



A contemporary circus show
presented by the
Aloft Youth Ensemble

May 17th, 18th, 2024
Aloft Circus Arts

Program

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**All we have to decide
is what to do
with the time that is given us.”**

-J.R.R. Tolkien



Show Map



Time is...

out of our control

precious

the healer of wounds

short

growing up

fleeting

demanding

beautiful

fast

change

hellos and goodbyes

slow

waiting for no one

not promised

flying by

dragging on

memory

never long enough

growth

moving on

...to be cherished

pressure

the seasons of our lives

together

Directed by:

Kristi Alyssa



Rachel Nesnevich





Lighting and Sound Design, Props:

Kristi Alyssa

Lighting Tech:

Martha Bayne

Sound Tech:

Greta Humphrey

Stage Crew:

**Lulu Walkowicz, Laila Ruangpan,
Valeria Rosero, Lydia Tewksbery**

Photography:

Nancy Behall

Videography:

Luis Cardenas

Dance Choreographers:

Luke Greeff

Rachel Nesnevich

Programs:

Kristi Alyssa

Production:

**Kristi Alyssa
and Aloft Circus Arts**



Special Thank You:

Subs/Choreography Feedback:

Luke Greeff, Rebecca Taylor, Lulu Walkowicz and Megan Mallouk

Director of Aloft Circus Arts:

Shayna Swanson

The Parents of AYE...

thank you for all your dedication, commitment and love to our program.



AYE STUDENT LEADERS

2023-2024

Daisy Coleman

Eleana Suazo

SENIORS

Daisy Coleman

Senior Solo: Reflection

AYE STUDENT LEADER

Daisy is going to Northwestern University where she plans to study chemistry and women's health.

She hopes to join theater, rush and continue to train circus!

Her favorite time in her life was the end of "Somewhere Out There" (AYE's 2023 show), holding the glowing orbs and crying all together, proud of the show they put together.



SENIORS

Eleana Suazo McChesney

Senior Solo: Metamorphosis

AYE STUDENT LEADER

Eleana is going to Oberlin College in the fall!

She plans to study biology,
and do the pre-med track.

She plans to continue doing circus
at Oberlin's circus club.

Her favorite time in her life was
growing up spending her whole summers outside.

Whether it was swimming, biking,
canoeing, or camping,

she was always in nature with her loved ones.



SENIORS

Gabriela Cuevas

Senior Solo: Out of Reach

Gabi is going to study
Data Science & Sustainability
at the Miami University of Ohio.

Her favorite time in her life was childhood summers
at Girl Scout Camp.



SENIORS

Taylor Fost

Senior Solo: Caught Up

Taylor is going to the University of Cincinnati where she will be studying Interior Design at DAAP, the design school within UC.

Her favorite time in her life was the summer of 2021, where she was at camp Interlochen, and was able to spend each day with her best friend. It was a summer that she likes to think about because of the people she met, and the time she was able to spend with the people she loved.



CAST

Ada Borntrager

8th Grade



Claire Nietzsche

Sophomore



CAST

Eleanor Marchese

Sophomore



Elsa Gee

7th Grade



CAST

Lyla Taraska

Junior



Nikita Mallik

8th Grade



CAST

Noa Kim-Cohen

7th Grade



Talia Berman-Cutler

Freshmen



CAST

Vivienne Foy

Freshmen





**Catch AYE members in their professional show
debut this July at Aloft in “Way Home”:**

**Daisy Coleman, Eleana Suazo, Taylor Fost,
Lyla Taraska and Noa Kim-Cohen!**

Directed by: Kristi Alyssa

**Follow @reminiscentcircus on Instagram or visit
reminiscentcircus.com . Tickets available now (scan
the QR on the poster in the lobby or visit
ticketleap.events/tickets/reminiscent-circus/way-
home)**

*July 19-21st, 2024
Aloft Circus Arts*

*Reminiscent
Circus*

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AYE Alumni in the Circus World

Alex Miller (2023)

**-just performed in her
first Gamma Phi Circus show at
Illinois State University!**



Maggie Marko (2023)

**-is finishing her first year
in the professional training program
at Circadium in Philadelphia!**

**“Can the child within my heart rise above?
Can I sail through the changing ocean tides?
Can I handle all the seasons of my life?**

**Well, I’ve been afraid of changing
Because I’ve built my life around you**

**But time makes you bolder
Even children get older
And I’m getting older too...”**

-Fleetwood Mac, “Landslide”



**Interested in applying to join the Aloft Youth Ensemble?
Email Director Kristi: Aloftkids@gmail.com**

**The 2024-2025 season of AYE begins
September 2nd, 2024 - May 2025**



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