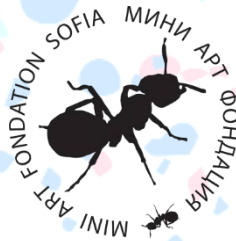


MINI ART FOUNDATION - SOCIAL CIRCUS IN BULGARIA






LOCATION: Sofia, Bulgaria





TARGET GROUP: Socially disadvantaged young people

Mini Art Foundation helps the youth build confidence and create safe and social communities through the learning of circus arts. During the last two years, the foundation has worked with more than 50 diverse youth from Nadezhda neighbourhoods through circus disciplines, psychological support, and analyses. Youth are supported to build personal physical development and social skills such as self-esteem and teamwork through the training of circus arts utilizing social circus methodology.

Vision

-  A daily open social circus centre and workspace for contemporary circus and new performing arts in Sofia.
-  A fully equipped space where Bulgarian and international contemporary circus artists, performers and groups can get a roof over their productions in a professional and inspiring work environment.
-  To host annual Mini Art Festival in own buildings.

Missions

-  Development of the circus activities in Sofia, to improve the recognition, structure, quality of youth circus, as a training accessible art form for children and young people to take an active role in society and to engage in social citizenship.
-  Aiming a development of a generation of circus artists in Bulgaria connected to contemporary arts.
-  Establishment of a Social Circus Centre in Sofia (a daily open centre for youth circus practice, facilities for contemporary circus productions, hosting international circus residencies, presenting performances and providing a workspace for contemporary circus and new performing arts).
-  Working with foreign artists and international exchange of ideas, personalities and materials, projects and cooperation of Bulgarian and foreign artists and organizations in the area of youth circus and contemporary circus arts.

Principles

- 🏰 To grow participation in contemporary circus art and social circus practice in Bulgaria through greater accessibility.
- 🏰 To lead innovation and investment in youth arts practice.
- 🏰 To support high quality diverse skill development opportunities.

Projects

- 🏰 Mini Art Fest – annual contemporary circus and street arts festival in Sofia
- 🏰 Social Circus – integration projects and programs for Bulgarian institutions and organizations
- 🏰 Sofia Unicycle Club – Alternative and attractive sports activity in Sofia

Since 2017, they have been developing social circus, and the general aim of this project is to advance circus practice and provide new perspectives for circus pedagogy in the fields of children and youth in and around Sofia, Bulgaria. They strive for this through active local partnerships and with international organizations that have similar activities.



Their goal is to present the Mini Art Festival in Bulgaria every year as an international contemporary circus festival and a multi-platform for the performance of artists.

In addition, they are popularizing alternative sports such as unicycling. In the spring of 2018, they opened the Sofia Unicycle Club with support from the Sofia2018 Foundation (European Sports Capital year), and unicycling is now an attractive activity for both children and adults in Sofia. They work with foreign artists and rely on international exchanges of ideas, personalities, materials, and projects, cooperating with Bulgarian and international artists and organizations engaged in contemporary circus and performance art.

Another activity of the Mini Art Foundation is the organization of training practices, including workshops, seminars, and training forums for creative exchange.

Find out more on their [website](#).

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