



Circus

Skills

with Terry Cole

Circus Skills with Terry Cole...

...is a hands on, feet on, skill acquisition fest as children are inducted into the once secretive and elite world of circus.

Not only will the children safely gain new skills in balance and manipulation, they will be empowered by them and know how to improve these skills and acquire others.

Most importantly of all though, the workshop sessions are enormous fun for students and teachers alike!

- Learn to *juggle balls, scarves and rings*
- *Fly* the Chinese spinning top, *the Diabolo*
- *Spin a plate* on a stick, balance it
- *Balance a feather* or *broomstick*
- *Balance on a rolla bolla*
- *Control* the Chinese *devil sticks*
- *Walk tall on* circus *stilts*
- Learn *acrobatic balances* and *pyramids*

Terry can do a single day of workshops just for fun, a week-long residency where he creates a full circus show performed by your students or pretty much anything in between!

Requirements:

A large space with a tall ceiling.

Gym mats if needed for acro balances.

A carpeted area for some of the activities is recommended, but not essential.

Who he is:

Accomplished actor, director, musician and circus performer **Terry Cole** of **Circus in a Suitcase**... is also an inspirational workshop leader. His sessions are funny, action-packed, confidence building, life-changing events.

Where he's been:

World Expo, Brisbane;

Australia Festival, Istanbul;

Fruit Fly 10th Anniversary Circus;

Robertson's Circus;

School shows and Residencies, Festivals and

Theatres Australia-wide.

What the critics say:

"A triumphal success...everyone is raving...Your circus skills programme is the best thing I have ever been involved with in 23 years of teaching."

St Catherine's School, VIC

"Every grade loved it and learned more than ever expected. It provides children with a great opportunity to shine in a different way... The performance was a very happy memory and one that each child will be able to have forever."

Wonthaggi North PS, VIC

"They exhibit joy in doing what they do best, performing to and entertaining children."

Mike Owens, UNICEF festival

"I loved your show! I want to become a comedian like you when I finish School." *Lake Trowbridge*

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Feedback for Terry Cole

Workshops and Artist Residencies

We couldn't have hoped for a more fantastic production with Terry. The whole community was just buzzing and the feedback afterwards was so positive. The children were totally engaged. They learnt new skills and had so much fun. As one of our students said at assembly when I was asking about their reactions, "I can't tell you a highlight. I just miss Terry!" **Anne Kettle, Springview PS**

Terry worked exceptionally well with staff and students and didn't add to the stress that can sometimes happen with school productions.

Terry was great to have around and was always positive and encouraging to all.

Terry is flexible when things and spaces don't go according to plan. Terry left the children feeling happy and accomplished in themselves! **Bev Mulcahy, Lucknow Primary School**

Hi Terry,

The kids at Heywood are still talking about your wonderful week here. Thank you so much for all of the time and effort that you put into our performance! A group of students have made you up some 'special' cards and I was wondering if you would be happy enough to send me an address that I could forward them on to so that you can see how much they really appreciated your efforts??

Thanks again, **Kerri Colliver, Heywood PS**

My kids want to write to you, so we will do that next week, but just to let you know that you have received 'rave reviews' from parents, teachers and kids. Some of my kids even cried themselves to sleep because they were so sad that it was all over!!

I actually had a very sound sleep because it was all over. Thanks Terry, you did a lot for students self images, a lot for teachers sense of how they should lead children, and an incredible 'lot' for bringing joy... Have a great weekend, **Christine Carew, Yinnar PS VIC**

...And here's one that says it all:

Dear Terry

Congratulations on a triumphal success last night. Everyone is raving and the girls are still so excited. You have created an annual festival for us. I've never enjoyed an evening performance so much. It was far better than Cirque de Soleil!!!

Thank you for providing my girls with some of the most exciting and positive experiences of their lives. I thought I had the best job in the world – but I think maybe you do. Isn't it wonderful to work with these young people and to watch their self-confidence soar? I love the way they fall down and then pick themselves up and on they go. Seeing Laura Roach perform on stage, on stilts, will be one of the highlights of my teaching experience. She told me her parents were "very proud". I guess it's these moments that make working 26 hours a day, 54 weeks a year for about \$1 a day worth it!!! My girls have been so lucky to have you come into their lives. You will have made a difference to every one of them.

On a personal note, your circus skills' program is the best thing I have ever been involved with in 23 years of working in schools. Quite frankly I used to wonder what all the fuss was about circus schools... but now I know. Without even gaining one of your skills, I felt a new emotion when working with my girls. I really felt quite liberated and was amazed at how good it felt to have all physical barriers vanish. I hope we have developed a different relationship.

It was a real pleasure and privilege working with you and I really look forward to it all over again next year. Good luck with all your plans for the next 12 months. Keep enjoying and making the most of every moment, and keep changing the lives of children (and adults).

Very fondly,
Helen, St Catherine's

(...It has become an annual festival which has been going for 10 years!)