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THE SHELDON ART GALLERIES CELEBRATES CIRCUS HARMONY WITH PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Circus Harmony: Defying Gravity and Other Limitations*, March 3 – September 23, 2017 in the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery. **An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, March 3 from 5 – 7 p.m.** Galleries are open until 9 p.m. for First Fridays in Grand Center. The Sheldon Art Galleries are open Tuesdays, Noon – 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Fridays, Noon – 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and one hour prior to Sheldon performances and during intermission. Admission is free. For more information on exhibitions, visit the galleries' website at TheSheldon.org. *The exhibition is made possible by Nina Needleman.*

Performance: Friday, March 3, 2017, 6 p.m. Members of Circus Harmony will present a short performance at the opening reception, Kemper Atrium.



Through exceptional photography by Ron Anderson, Jessica Hentoff, Susan Pittman and others, this exhibit celebrates Circus Harmony's work helping children defy gravity and other limitations by capturing circus moments from 2006 through the present. The non-profit social circus uses circus arts to motivate social change by inspiring individuals and connecting communities with their circus education and entertainment programs.

Circus Harmony's programs teach valuable life skills like perseverance, focus and teamwork, as well as trust, responsibility and cooperation. Perhaps the most important experience Circus Harmony gives their participants is the opportunity to meet and interact with young people from a variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.

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Circus Harmony has over 700 students and presents over 300 shows a year. They run a year-round circus school at the City Museum, offer numerous outreach classes throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area, and travel nationally and internationally to perform. Over 70% of the population Circus Harmony serves are from low-income families. Through the circus school inside of City Museum and their numerous outreach programs, they build character and expand community for youth of all ages, cultures, abilities and economic backgrounds. More about Circus Harmony's programs can be found at www.circusharmony.org.

The not-for-profit Sheldon Art Galleries exhibits works by local, national and international artists in all media. Over 6,000 square feet of the galleries' spaces on the 2nd floor are permanently devoted to rotating exhibits of photography, architecture, jazz art and history and children's art. A sculpture garden, seen from both the atrium lobby and the connecting glass bridge, features periodic rotations and installations, and the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery on the lower level features art of all media. The Sheldon actively supports the work of St. Louis artists in all mediums and features a dedicated gallery with museum-quality exhibits by St. Louis artists, past and present.

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Image caption: Jessica Hentoff, *Graceful Shadows, New Year's Eve*, 2009, inkjet print mounted on aluminum 30 x 20 inches, courtesy of Jessica Hentoff and Circus Harmony.