



TigerLion Arts

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## **THE FLAME BRIGADE**

A series of pop-up performances at the Minnesota State Fair

MINNEAPOLIS, July 29, 2013 – The Minneapolis-based performing arts group TigerLion Arts is headed to the “Great Minnesota Get-Together” over Labor Day weekend, August 30 – September 2, 2013, to perform *The Flame Brigade*, the fire truck show. Part of the Minnesota State Fair’s new Arts A’Fair program, *The Flame Brigade* is a 10-minute red nose clown act set aboard a fully operational 1930’s vintage fire engine. It will be performed four times a day near the front entrance to the fairgrounds.

*The Flame Brigade* explores the topic of firefighting and fire prevention in an interactive and playful way. A squad of outrageous firefighters sound the alarm, battle infernos, rescue the innocent, and give bravery a good name. The whole family will revel in the danger, the excitement, the romance, and the downright silliness of this combustible adventure. After the performance, audience members are invited to climb aboard and take a tour of the engine.

*The Flame Brigade* stars Tyson Forbes, Markell Kiefer, Jason Burnstein, Sky Brooks, Shannon Forney, Kobun Forbes (Markell and Tyson’s 5 year old son), and a dog named Kayo.

### **About Arts A’Fair**

In celebration of arts in Minnesota, fair guests will be entertained by drumming, dance, theater and music in surprise pop-up showcases throughout the fairgrounds. The inaugural Arts A’Fair will feature performances by COLLIDE Theatrical Dance Company, Duniya Drum and Dance Company, Green T Productions, History Theatre, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Live Action Set, Mu Performing Arts, Stages Theatre Company, Summerset Theatre, TigerLion Arts, University of Minnesota Centennial Showboat, and Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre & School. Stop by the Arts A’Fair space in the Education Building to learn more about these groups. Arts A’Fair is supported by contributions made to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation from individuals and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

### **About TigerLion Arts (TLA)**

TigerLion Arts, founded by Markell Kiefer and Tyson Forbes, is a Minneapolis-based production company whose vision is to celebrate human wisdom and the spirit of nature through creative works that awaken, inform, and delight. For more than ten years, TLA has touched the lives of tens of thousands nationwide with five original productions: *The Buddha Prince*, a play about the life and culture of the 14th Dalai Lama, performed in New York City’s Central Park and endorsed with high acclaim by the

Office of Tibet; ***Buddha Prince Backstage***, a PBS documentary featuring the inspired creation process with the Minnesota Tibetan community, along with the unique ‘walking play’ style for which TLA is renowned. ***Nature***, the outdoor telling of Emerson and Thoreau's mutual love affair with the natural world, created by Emerson’s descendent Tyson Forbes; ***KIPO!***, a circus of spirit, song, and dance from Tibet, an official event of the Dalai Lama’s 2011 Minnesota Visit; and ***The Dragons Are Singing Tonight***, a musical adaptation of Children's Poet Laureate Jack Prelutsky’s book of dragon poems, which performed its flying dragon finale at the 2012 Ivey Awards. Funded by the **Minnesota State Arts Board**, *Dragons* also offered an extensive music and puppetry residency program to the Minneapolis and Robbinsdale Public Schools. TLA serves communities of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring good human values and a love of nature through the arts and social empowerment. TLA carries out this work in collaboration and partnership with innovative groups worldwide, including: Circus Juventas; Minnesota Boychoir; University of Minnesota’s Center for Spirituality & Healing; The Nature Conservancy; The Thoreau Society; Twin Cities Public Television (TPT); Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts; Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; Carlson Meadows; City of Pasadena; Puppet Farm Arts; In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre; Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota; Tibetan Communities of New York & New Jersey; The Tibet Fund; and Shambhala Sun Foundation. **For more info, please visit [www.tigerlion.org](http://www.tigerlion.org).**

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