

# *Gingerbread City* THE MAGIC OF CIRQUE

**Pearl Anniversary**

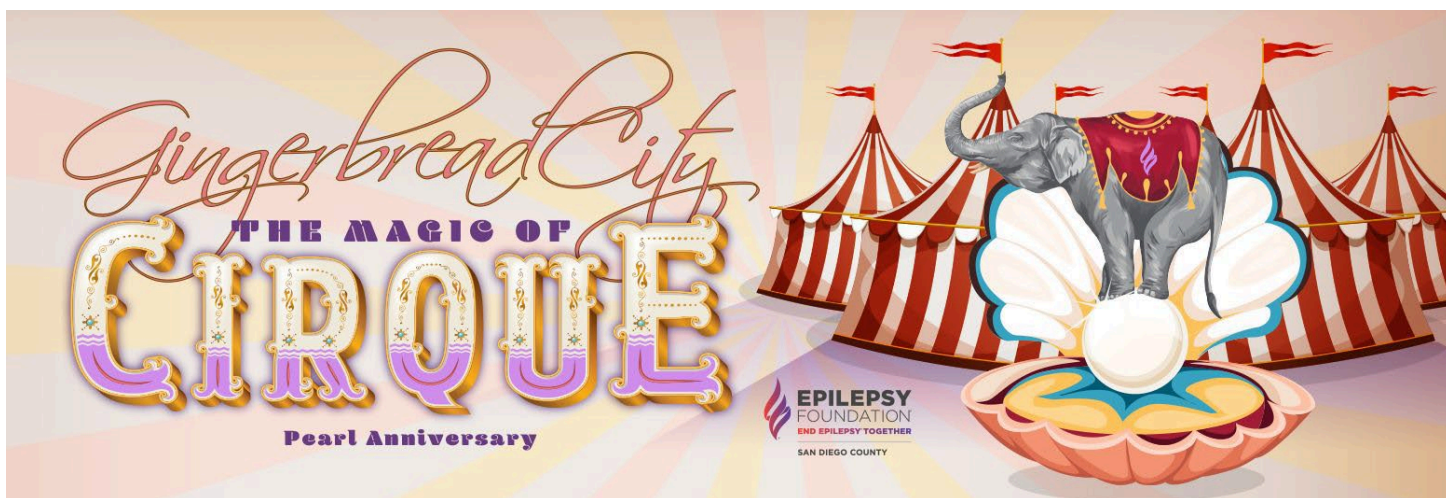


**30TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA**

**BENEFITING EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

# INSPIRATION

**FOR GINGERBREAD CITY ARTISTS**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County will host its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gingerbread City Gala on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at Balboa Park's San Diego Natural History Museum.

The Gingerbread City Gala is one of San Diego's premier philanthropic events and features a nationally recognized gingerbread competition to showcase world-class culinary creations from the community's top pastry artists – both amateur and professional. Guests will enjoy a magical evening featuring music and entertainment, live and silent auctions, gourmet food and libations, as well as the incredible gingerbread structure competition.

The Gingerbread City Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year to generate funds in support of the more than 50,000 people in San Diego County living with epilepsy. The Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County provides all programs and services free of charge, including counseling, career development, advocacy information and referrals, as well as support groups for individuals, caregivers and families, college scholarships and summer camps for children and teens.

You are invited to participate in the annual gingerbread structure competition by filling out the online entry form at <https://forms.gle/NYnTnYSShYp3gXbs9> by **Friday, October 13, 2023**. Final structure descriptions are due online on your entry form no later than Friday, November 10, 2023 to be included in the event program.

All structures become the property of Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County and will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at the gala. Proceeds support the work of the foundation.

## THEME FOR 2023

### The Magic of Cirque

In honor of our 30<sup>th</sup> pearl anniversary, we encourage you to look through the included images for inspiration to capture the magic in your structure.

# CATEGORIES & PRIZES

## GRAND CATEGORY

Base structure is limited to 36" by 54" with no height restrictions.

1ST PLACE PRIZE \$500

2ND PLACE PRIZE \$250

## PETITE CATEGORY

Base structure is limited to 20" by 20" with no height restrictions.

1ST PLACE PRIZE \$250

2ND PLACE PRIZE \$100

## SCHOOL CATEGORY

This category is specifically for elementary, middle and high schools. Schools may build either a Grand or Petite Structure.

1ST PLACE PRIZE \$250

2ND PLACE PRIZE \$100

# STIPEND

A small stipend to help offset the costs of materials and supplies. A stipend of \$150 will be offered to artists in the Grand Category and to School Groups. A stipend of \$100 will be offered to entries in the Petite Category. You may request a stipend on the entry form.

If you cancel your participation, the stipend must be returned to the Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County within ten days of cancellation.

Requested stipends will be processed and mailed to the postal address listed on the entry form.

# STRUCTURE GUIDELINES

- Structures must be comprised of mainly gingerbread, with at least 70% visible gingerbread from the exterior façade. The remaining materials must be other edible materials like pastillage, gum paste, marzipan, fondant and any others of your choosing.
- Prevent structure collapse! The frame (base, reinforcements, etc.) may be made of non-edible materials.
- Entire structure must be covered in edible materials.  
*\*Decorations may include lights and small motors, but ALL other decoration must be of edible materials. Please use preservatives. Structures are for display purposes.*
- Structure base may not exceed dimensions listed above; there are no height restrictions
- Structure should convey an interpretation of the theme The Magic of Cirque

# JUDGING

Structures will be judged using a standard 5-point scale, based on the following criteria:

- Creative use of gingerbread and edible materials
- Artistic use of color
- Overall design/appearance
- Precision
- Creative interpretation of the theme
- Degree of difficulty

# EVENT ATTENDANCE

We are pleased to provide ONE free ticket to the Gingerbread City Gala to each team. One additional ticket may be purchased by each team for \$150. This charge is necessary to cover our costs for attendance at the event.

To claim your ONE free ticket, you must inform Dayna Bondurant that you plan to attend by Friday, November 10, 2023. If you decide to purchase an additional ticket, that must be reserved by the same date.

# SCHEDULE

## Date:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

## Place:

San Diego Natural History Museum  
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101

## Time:

Artists may load-in structures at 1 pm on December 6, 2023 at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Structures must be fully assembled by 3 pm. More details will be provided prior to the event. Please bring anything you may need to move your structure from your vehicle into the museum, including anyone needed to move the structure. We may not have carts available and we will not have anyone available to unload structures.

## Structure Load-In:

Information for load-in access will be provided closer to the event date.

## Questions:

Email Dayna Bondurant at [dayna@epilepsysandiego.org](mailto:dayna@epilepsysandiego.org)



## GINGERBREAD STRUCTURE ENTRY FORM

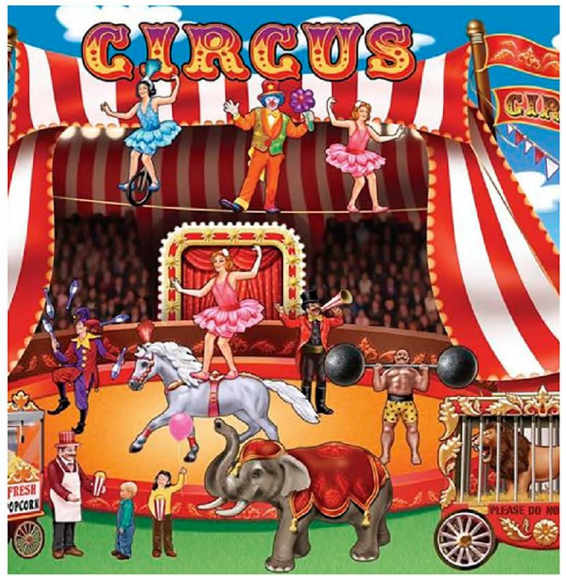
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All entries must be submitted online by **Friday, October 13, 2023.**

Any changes to your form may be made online by Friday, November 10, 2023.

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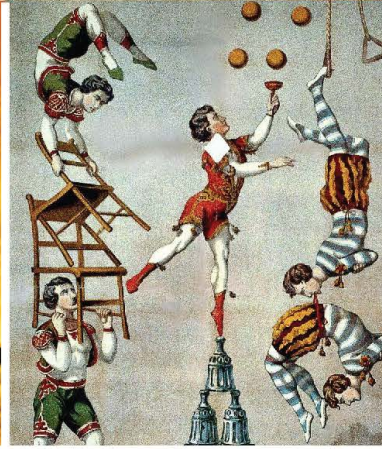




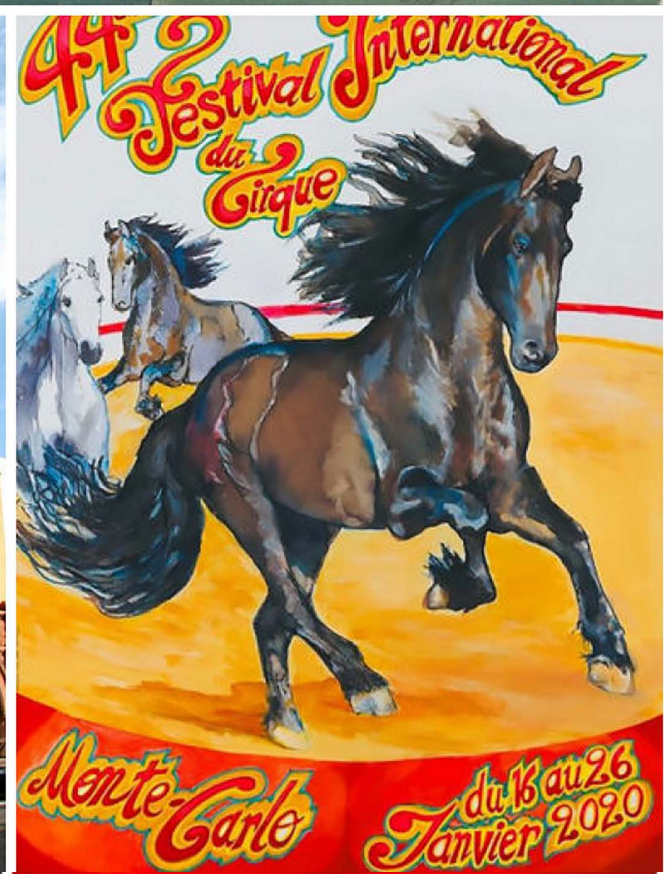
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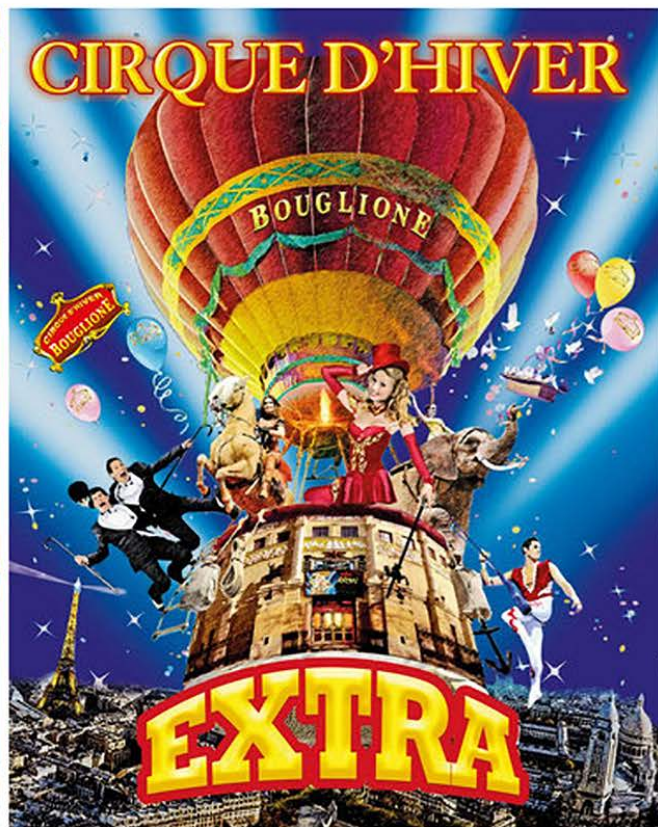












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