

'Reality Circus' Returns to Paw Paw for Encore Performance

Fall down seven times,

STAND UP EIGHT.

*Meet the new American
circus.*

Give the people what they want. And what the people of western Michigan want is more *Stand Up 8*. Following a sold-out performance in May of 2010,

Stand Up 8 returns to the Paw Paw Performing Arts Center on March 26th for an encore performance. *Stand Up 8* breaks the rules of conventional theatre and modern circus to present edgy, upbeat variety and death-defying stunts.



The performers of *Stand Up 8* come from backgrounds of festival and street busking, German variety, American elite gymnastics, equine spectacular Cavalia and Cirque du Soleil. "We've combined the technical elements of a circus spectacular with the human connection of street performing," says Artistic Director and literal whip-cracker Allison Williams. "It's a Reality Circus."

The collaborators of Stand Up Eight appeared on Canadian reality show "Dragon's Den" in October of 2008, winning a quarter-million dollars to stage their dream circus. The show began rehearsals and development in 2009 and currently tours the U.S. and Canada. For the cast of *Stand Up 8*, a performance in Paw Paw is an opportunity to give back to their community – about half the performers hail from Southwest Michigan, and the company trains off-season at For The Kidz Gym in Grand Rapids.

Featuring Kalamazoo-based artists Allison Williams and Zay Weaver, GVSU grad Christianne Sainz, Kalamazoo College grads M.A. Harrison and Lee O'Reilly, and WMU grad Brett Copes.

Don't miss Stand Up 8 at 6:30pm on March 26th. Tickets are \$10. For more information and to purchase your VIP pack, which includes priority seating, autographed *Stand Up 8* merchandise and an exclusive backstage tour, visit standup8show.com.

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