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THE BMA DAZZLES WITH THE ACROBATIC FEATS AND MADCAP CHARM OF ZANY UMBRELLA CIRCUS

EVENT: Zany Umbrella Circus: *The Enchanted Toy Box*

DATE/TIME: Friday & Saturday, May 8 & 9, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 10, 2 p.m.

LOCATION: The Baltimore Museum of Art, 10 Art Museum Drive at North Charles & 31st Streets

OVERVIEW: Zany Umbrella Circus presents a European style circus that uses physical theater, dance, and live music to tell stories that explore a fantastical realm where everyday items and experiences come to life and take on a magic of their own. *The Enchanted Toy Box* is a story of a master toymaker whose whimsical collection of toys possesses astounding abilities.
Treat Mom to a special Mother's Day performance on May 10!

TICKET INFO: Tickets for Zany Umbrella Circus are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$7 for ages 18 and under, and include admission to *A Circus Family* exhibition. Tickets are available in person at the BMA Box Office, by calling 1-800-919-6272 (service charges apply), or online at artbma.org (service charges apply).

EXHIBITION INFO: *A Circus Family: Picasso to Léger*, on view at the BMA through May 17, 2009, features more than 90 prints, drawings, paintings, and books by Pablo Picasso, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Fernand Léger, and other European artists fascinated by the extravagant spectacle of the circus and the bohemian lives of the performers outside the ring. This special ticketed exhibition brings together major works from museums and private collections to offer a behind-the-scenes look at the circus during its heyday as a form of popular entertainment. The exhibition is generously sponsored by The Rouse Company Foundation.

VISITOR INFO: General admission to the BMA is free. Special events and exhibitions may be ticketed. The BMA is open Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m.– 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.– 6 p.m. The Museum is closed Monday, Tuesday, New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The BMA is located on Art Museum Drive at North Charles and 31st Streets, three miles north of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. For general Museum information, call 443-573-1700 or visit artbma.org.

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