



## Entertainment for all when Shrine Circus opens May 4

*With only seven performances total, the public is urged to get tickets now*

**WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages, prepare to be dazzled as the greatest show on Memorial Avenue opens for seven fun-filled performances on Thursday, May 4.

Once again, the Melha Shriners are throwing open the doors to four days of wholesome, affordable family fun in the safe environment of the Big E Coliseum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition. Fans are advised to purchase tickets right away, as the 63rd [Melha Shrine Circus](#) is only in town until Sunday, May 7.

Back and “Better Than Ever,” the circus begins with a grand entry at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. Inside, circus-goers will enjoy edge-of-your-seat entertainment from The Hamid Elephants, The Vincent Von Duke Tigers, Daredevil Johnny Rockett, Human Cannonball Shawn Marren, The Flying Angels trapeze artists, and Neecha Braun and her Amazing Dobermans.

### **The circus schedule will be as follows:**

- **Thursday, May 4:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 5:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 6:** 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 7:** 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

*Note: When ordering tickets, please indicate if a ticketholder uses a wheelchair or requires special assistance; the Shriners will make every effort to accommodate attendees’ needs. In such situations, there will be room for only **one other person** to sit with the ticketholder.*

### **How to purchase Shrine Circus tickets:**

- Online: [melhashrinecircus.com](http://melhashrinecircus.com) (available until 5 p.m., May 3)
- By phone: (413) 205-5087
- At the Eastern States Coliseum box office, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield: Daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- At all Western Massachusetts Big Y locations: Special promotion—buy three reserved seats/get one free!

On performance days the box office will remain open until 9:00 p.m. Prices are \$15 for general reserved seats and \$18 for box seats (no discounts apply to box seats). Children under age 3 seated on an adult’s lap do not need a ticket.

As always, all proceeds from this annual tradition of family fun stay in the western Massachusetts area to assist the good work of the Shriners.

***About the Melha Shriners***

Shriners International is a philanthropic fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. With approximately 325,000 members in 194 temples (chapters) in the United States, Canada, Germany, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Republic of Panama, our fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life. More information about Shriners International can be found at [shrinershq.org](http://shrinershq.org). For more information about the local area Shriners call the Melha Shrine Center located at 133 Longhill Street in Springfield, at (413) 736-3647, or visit the web site at [melhashriners.com](http://melhashriners.com).

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