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About Circo de los Niños de San Pancho

What began in 2011 as a two-week workshop to introduce Circus Arts to a group of children at a local community center in San Pancho (San Francisco, Nayarit) , Circo de los Niños has now evolved into a comprehensive training program for over 100 students in all Circus disciplines and performing arts.

Founded by Gilles St. Croix (co-creator of Cirque du Soleil) and his wife Monique Voyer, Circo de los Niños de San Pancho, AC is a non profit organization designed to encourage artistic, technical and personal development of each child through a wholistic yet high quality approach to teaching various disciplines of Circus as well as Dance. A generous donation of professional equipment from the Cirque du Soleil made it possible to install a state of the art Circus school and performance space for the community.

Activities include a ten-week training cycle in all disciplines of the Circus Arts for children 8-19 years old, Initiation classes for 5-7 years old and Circo Bebe workshops with 3-4 year olds. Classes also include Classic Dance, Jazz, Hip Hop. Open enrollment is for local residents as well as visitors. However, space available will depend on each cycle and observation of Program Coordinators and Instructors.

Subsidized by support of its founders and private donors, the cost to the local community is very accesible. An Annual Contribution Fund offers potential supporters an opportunity to donate to this unique and worthwhile project. A model for quality youth arts development, the program combines the importance of the physical and technical advancement along with oportunites to develop social and interpersonal skills of the child and young adult.

## Public Activities & Events

In addition to its training program for children and teenagers, Circo de los Niños offers a variety of activities for adults such as classes in Dance and Circus Arts, as well as specially scheduled workshops and Master Classes such as Mime and Clown, Acrobatics and Theater.

Non-students also enjoy the many events at Circo de los Niños such as the monthly Dance Party gatherings that promote live music in its own dance hall, as well as specially scheduled theatrical and performance events throughout the season. Annually, the students of its Circus program perform for a general audience in a professional production directed by Gilles St. Croix and designed with the help of his wife ,Monique Voyer . Joined by a team of professionals invited to create a uniquely spectacular theatrical and cultural experience for all ages. These yearly shows (among other events in the space) are fundraisers to help sustain its annual program.

## Where is it located?

Circo de los Niños de San Pancho's home is inside one of the historical warehouses previously operated as agro-industrial facilities in the 70's. Renovated in 2014, the Bodega Circo is home to the Project and is located near the entrance of the town San Pancho (San Francisco, Nayarit)

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