The circus comes to town today, putting on 10 shows

The all new internationally renowned Shrine Circus SPECTAC! 2016 is coming to Brampton Fairgrounds this week for 10 shows under the magnificent Big Top.

The local performances will open today (Thursday) and run until Sunday.

The internationally renowned cast comes from Kyrgyzstan to Cuba, Romania to Peru and Argentina, plus Brazil to Switzerland, and includes daredevils, acrobats, horsemen, aerialists, illusionists, hoopsters, clowns and more.

The circus will showcase an international cast, including the famed Flying Pages Trapeze, the Russian Swing, the death defying Wheel of Destiny with Joseph Bauer, the Acrobatic Aerial Strap with Nathan Valencia, the Chinese Pole Acrobats, the Kambarov Equine Riders, the Bilea Quick Change Transformation Act, Hula Hoops, Argentinian Unicyclists plus clowns and much more. ?It's an incredible showcase of elite circus acts from all around the world that has been designed for multi-generational families,? Ringmaster Joseph Bauer declared. ?Everyone loves the circus and this year, families will be fascinated by the Big Top and the amazing new global cast of performers coming to Brampton Fairgrounds.?

Bauer is not only one of the finest Ringmasters on the continent, but this ninth generation daredevil will thrill audiences on the death defying Wheel of Destiny.

The Shrine Circus SPECTAC! 2016 is about giving children and adults alike a glimpse into another world; a world where ?families are performing for families,? and everyone can enjoy a show together regardless of age, observing the troupe's uncompromising quest for excellence.

This is the 253rd anniversary of the Zerbini Family Circus. Since the humble start of the Zerbini Family Circus in Paris, France, in 1763, there have been 10 generations of Zerbinis who have travelled the world sharing their talents with circus audiences on three continents.

Performances will be today at 1 and 7:30 p.m., Friday at noon, 4 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday at noon, 4 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 5 p.m.

Go to shrine-circus.com/tickets/ to order tickets.