

HERE IT IS! THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS LETTER ON EARTH!

LLLLLADIES & GENTLEMEN! May I direct your attention to:

THE BRENDEL FAMILY CIRCUS

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STEP RIGHT UP AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!...

Yes, our demure, rational matriarch Kristina cut loose and produced a circus.

She sort of *had* to. In her new full-time role as Cultural Programs Coordinator for the iconic Crane Estate, she's responsible for dreaming up amazing new events to be presented on Castle Hill.

So why not do **the impossible!** Reinvent a 1910's Ipswich tradition: the fantastic **HARRINGTON CIRCUS!**

BE ASTOUNDED BY THESE INCREDIBLE ACTS!...

Kristina spent months interviewing **astounding** magicians, musicians, acrobats, organ-grinders, and contortionists. (Doug's fave: the yo-yo man.)

The Harrington Circus was a **fantabulous** success, and the smart money says it will become a beloved annual installment on the Crane Estate calendar.

MEANWHILE, NEVER SEEN BEFORE!...

Doug wrote a **spectacular** stage comedy, Kristina agreed to direct, and Doug went into shameless self-promotion mode.

Result: **BEST IF USED BY**, well received by **astounding** audiences at the iconic Firehouse venue in Newburyport, Mass.

(Special thanks to Becky Axelrod and Barbara Bourgeois; they inspired the script and performed the play.)

WITHOUT A NET! (*just a NewThing.net*)...

Doug crisscrossed New England speaking to Rotary Clubs about the humanitarian-aid charity **NEWTHING.NET**. After nearly 70 gigs, Rotarians have doubled the size of New Thing's following!

Doug's been so busy with New Thing, theatre, and his professional work writing appeals for non-profs, he finally suspended his "Outsidah" column after 12 years and 450 entries. (You may still catch **rare sightings** from time to time at **OUTSIDAH.COM**.)

SENSATIONAL SIBLING SIDESHOW!...

ARIZONA VANISHING ACT! Natalie moved to upstate New York, now stars as Senior Weddings & Events Manager at the prestigious Taconic Hotel in Manchester VT.

NO NEWS GOOD NEWS! Kris still runs the warehouse at the major Vulcan Needles tattoo supply company in Raleigh NC.

TRANSFORMED INTO OOMPA-LOOMPA! Lydia Charlotte graduated with honors and now stirs the cauldron at the celebrated Winfrey's chocolate factory in Rowley MA.

SHOCKING DETAILS OMITTED!...

- ❖ Kristina survives the incredible **FALL THROUGH THE FLOOR** — all the way to the basement!
- ❖ Doug rides the amazing **MERRY-GO-ROUND OF SIDE-EFFECTS!**

For the skinny on these and other **stupendous** Brendel Family Circus acts, contact Ye Olde BrendelGram directly.



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