

Cirque Inextremiste brings the heat to Artpark

The absurd acrobatics of France's Cirque Inextremiste were on full display Sunday night, as the troupe brought "Exit" to Artpark in Lewiston. A rag-tag group of misfits burst onto the basket of a hot-air balloon during a tethered ride, knocking the skies (and themselves) off balance. The clownish, tight-rope-walking, quirky, fiery, spectacular and utterly remarkable performance was the brainchild of Yann Ecauvre, as brought to life by a dozen performers – some taking to the skies – on a piano – or hanging from the anchor ropes.

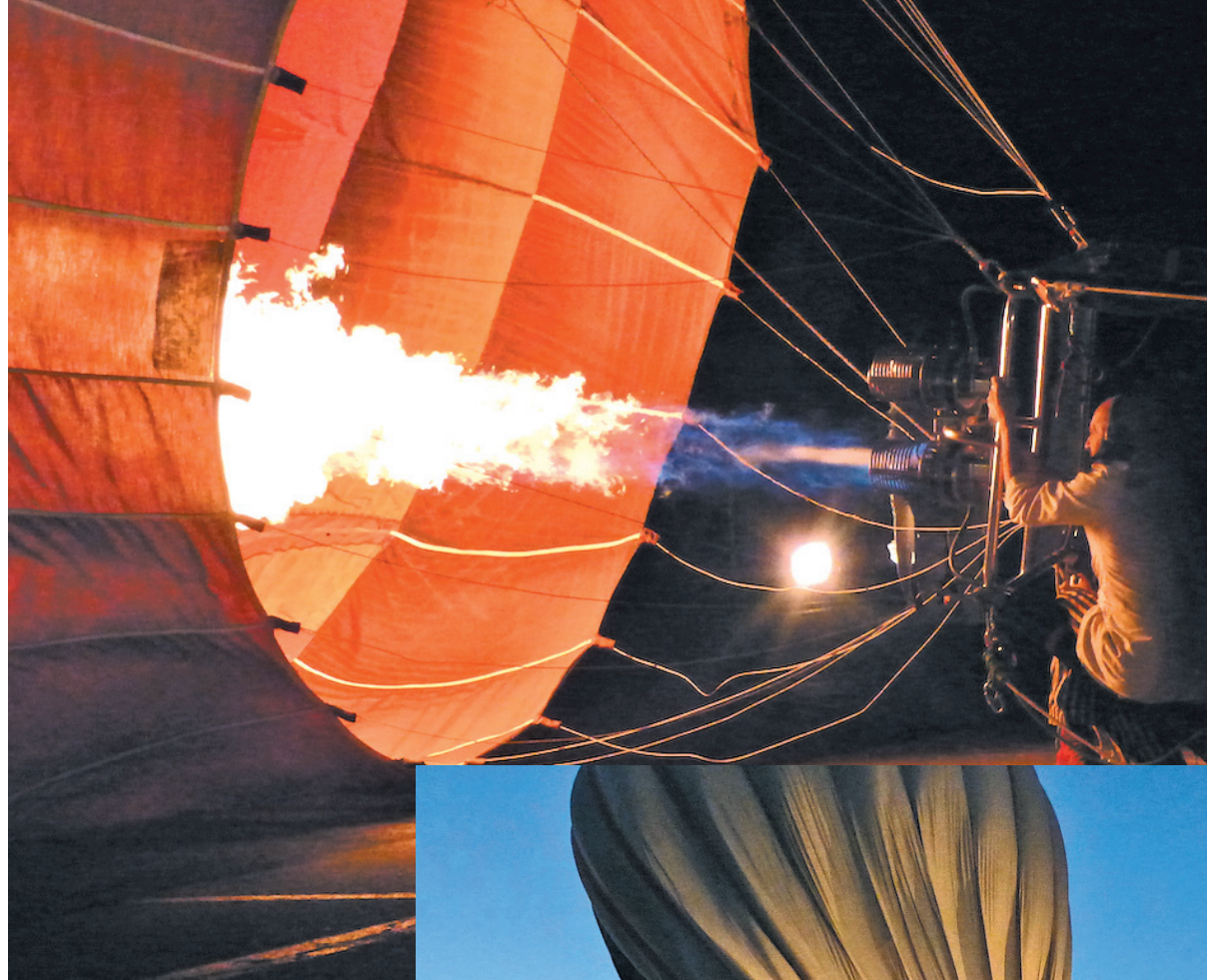
"Exit" was staged in Artpark's parking Lot D (South Fourth Street side). A large audience rimmed the perimeter, watching – and laughing – as the show unfolded. Fortunately, no one was injured by the banana gun.

The venue stated, "In 'Exit,' a group of sweet lunatics find themselves trapped in spite of themselves in a life-size epic. Their mission: To free themselves from their straightjackets and escape at all costs from this world governed by strict and implacable rules. The play area, transformed by the flight of the hot-air balloon, is an open-air theater where the artists' aerial waterfalls coexist with the stars. With a crescendo toward freedom, 'Exit' offers an emancipation of the mind, a powerful, luminous and unifying artistic breath, a demonstration of the porosity of the border between art and madness."

Cirque Inextremiste has traveled from theaters to festivals across Europe since 2007. It now has eight shows and around 50 members.

Ecauvre, with an atypical and self-taught career, staged his first show in 2007, titled "Inextremiste," set around a trampoline and gas cylinders. In 2009, the company took the name Cirque Inextremiste. The "Extrêmities" trio was created in 2012, with boards and gas cylinders as accessories! The second part, called "Extension," was born in 2014.

Between 2015 and 2017, the Cirque Inextremiste team grew to create two new shows: a spectacular "Extreme Night Fever" ball and a large-scale street show around a hot-air balloon "Exit." (Photos by Joshua Maloni)



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It's Labor Day weekend, a time to enjoy an annual tradition in Youngstown. The village's Labor Day Parade will take over the Main Street strip starting at noon Monday Sept. 4.

Presented by the Village of Youngstown with local businesses, this family event will again pay tribute to the traditions of organized labor, with marching bands, floats, youth groups, police and fire responders, elected officials and union celebrations.

Cathy Pasquantino of The Village Diner advised, "Come early for a good spot and music on street."

Visitors are also welcome to check out a number of activities, including the ongoing 200th anniversary celebration of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, located at Main and Church streets. Members will hold a chicken chowder sale throughout the day on the parish grounds.

"Stop at the Presbyterian Church where you can purchase good, old-fashioned 'firemen's' chowder. There will also be or-

ganized yard games for the children," program chairperson Sue Martinez said.

A number of local shops will be open, with sales of food, drink and some unique items that are strictly Youngstown. But that's not all. The Ontario House (Jug) at Main and Lockport streets will hold a "Spirit of the '80s" concert with Men Without Hats on the backyard stage.

"We are planning a wonderful event as we 'Save Labor Day for Youngstown.' Enjoy the parade," Mayor Rob Reisman said.



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