

Greatest Showman Fall 2023 Saturday - YOUTH

[After “Greatest Show”]

[Actors are all seated. Three circus performers take center stage and speak to the audience.]

Joey

Ladies and gentlemen! Children of all ages! Welcome to the world famous PT Barnum Circus!

[Audience applauds.]

Rafa

We have Dancers! Jugglers! Trapeze artists and more!

[All performers stand upstage. Barnum enters and walks downstage. He is frustrated.]

Jackson

This is Mr. P.T. Barnum our founder and leader.

Kyla

Mr. Barnum is one of the most successful men in the whole country.

Elan

He is known all over the world.

Tessa
We all are.

Joey
But, it wasn't always that way.

[Circus performers sit. Barnum's wife Charity enters.]

CHARITY
You're home early.

BARNUM
I lost my job again.

CHARITY
You weren't right for that job.

BARNUM
Or any job.

CHARITY
I have everything I could ever want.

BARNUM
But, no magic.

CHARITY
Well then – make some.

["A Million Dreams"]

Joey

Barnum put out a call

Kyla

For Unique persons!

Jackson

Curiosities!

Tessa

Daring acts!

Elan

And wonders of the world!

[“Come Alive”]

BARNUM

Anne! I want to introduce my newest hire, Mr. Phillip Carlyle

ANN

It's a pleasure to meet you Mr. Carlyle

PHILLIP

Yes, pleasure.

ANN

What is your act Mr. Carlyle?

PHILLIP

I don't have an act.

ANN (*chuckles*)

Everyone's got an act.

[Greatest Show - reprise]

Joey

The circus is a hit with the people! But, not with the critics.

Tessa

This show is the shame of the city.

Rafa

It is offensive and indecent?

[CPs pass a newspaper and read.]

Kyra

Offensive and indecent? I like that!

Rafa

What do we care what the newspaper thinks?

Joey

We only care what our fans think and they love us!

[Phillip Enters]

PHILLIP

You guys are not going to believe this! We've been invited to perform for the Queen of England!

ANN

Queen of England? Can't get much better than that!

[CPs exit. Charity Enters..]

CHARITY

When will you be back?

BARNUM

I don't know.

CHARITY

You don't have to do this.

BARNUM

But I do. For us!

CHARITY

But we have everything we could ever want.

BARNUM

I want to give you the life I promised you.

[Barnum exits...then Charity]

[Matt Plays "God Save the Queen"]

ANNOUNCER

You're Majesty. Mr. PT Barnum and his friends from America.

[Queen enters.]

QUEEN

The honor is mine Mr. Barnum. You are all more wonderful than I could have imagined.

Jackson

You're not so bad yourself, sister!

[Queen laughs and exits.]

ANNOUNCER

Mr. Barnum, you are invited to a reception following tonight's performance.

[Announcer exits.]

Kyla

It's time to party!

BARNUM

No. You have to rest for tomorrow's show.

Tessa

Rest? Who can rest?

Elan

I'm too excited to rest!

Rafa

Me, too.

ALL

Let's go!

BARNUM

No! *I* was invited. Not all of *you*. I can't have you mingling with the public!

Joey

Why? Are you ashamed of us?

[**Barnum** struggles to answer.]

BARNUM

No. Just – you need your rest.

[Barnum exits.]

["This is Me"]

[Circus Performers exit. **Ann and Philip** remain.]

ANN

What about you, Phillip? Are you ashamed of us too? Are you
ashamed of- me?

PHILLIP

No. My place in this world is with you.

["Rewrite the Stars"]

[Barnum enters and sits down stage left. He is busy writing and crossing things out. Charity enters and looks at him from a distance. She sings to him. He does not respond to her.]

[CHARITY sings “Tightrope” then exits.]

[Barnum sits in a chair downstage. He is upset. He is joined by the Circus Performers.]

Kyra

What's wrong? Feeling Sorry for yourself?

BARNUM

I lost everything because I forgot what was important. I'm sorry.

Jackson

You put folks of all kinds on stage with you.

Tessa

All colors, shapes and sizes.

Elan

You presented us as equals.

Rafa

You gave our talent a home.

Joey

We forgive you. Right guys?

ALL

Yeah

["From Now On"] ["This is Me" – reprise]

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