

## PRESS RELEASE



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### **ADVANCE TICKETS TO 2013 MELHA SHRINE CIRCUS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

*“Circus with a Purpose” Returns in May 2013 with “Thrills and Chills”  
Back by popular demand: Johnny Rocket!!*

**Springfield, MA** — Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages, Western Massachusetts’ most anticipated annual circus event is coming! From Thursday, May 2nd, through Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Melha Shriners will once again be presenting good, affordable, wholesome family entertainment in a safe environment when the Shrine Circus comes to the Eastern States Coliseum in West Springfield, MA. Johnny Rocket a.k.a. John Daly, will headline this year’s 2013 edition of the Melha Shrine Circus with his jaw-dropping daredevil Cybertron act.

Although the box office doesn’t open until Saturday April 20th, advance tickets can now be purchased online at [www.melhashrinecircus.com](http://www.melhashrinecircus.com). Families will be able to purchase tickets, regularly priced at \$14 to reserve the best available seats for the performance of their choice, or take in all the action from box seats for \$18. (Children under age 3 seated on an adult’s lap do not need a ticket. No additional discounts will apply.)

#### **Schedule of 2013 Performances:**

- Thursday, May 2nd, 2013 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 3rd, 2013 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4th, 2013 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5th, 2013 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets ordered prior to Saturday April 20, 2013, will be mailed to the customer’s billing address. Tickets ordered *after* April 20, 2013, will be available at the Box Office during regular business hours, 24 hours after the order was placed online, or at the Will Call booth on the day of performance. Please present a receipt or photo I.D. when picking up tickets.

#### **Ways to Purchase Shrine Circus Tickets:**

- By Phone: (413) 205.5087 starting Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- At the Box Office: Daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Online: [www.melhashrinecircus.com](http://www.melhashrinecircus.com) (available March 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Discounted Coupons will be available at all Western MA Big Y locations (Starting April 4<sup>th</sup>) – Buy Three Reserved Seats/Get 1 Free!

*Note: When ordering tickets, please indicate if a ticketholder uses a wheelchair or requires special assistance; the Shriners will do their best to accommodate attendees' needs. In such situations, there will be room for only **one other person** to sit with the ticketholder.*

The "Circus with a Purpose" uses all proceeds to support the good work of the Melha Shriners right here in Western Massachusetts communities. Last year, thousands of families turned out to enjoy the circus and the quality entertainment that local residents look forward to year after year. This year's circus is certain to draw large crowds once again.

The Shriners thank the public for their support, and invite everyone to join them in celebrating this year's "Circus with a Purpose."

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***About the Melha Shriners***

Shriners International is a philanthropic fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. With approximately 325,000 members in 194 temples (chapters) in the United States, Canada, Germany, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Republic of Panama, our fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life. More information about Shriners International can be found at [www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org). For more information about the local area Shriners call the Melha Shrine Center located at 133 Longhill Street in Springfield, MA, at (413) 736-3647, or visit the web site at [www.melhashriners.com](http://www.melhashriners.com).