



TE MĀWHAIWHAI YOUTH CIRCUS COMPANY

What is Te Māwhaiwhai?

Te Māwhaiwhai is The Dust Palace's new youth circus company. Te Māwhaiwhai is established to nurture and support the creativity of young, up-and-coming circus talent and help them become key forces in growing a positive, collaborative and supportive circus culture in Aotearoa.

Company Members attend their own company class in which they focus on performance skills, creative tools, and learning specialist circus disciplines. This class also becomes a place for creation and rehearsal of upcoming performances and projects. All company members also attend at least one other circus class to boost their development of physical skills.

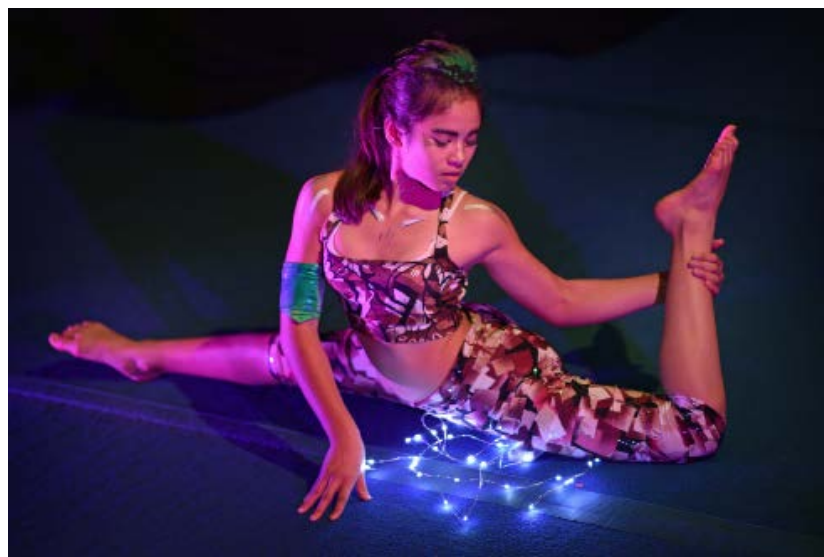
Who's it for? 10-18 year old circus enthusiasts.

What makes it special?

Te Māwhaiwhai is a group of talented and enthusiastic young circus artists who are hungry to dedicate themselves to learning and developing in their craft.

How is it different to youth classes?

Being part of a company is a commitment above and beyond the recreational classes and requires the student to be engaged and invested in their own training, development and growth as a circus performer. While we support an individual's growth, we also want to promote teamwork, group collaboration and having trust in your peers.



What is the cost?

Te Māwhaiwhai youth circus company involvement is at least 2 classes per week; the company class, and one other circus class which is relevant to your level. This can be purchased as the 2 classes per week youth term pack, available through our booking site. If you are doing multiple other classes you can use the 3 class per week term pack or the Ivan the red deal to suit your needs, please note that the more classes you take, the cheaper the per class price becomes. If cost is a barrier to you, please do get in touch because we do have scholarships and other financial options available.



What are our core values?

Te Māwhaiwhai is based around seven core values listed below:

- **Safety:** The safety of our youth and rangatahi is paramount. This goes beyond the physical safety involved in doing aerials and other risk based activities, and extends into the realm of emotional safety. We want our youth to feel safe to express themselves and also provide a supportive environment where failure is an important (and totally normal) part of the creative process.
- **Inclusivity:** Everyone is accepted as they are, this includes how they are doing on each day and in the larger context of their circus journey. Acceptance and inclusivity allows a space for growth.
- **Courage:** Being brave and pushing the comfort zone both physically and emotionally. We want to encourage our rangatahi to recognise their inner strength and be able to share this with their peers.
- **Fun:** A huge part of circus is about being a master of fun! At the end of the day, if we aren't having fun, what are we even doing it for?!
- **Relevance:** We will practice circus and create art that is relevant for youth and the audiences they are presenting to so that we stay connected to and are leaders in the growth of circus culture in New Zealand.
- **Collaboration:** Collaboration is an exciting and non-competitive way to increase skill-sets and make new friends. Collaboration within the youth company and outside of it are enthusiastically encouraged.
- **Celebration:** All wins big or small are celebrated. Personal growth and artistic development are celebrated just as much (if not more) than getting the 'cool trick'. Youth are encouraged to be aware of their own growth, and the growth of the group.

