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Benefit Performance Zip Zap

February 2, 2010
At The Royal Albert Hall

***Cirque du Soleil*® donates tickets to organizations targeting youth at risk. 100% of the proceeds from these ticket sales go to support these organizations' work with and for young people.**

What is Zip Zap?

Zip Zap is a circus school in Cape Town, mother city of South Africa. The school doors are open since 1992 to all youth regardless of background, culture, gender or financial status. The school is free of charge to all students.

Using circus as a social tool, Zip Zap aims at bringing children together in a safe and fun environment. Circus skills as well as technical training (woodwork, sewing, rigging, prop building and repairs) will help them embark on a path of sustainable living.

But, more importantly, life values such as team work, discipline, trust, confidence and honesty will enable these children to become responsible adults.

Zip Zap has been running various outreach programmes since 1994 with street children, rural children, and school children. In 2005, their outreach programme focused on children living with HIV and receiving AntiRetroViral treatment at the Nolungile clinic in Khayelitsha, the biggest township of Cape Town, project in partnership with Cirque du Monde and Médecins Sans Frontières.

In 2009, the city of Cape Town entered into a partnership with Zip Zap to extend their outreach programme to street kids living in shelters. The programme has been inspired by the success story of the author Judy Westwater who survived after her youth in the streets and is called "A Second Chance".

Category 1 tickets: £80
(excluding administration fees)



Should you wish to support this programme by buying a ticket for the benefit show, please book directly through the Royal Albert Hall 020 7589 8212 (9 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily) and mention that you want a ticket for the Zip Zap benefit show on February 2, 2010.

For more information on Zip Zap, contact Laurence at info@zip-zap.co.za or visit the website: www.zip-zap.co.za.