



Phare, The Cambodian Circus

About Phare



Uniquely Cambodian. Daringly Modern. More than just a circus, Phare, the Cambodian Circus performers use theater, music, dance and modern circus arts to tell uniquely Cambodian stories; historical, folk and modern. The young circus artists will astonish you with their energy, emotion, enthusiasm and talent.



Phare artists are graduates of the Phare Ponleu Selpak Circus School in Battambang, Cambodia. The school was founded in 1994 by nine young men returning home from a refugee camp after the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime. They had taken art therapy courses at the camp and wanted to share the power of art to heal among the poor, socially deprived and troubled youth in Battambang. They started with drawing classes taught to a handful of students. Soon they opened a public school, then a music school, theatre school and circus school. Today more than 1,200 pupils attend the public school daily and 500 attend the vocational arts training programs.

In 2013, the school created Phare, The Cambodian Circus as a social enterprise based in Siem Reap, Cambodia, home to Angkor Wat and one of the fastest growing tourist destinations in the world. The mission was to create job opportunities for graduates of the circus and art schools and give back almost 75% of its profits to support the school's programming. Phare, The Cambodia Circus performs nightly under a big top in Siem Reap and has been seen by tens of thousands of people. Their productions have also toured extensively across Europe.



September 2015 will see Phare's first tour to the United States as the show "Khmer Metal" has been invited by Ringling, the name synonymous with circus in the U.S. to perform at the Ringling International Arts Festival at their big top in Sarasota, Florida. Their 7-week tour begins in Los Angeles, California from September 14, brings them to Sarasota on October 15 and up the East Coast until November 2.



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Here are the clips from Khmer Metal, Sokha and a teaser about Circus act & Khmer-style rock and roll

Khmer Metal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51lo7siQxOU>

Sokha: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GVth2UdmMg>

Circus act & Khmer-style rock and roll: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n203tmMmy3s>

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