



ADVANCED TICKETS TO 2016 SHRINE CIRCUS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

"Circus with a Purpose" Returns in April 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages, western Massachusetts' most anticipated annual circus event is coming! From Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1 the Shriners will once again be presenting good, affordable, wholesome family entertainment in a safe environment when the Shrine Circus comes to the Eastern States Coliseum in West Springfield.

Although the box office doesn't open until Saturday, April 16, advanced tickets can now be purchased online at melhashrinecircus.com. Families will be able to purchase tickets, regularly priced at \$15 to reserve the best available seats for the performance of their choice, or take in all the action from box seats for \$18. (Children under age 3 seated on an adult's lap do not need a ticket. No additional discounts will apply.)

Schedule of 2016 Performances:

- **Thursday, April 28:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, April 29:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 30:** 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 1:** 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets ordered prior to Monday, April 11 will be mailed to the customer's billing address. Tickets ordered *after* April 11 will be available at the box office during regular business hours, 24 hours after the order was placed online, or at the will call booth on the day of performance. Please present a receipt or photo I.D. when picking up tickets.

Ways to Purchase Shrine Circus Tickets:

- By phone: (413) 205.5087 starting Saturday, April 16
- At the box office: Daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting Saturday, April 16
- Online: melhashrinecircus.com (available March 1)
- Discounted coupons will be available at all western Massachusetts Big Y locations (Thursday, March 31 – Sunday, May 1) – buy three reserved seats/get one free!

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

The "Circus with a Purpose" uses all proceeds to support the good work of the Shriners right here in western Massachusetts communities. Last year, thousands of families turned out to enjoy the circus and the quality entertainment that local residents look forward to year-after-year. This year's circus is certain to draw large crowds once again.

The Shriners thank the public for their support, and invite everyone to join them in celebrating this year's "Circus with a Purpose."

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. 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.

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