CIRCUS!

MACINTOSH & WINDOWS

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REGISTRATION AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT

Please register your software for technical support and so that we can keep you posted on the ever-growing Voyager catalog. To register this Voyager title for MAC OS, see the Software Registration file in th Documentation folder on the CD-ROM. For Windows, see the SOFT-REG.TXT file in the REGISTER directory on the CD-ROM.

You can return this information by email or register@voyagerco.com or by fax to 914.591.6481

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – MACINTOSH

- Any color Macintosh with a 25-MHz 68030 processor or better
- 5,500K of free RAM (at least 8 MB installed)
- A 13-inch (640×480) or larger color monitor
- A CD-ROM drive (double-speed recommended)
- System 7

SETTING UP – MACINTOSH

These instructions assume a basic familiarity with Macintosh operating system and interface conventions. Please refer to your Macintosh documentation for help with any of the operations described in this section.

Before you can use this software, you must:

- Copy *Circus!* from the CD to your hard drive
- Install the extensions provided on the CD if necessary

Getting Ready to Install Software from the CD

1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive according to the manufacturer's instructions. A Circus! CD icon will appear on the desktop.
2. Double-click the Circus! CD icon. A window showing its contents will open.

Copying *Circus!*

Drag the *Circus!* icon to your hard drive to copy it.

Installing Extensions

1. Double click the Extensions folder on the CD to open it. The folder contains current versions of extensions necessary to use *Circus!* If you already have these or later versions installed, you do not need to install anything. If in doubt, proceed to step 2.
2. Drag the extensions to the System Folder on your hard drive and drop them (do not open the System Folder first). Your Macintosh will guide you through the rest of the installation. (If you have a Power Macintosh, and you want to install QuickTime 2.0, you must also install the QuickTime PowerPlug. Otherwise, you do not need this extension.)
3. If you installed any extensions, restart your Macintosh.

Performance Tips – Macintosh

For best performance, quit all other applications before starting *Circus!* If you encounter low-memory warning messages, or experience slow performance, try temporarily disabling or removing unnecessary control panels and extensions, restarting your Macintosh, and trying again.

If this doesn't help, or if you'd prefer not to disable extensions, try the low-memory version of the program provided on the CD. You will find this version in a folder below the visible area of the Circus CD window.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – WINDOWS

- PC-compatible computer with a 486SX-33 or higher processor
- 8 MB of RAM
- 640×480, 256-color display
- MPC2-compatible CD-ROM drive
- MPC2-compatible sound card with speakers or headphones
- Mouse
- MS-DOS operating system version 5.0 or later
- Microsoft Windows version 3.1, or version 3.0 with Multimedia Extensions 1.0
- MS-DOS CD-ROM Extensions (MSCDEX) version 2.2 or later

SETTING UP – WINDOWS

1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive according to the drive manufacturer's instructions.
2. From within the Windows File Manager, click on the drive icon for your CD-ROM drive to display the disc's files. Double-click the INSTALL.EXE file to run the installer. Or, from within the Program Manager, choose Run from the File menu, then type d:install.exe, where d: is your CD-ROM drive.
3. In the Setup dialog boxes, verify the drive you are installing from, and the drive and directory into which *Circus!* will be installed. Type in a new drive or directory, or accept the defaults.
4. When you are done making your selections, click "Install." The setup program will copy the necessary files to your hard drive, and create a Circus group in the Program Manager containing the *Circus!* icon. If you would like to use another group, select it with the drop down list or type a new name, then click "Continue."
5. While the files are being installed, you can stop the installation by clicking "Stop." This will result in an incomplete installation.

GETTING STARTED

To start *Circus!*, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive and double-click the *Circus!* icon.

Circus! is designed to be explored. Clicking objects, characters, or places on the screen makes things happen. For a quick tour before you begin exploring on your own, click the ticket booth in front of the main Show Tent. Zippy the mouse will guide you through the program.

There are two main parts to *Circus!*, the Show and Backstage. You can move from one area to the other at any point during the program. The Show is made up of eight Circus Acts featuring different characters. The Backstage area includes the Music Tent, the Clown's Trailer, the Magic Trunk, and the Lake.

Show Acts:

Maxmobile: help the clowns Max and Dynamite as they attempt to repair their car.

Jungle B-Ball: get the lions Leo and Theo to score baskets and impress Valentine.

Music Juggle: select musical objects for Juliet and watch as she juggles while Saxo plays different melodies.

Human Cannon: point the human cannon and get the clowns to bring Carmelita the parrot down from the trapeze.

Swing Time: help Charles and Charolene perform a difficult trapeze act.

Find Me!: Rex, the magician, has trapped the clowns—help Carmelita get them out by putting the cylinders back together again.

Elephantastic: show the elephants how to dance by pointing out their steps.

Parade: dress up the characters for the Parade!

Backstage

Music Tent: play the marimba, trombone, guitar, trumpet and drums or just select your favorite tunes from the CD Jukebox.

Clown's Trailer: explore the clown's bedroom and kitchen, or create a funny face using clown makeup.

Lake: visit the animals relaxing backstage.

Magic Trunk: find the hidden trunk and see the surprises inside.

Navigation

Click on the different areas such as the Show Tent, Clown's Trailer, Music Tent and the Lake to go there.

You can click on the sky to get an aerial view. From the aerial view, you can go to any part of the Circus.

To choose from among different acts while in the main Show Tent, click the Projector icon at the bottom left of the screen. This will present the Show Poster. The Show Poster shows all the Circus acts. By moving the spotlight over the characters on the poster, you can get an animated preview of acts. Click on the character or the act you want to see to go to the act.

To skip the introduction to an act and go directly to the interactive part, press the Tab key.

To leave the Show Tent while an act is in progress, click the Projector icon. When the Show Poster appears, click the Projector icon again to make the poster go away. Then click on the opening in the curtain to leave the Show Tent.

Mouse holes: A surprise way to go Backstage is through the mouse holes which appear on screen during some of the Circus acts inside the Show Tent. Clicking the mouse holes will drop you Backstage in a surprise location. To get back inside the Show Tent, you can use mouse holes from the Lake, Music Tent and the Clown's Trailer as well.

Help

Zippy the mouse is the Circus Ringleader and the Help character. You can call Zippy for Help by ringing on his doorbell (at the bottom right of the screen). If Zippy's door is not brightly lit, Help is not available in that particular section.

Volume Control

The sound volume of the program can be changed at any time by pressing the number keys (1–9) on either the top row of the keyboard or on the numeric keypad.

Quitting the Program

To quit, go to the aerial view (click on the sky) and click the Exit sign. You can also press Command-Q (or Ctrl-Q) at any time. To skip the closing credits, press Command-Q (or Ctrl-Q) again.

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