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Tsunami On The Square is an annual event that features music, dance, and a wide variety of theatre and circus performances. Tsunami is presented outdoors at a stage constructed at the Yavapai County Courthouse Square in Prescott, Arizona. This year is number 12 for this event. More event details can be found at www.tsunamionthesquare.org

The timing of Tsunami On The Square fell nicely in the midst of this year's flex month for Solo Photo Book Month and provided some interesting subject matter on which to hone some skills with a recently acquired Olympus E-500 and to learn the feature set of Corel's PaintShop Photo and of Serif's PagePlus. This is my first entry to SoFoBoMo and it has been a great learning experience.

I'm looking forward to putting together an eBook of some photos from a 1975 trip to Afghanistan. This project was a great help in sorting out what I will need to do for that project.

I want to express my gratitude to Paul Butzi and all the others responsible for the creation of Solo Photo Book Month and for the continuing work that makes it an annual event. Participating was a great experience for me as was the opportunity to study a great collection of photographs that I would otherwise never have seen.

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Parade

Tsunami On The Square begins with a parade. The kids (ages 6 to 14) who attended Circus Camp the week prior to Tsunami On The Square tend to dominate the parade. Circus Camp spends four days covering costume design, juggling, mask making, acronastics, hula hoop dancing, African drumming, and stilt walking. The stilt walkers are found in pole position for the Tsunami parade and also tend to dominate the landscape during the performances.

Other performers whose appearances occur in the first hours of Tsunami will also be found in the parade.

The whale that is hauled along the parade route will later take a position of honor alongside the main stage.























Clan Tynker

Clan Tynker is properly described as a family circus. They are based in Santa Fe, New Mexico and can be found performing almost anywhere in the world. Clan Tynker has performed regularly at Tsunami On The Square. At least one year they also participated in Circus Camp. They exemplify the circus style adopted by Tsunami On The Square.

Perhaps you will have a chance to see them in performance;
www.clantynker.com/when.html













Backstage

Not all pictured here are performers or crew. Backstage did turn out to be the ideal setting for candid photography. Most people in this area north of the main stage are sufficiently engaged so they will ignore photographers or at least do not shift into a pose.



Bucky O'Neill was a popular Mayor of Prescott and then became one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. He was killed by gunfire at Kettle Hill and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. That's Bucky in bronze in this photo.































2010 Performance Schedule



Please note that all times are approximate. Treatment time is to affect

12:30 pm - Opening Parade

Cross-Country/Track - Start of the Race

Wipe-Locks with Infection Class

Swimathon Start

More More





The front of house position at Tsunami On The Square is a difficult spot. There is no time for sound checks between performers. In fact, one or two 'skitmercials' will take place between the regular performances to provide recognition to the sponsors of this free event.







Backstage at the kettle
corn vendor.

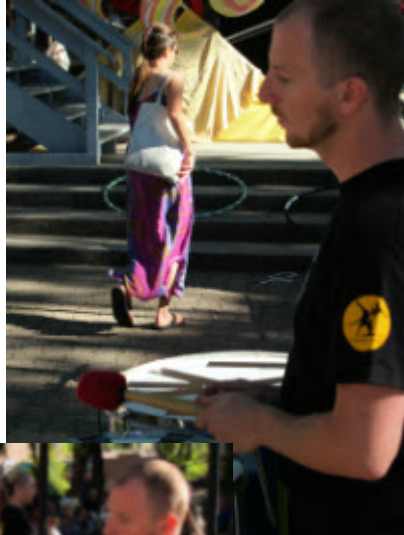




















There are some tall trees on the square but not enough to provide shade on the really sunny Arizona days.

Stilts

Numerous people on tall stilts maintained the circus atmosphere at Tsunami On The Square.







This photo is calling out for a clever caption but I don't have it.

She could not only keep the hula hoop going on the top of the stilts but also juggle at the same time.







Stilts Attempts

What is it about these things that makes them irresistible? There was a steady stream of people trying out these learner model stilts.













Conversations

In addition to the performances, a trip to the Courthouse Square is a chance to meet and talk with friends.









