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Ben Maginley's – 1874

The privileges with Ben Maginley & Co.'s show have been disposed of as follows: concert to Pete Gannon; sideshow to Jim Gannon and Collier; candy stands to Nick White. *New York Clipper*, January 17, 1874, p. 335.

Ben Maginley & Co.'s Circus, Museum, Menagerie and Trained Animals is the be the title of the show owned by Ben Maginley, Dr. Spaulding and John O'Brien, which will be put on the road during the tenting season of 1874. *New York Clipper*, January 31, 1874, p. 351.

Prince Sadi d'Jalma, the "Man of Mystery," is engaged for the coming season with Ben Maginley & Co.'s circus and menagerie. *New York Clipper*, February 28, 1874, p. 383.

Maginley & Co. have purchased, during the past week, a golden leopard, a tapir, and a collection of monkeys, birds, etc., all of which have been shipped to Frankford, Pa. Maginley & Co., during the winter, have been breaking a buffalo to perform a series of ring tricks. *New York Clipper*, April 4, 1874, p. 7.

Maginley & Co.'s Circus, Museum, Menagerie and Trained Animals. Proprietors, G. Spalding, John O'Brien and Ben Maginley; manager, Ben Maginley; assistant manager, S. Keeler; contracting agent, A. Burt; advertising agent, Claude De Haven; programme agent, J. Turner; treasurer, Joseph Colvin; assistant treasurer, Wm. Fowler; leader of band, Prof. Adolph Nichols; equestrian director, Jacob Showles; zoological director, Wm. Pendergast . . . Clowns, _ S. Smith and George Dunbar. Riders, Mme. Trewolla, Mme. Showles, Senorita Antonio, Fred Barclay, Mons. Fernando, J. Showles, Master Willie and Willie Showles . . . Gymnasts, Senor Antonio, George Dunbar . . . Acrobats, leapers and tumblers, Clifford, Fisher, Wilson, Sig. Raffello . . . Specialists, Prince Sadi d'Jalma and George Le Tort. Proprietor of concert, Peter Gannon. Proprietor of sideshow, Prof. Collier & Co. Proprietor of candy privileges,

Nick White. Supt. of menagerie, A. W. Field. Supt. museum, Andrew Reed. Winter quarters, Frankford, Pa. . . . New York Clipper, April 18, 1874, Supplement, n.p.n.

Ben Maginley & Co.'s Circus and Menagerie open at Boston on June 22 for one week. New York Clipper, June 13, 1874, p. 87.

Maginley & Co.'s Circus has closed for the season and gone into winter quarters. New York Clipper, November 7, 1874, p. 255.

1875: Ben Maginley has withdrawn from the Circus and Menagerie which bore his name last season. New York Clipper, January 16, 1875, p. 335. Information should be checked with additional sources Do you have more information on this show? Email your documented information for the show or the persons.