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SWEET CAN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
“MITTENS AND MISTLETOE: A WINTER CIRCUS CABARET”
December 21-24, 2012
Limited holiday engagement!

San Francisco, CA (November 12, 2012) -- Start a new holiday tradition and savor the season with something a little sweet (but oh so good for you). The Bay Area's homegrown **Sweet Can Productions** presents a new intimate theatrical circus experience with **MITTENS AND MISTLETOE: A WINTER CIRCUS CABARET**. **MITTENS AND MISTLETOE** plays for a limited engagement **December 21-24** at **Dance Mission Theater** (3316 24th St. in San Francisco). For tickets (\$20 adults; \$15 children) and information, the public may call **415-225-7281**, visit **brownpapertickets.com** or **sweetcanproductions.com**.

This astonishing production, a charming, light-hearted, variety program suitable for all ages, features the innovative clowning and acrobatics of some of the Bay Area's most talented theatrical circus artists (including **Eli Cherweznik**, **Beth Clarke**, **Eli Halperin**, **Kerri Kresinski**, **SAM Luckey**, **Karen Quest**, **Matt White**, and **Tera Zarra**) in an unforgettable program that will amaze, delight, and inspire the entire family. **MITTENS AND MISTLETOE**, directed by award-winning clown duo **Coventry & Kaluza**, features live music from **Josh Garey** and **Tera Zarra**, comedy performances, and performances on trapeze, slack rope, Cyr wheel, and juggling.

Clown duo **Coventry & Kaluza** have developed a unique blend of comical characters, music and circus skills; this is their second year directing **MITTENS AND MISTLETOE**. Clown school sweethearts, this award-winning comedy duo has been seen throughout the Bay Area and beyond, in France, Spain, in the ring with Circus Bella, onstage with Sweet Can, Circus Finelli, Circus of Sound, and the New Pickle Circus, among others. Coventry & Kaluza have also directed many youth circus projects. Jamie Coventry has a background in theater, music and education. He attended the Clown Conservatory at the SF Circus

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Center, and has developed his own show about his experience as a clown. He also formed Tin Sandwich, a neo-vaudevillian harmonica ensemble that plays blues, jazz, pop, Balkan, and Tango. Natasha Kaluza attended the Clown Conservatory at the SF Circus Center, and studies voice at the Jazz School in Berkeley. She is perhaps best known for her signature style of hula hooping which incorporates “B-girling” and funk dancing.

Josh Garey and **Tera Zarra** provide music for **MITTENS AND MISTLETOE**. Josh Garey has played music onstage and in recording studios for over 20 years. His repertoire includes everything from reggae to rock, hip-hop to funk, swing, jazz, and electronica. He has been a member of Comfy Chair, Sun House, and The Gun and Doll Show., among others. In addition to being a strong woman, acrobat, and aerialist, Tera Nova Zarra is a trained opera, jazz, and rock singer. She has recorded backing vocals for Shock G of Digital Underground, and her ninja rock band, Fist of Dishonor, toured with Vanilla Ice.

The mission of **Sweet Can Productions** is to create intimate, heartfelt performances in which the audience and performer easily connect. Sweet Can presents the circus performer as a human being, and uses the performer’s circus skills to make connections by demonstrating the shared emotional experiences that unite us all. Formed in 2006 at the San Francisco Circus Center by founding members Beth Clarke, Kerri Kresinski, and Daniela Steiner, Sweet Can was established with the artistic goal to bridge the gap between traditional circus and theater. Where most Bay Area circus performers were resigned to performing in night clubs, at corporate events, as incidental performers for major theatrical productions, or at non-professional community events, Sweet Can Productions wanted to allow for complete artistic expression, and embarked upon creating a production rooted in traditional circus, theater techniques, and improvisation, creating an intimate theatrical circus experience in which circus artists provide stage substance and not merely stage decoration.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS

WHAT:

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WHEN:

December 21-24, 2012

WHERE:

Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th St. (at Mission)

SHOWS:

Friday, December 21, 8pm

Saturday, December 22, 4pm

Sunday, December 23, 2pm and 4pm

Monday, December 24, 2pm and 4pm

TICKETS:

For tickets (\$40-60 VIP seating; \$20 adults; \$15 children), the public may call **415-225-7281** or visit **brownpapertickets.com**; for more information visit **sweetcanproductions.com**

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