooze!) at one of Chicago's hottest dance venues where freaks and friends of the Towering Show of Wonder mix it up for our premiere club salon.

**Specialty Acts include** pop performance artist Lady Jack, female and male belly dancers Laila Lee and Lee Na, juggling phenomenon Dharmesh Bhagat, glow/fire poi artists Ellie Sorokin and Ryan Brandoff, and more. The performing artists and puppeteers who make up BigTop's Family of Freaks include Boss Clown Sam Brown, Colin Creveling, Jenn Dollface, Naomi Finkelstein, Tom Hill, Hilary Holbrook, Allison Logan, Paul Lopez, Virginia Martinez, Shaw Nigro, Jeff Pressley, Ashley Sherburne, Ellie Sorokin, Brett Tewell, Mark Umstatt, and Noel Williams.

**WHERE:** **Circus Salon @ darkroom**, 2210 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 7pm

**TICKETS:** Admission: \$10; tickets available at the door; Age: 21+

**DESCRIPTIVES:** Experience an intimate salon of freakish proportions at this swanky gallery lounge where the sideshow acts take center stage.

**Specialty Acts include** card readings by mystic John Sacelli, burlesque queen Deb Webb, dueling straight-jacket escapes by Tom Hill and Jeffrey Pressley, juggling comedian Brad French, and more. The performing artists and puppeteers who make up the Family of Freaks include Boss Clown Sam Brown, Colin Creveling, Jenn Dollface, Naomi Finkelstein, Tom Hill, Hilary Holbrook, Allison Logan, Paul Lopez, Virginia Martinez, Shaw Nigro, Jeff Pressley, Ashley Sherburne, Ellie Sorokin, Brett Tewell, Mark Umstattd, and Noel Williams.

For further details and complete artist biographies, visit the website [www.bigtopjojo.com](http://www.bigtopjojo.com).

**HOW:** Premiering the end of June, 2010, BigTop JoJo and his Towering Show of Wonder began his tour of nightclubs, music venues, festivals, and unconventional public spaces with innovative evenings of both center-ring and sideshow entertainments interwoven with fantastical storytelling, puppetry, original music, and a revolving roster of celebrity performers and specialty acts from the worlds of circus, burlesque, theatre, and music.

BigTop JoJo and His Towering Show of Wonder offer audiences two formats in which to engage with the show and performers - *Circus Salon* and the *Phenomenal Phantasmagoria*. *Circus Salon* offer audiences a more casual experience to "peek behind the curtain," see acts in development, witness auditions for the *Phenomenal Phantasmagoria*, and socialize with the creators and performers in the Towering Show of Wonder. The *Phenomenal Phantasmagoria* is the Towering Show of Wonder's full-tilt evening of entertainment featuring BigTop JoJo's Family of Freaks as well as a revolving roster of celebrity and specialty acts. Dates and venues for the initial *Phenomenal Phantasmagoria* are to be announced shortly.

BigTop JoJo is the fictitious ringmaster of the Towering Show of Wonder. He is an entertainer of exaggerated proportions who embraces the freak in everyone and celebrates the freak within him. In his travels, he has met the magnificent and terrifying souls who are now permanent companions on his journey: the turtle boy, the mermaid, the woman made of lava rock, the emperor from a land where human and plant life comingle, and others. Their stories compose the spectacular phantasmagoria on which The Towering Show of Wonder revolves.

The mythology of the fictional BigTop JoJo and his Family of Freaks who travel the world with their caravan of curiosities is being developed by producer/creator Jonny Stax with theatrical director Cheryl Snodgrass, a core ensemble of performers and puppeteers, a diverse team of designers led by The Scooty & JoJo Show's Scott Bradley, and with contributions from selected writers and composers from around the country.

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