

# Run away to the circus with MCQP

Creative Director Peter Hayes and a team of Cape Town's hottest artists and kick-ass performers are promising that this year's Mother City Queer Project (MCQP) bash, with the theme, "It's a circus", will be taken to the max.

Ratanga Junction theme park will be transformed on 17 December, when the anticipated 5,000 partygoers flick-flak through the gates for an evening of entertainment quite unlike anything they've ever experienced this side of the pink curtain or any other curtain.

"The most spectacular element of every MCQP Party is the costumes - the time, effort and creativity of the partygoers is awesome. This year though, we want people to feel their efforts are mondo-rewarded," said Hayes. "Gaytravel SA have sponsored an awesome trip for two to Buenos Aires for the best costume."

They're making sure the rest of the line-up will impress even the most hardened party cynics. Ever dreamt of running away to join the circus? Here's your chance. "Just don't tumble your way to disappointment - get your tickets now," Hayes advised.

MCQP's primary aim is to bring hetero-, homo- and every other flavour of sexuals together in a joyous, celebratory and unifying way, to prove that the differences are simply part of any city's valuable cultural richness - making this year's theme particularly apt. "MCQP is a party where you arrive in teams of two or more - how you leave is your choice! Start planning now," Hayes recommended.

"Of course, we have Circus performers - it would have been odd not to. But then there are a few of the more old-fashioned side-show, freak-show carnival elements ... such as the Kissing Booth, the Tattooed Lady, live suspension and music - let's not forget the music."

The hottest line-up of DJ's in South Africa, plus bands and singers, have been laid on to create goose-bumps big enough to see through all that lycra.

"Categorically, this is not the party where you arrive fashionably late. There will be way too much art to see, rides to get the heart rate up, performances to enjoy, games to play, gorgeous people to flirt with, costumes to be amazed at - get in at 9, get on and get off!" said Hayes.

Are you multitasking? Are you sewing your costume while you read this? "Time is short and ... the more divine your costume the more fun you'll have and the more hot people you'll meet on the night," reasoned Hayes.

**Costume ideas, courtesy of MCQP**

Hayes was kind enough to share (with a wink) a few costume meeting key words as inspiration for all potential party-goers.

Afro Acrobats & Asexual Animal Trainers, Bisexual Bongo Bearded Ladies, Colossal Catchers & Comely Contortionists, Clowns & Dopey Disco Dwarves hit on Ecstatic Erotic Elasto Girls, Funky Fudge Packers & Flying Freaks flirting with Gorgeous Glamorous Go-Go Grotesques, Huge Hard Hot Dogs, Ironic Indie Intoxicators with Jammin' Joyous Jugglers, while Kinky Kickin' Drag Kings lick Luscious Lesbian Lion Tamers, Macho Mustachioed Poodle Trannies, Naked Nostalgic Novelties observe Orgasmic Off-beat Onlookers, Pendulous Porno Popcorn Protégés & Queenly Quick Queers ride Risqué Raw Rough-and-Tumblers, Saw Dust Strong Men, Terrific Tattooed Trapeze Troupes unzip Uninhibited Unrivalled Unicyclists, Vintage Voluptuous Venturesome Vocalists, whip Willing Web Masters, Xtra large Big Tops yank Yodeling Yearning Youth, and the Zaniest Party Goers at their Zealous Zenith!

Besides polka-dotted fabric, orange wigs, sewing needles and duct tape, tickets are flying out of the stores faster than those tight-bodied artists off their trapeze bars at R150 for a standard ticket and R250 for ringside seats (at Computicket nationwide). A percentage of ticket sales goes to Zip Zap Circus Young Adults Training Programme.

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