

CIRCLE OF support

In 2003 the band Hootie & the Blowfish played at the Family Circle Magazine Stadium in Charleston, S.C., to raise awareness for needy schools. After concertgoers filled a school bus with donated school supplies, the band decided to make it an annual event. Since then they've packed 21 buses! The tour is in full swing, but you may still be able to hear Hootie in your hometown (hootie.com).

—Caren Oppenheim



BEST IN SHOW

Catch one of these whirlwind tours when it arrives in a city near you.

—Anna Davies

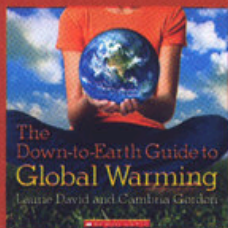
NOW STARRING	OPENING ACT	BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE	TICKETS, PLEASE
Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus	Enjoy the menagerie of elephants, tigers and more—and the antics of Bello the clown.	Sacramento, CA (Sept. 20-23); Denver, CO (Oct. 4-14); Chicago, IL (Nov. 13-25)	From \$11 Ringling.com
The Lion King	Colorful puppets tell the story of a lion cub who just can't wait to be king.	Dallas, TX (Sept. 20-Oct. 21); Minneapolis, MN (Oct. 25-Nov. 25); Detroit, MI (Nov. 29-Jan. 6)	From \$26 Disney.go.com/theatre/thelionking/tour
Walking With Dinosaurs	Life-size dinosaurs storm the stage, fly around the arena and battle for dinner.	Atlanta, GA (Sept. 5-9); East Rutherford, NJ (Oct. 3-7); Dallas, TX (Oct. 24-28)	From \$30 Dinosaurlive.com
High School Musical: The Ice Tour	Watch Gabriella, Sharpay, Troy and the rest of the gang bop to the top—on ice!	Nashville, TN (Sept. 14-16); Los Angeles, CA (Oct. 4-5); Richmond, VA (Oct. 5-7)	From \$15 Disney.go.com/disneylive/highschoolmusical
The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, with the Rockettes	The world-famous dance team goes bicoastal for its 75th anniversary.	Des Moines, IA (Dec. 6-30); Tampa, FL (Dec. 6-30); Costa Mesa, CA (Dec. 13-Dec. 30)	From \$25 Civiccenter.org (IA) Tbpac.org (FL) Ocpac.org (CA)

earth education

watch Follow a walrus pup and polar bear cub as they grow from adolescence to adulthood in *Arctic Tale*. An up-close look at animal behaviors in the wilderness, this film documents how the animals' lives change when their snowy world starts to melt from underneath them (PG).



read *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming* explains the hot-button environmental issue in kid-friendly terms. Funny and full of tips, the book informs—and empowers—kids and adults alike (scholastic.com, \$16).



play The new interactive online game *Adventures of the Idea Seekers: Sarillion's Climate Crisis* on KidsCom.com teaches tweens about global climate change through a series of expeditions and tasks—both on- and offline.



GET YOUR GLIDE ON

Now on DVD, *Blades of Glory* stars funnyman Will Ferrell and Jon Heder (of *Napoleon Dynamite* fame) as rival figure skaters who must put their differences aside and pair up on the ice (PG-13).

win it!

Like to laugh? We're giving away 75 copies of the hilarious *BLADES OF GLORY* DVD. See page 272 for rules.

