

Discover the Thrilling and Colorful World of 1930s New York City Circus and Amusement Parks!



The Roaring 1930s and the Rise of Entertainment in New York City

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the vibrant and electrifying atmosphere of the New York City Circus and Amusement Park scene in 1930. This was an era of innovation, cultural shifts, and economic growth, where people sought entertainment and escapism from the challenges of the Great Depression.

In this exclusive directory, we will take you on a mesmerizing journey through the major circuses and amusement parks that captivated New Yorkers in 1930. From the iconic Madison Square Garden to the Coney Island Boardwalk, prepare yourself for a rollercoaster of excitement, awe, and wonder!



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Madison Square Garden: The Center of Spectacle



Madison Square Garden, located in Midtown Manhattan, was the epicenter of entertainment in 1930. As the world's largest indoor arena, it hosted a myriad of circus performances, musical shows, and sporting events. With a seating capacity of over 18,000, the Garden was a magnificent symbol of the city's love for grand spectacles.

Prominent circuses like Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus would regularly set up their massive Big Top tents inside Madison Square Garden, astounding audiences with death-defying acrobats, roaring lions, dancing elephants, and charismatic clowns. The thrilling acts and the sheer scale of the performances left spectators in awe.

The Enchanting World of Coney Island



No visit to 1930s New York City would be complete without exploring the magical playground of Coney Island. This vibrant amusement park, located in Brooklyn, offered a perfect blend of thrilling rides, boardwalk treats, and sideshow wonders.

Stepping onto the Coney Island Boardwalk, visitors were greeted by a riot of colors, the aroma of freshly popped popcorn, and the joyful screams from the famous Cyclone rollercoaster. The boardwalk also boasted numerous sideshows, where fascinating attractions such as bearded ladies, sword swallows, and fire eaters astonished eager audiences.

Other Unforgettable Destinations

While Madison Square Garden and Coney Island were the stars of the show, 1930s New York City had a range of other outstanding circus and amusement park attractions that enraptured locals and tourists alike.

Luna Park, located in Coney Island, featured extravagant lighting displays, thrilling rides, and various performances that transported visitors to a state of pure joy and excitement.

Palisades Amusement Park, situated in New Jersey just across the Hudson River, was a favorite getaway for those seeking a break from bustling city life. With its scenic views, exhilarating roller coasters, and calming boat rides, it provided an idyllic escape for all.

The Legacy of 1930s New York City Circus and Amusement Parks

The 1930s marked a turning point in the entertainment industry, shaping the way we see and experience circuses and amusement parks today. The larger-than-life spectacles and groundbreaking performances showcased during this era continue to inspire generations of entertainers.

While the specific circuses and amusement parks highlighted in this directory may have long gone, their spirit lives on through modern-day attractions and the nostalgia they evoke. They remind us of the power of imagination, the joy of

shared experiences, and the ability of entertainment to transport us to a world filled with magic and wonder.

Step Back in Time and Experience the Extravaganza!

Join us on this incredible journey through the New York City Circus and Amusement Park scene in 1930. Relive the excitement, marvel at the daring acts, and indulge in the enchantment that defined this remarkable era. Get ready to be swept away by the exhilarating energy and unforgettable memories that await you in this extraordinary time capsule!



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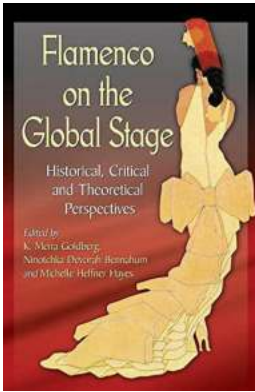


The text provides names and addresses associated with circus and amusement parks in NYC during 1930, and a bit before and after. It is interesting to note how many of these businesses continued to flourish despite the desperate economic times of the Great Depression. Names of circus and carnival companies are provided, along with others which were suppliers of amusement park necessities. There are street addresses for businesses and some performers. I have researched this volume using ancestry records, i.e. city directories, U.S. census information, etc.



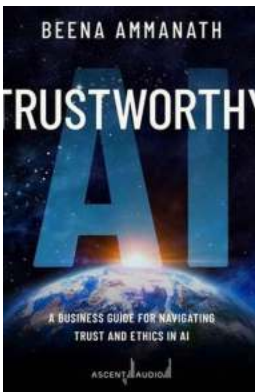
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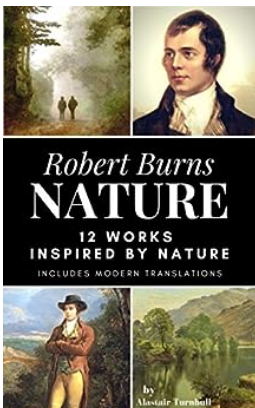
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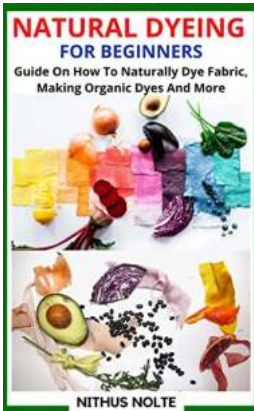
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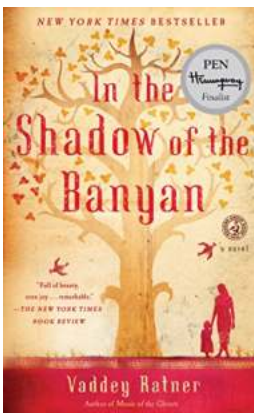
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