



Family History

The dynamic duo of brothers **Benjamin and David Spindler** proudly carry forward the legacy of one of Germany's most illustrious circus dynasties. As the 9th generation of their family, they remain an indomitable part of German circus history, bridging the past and the present.

On their father's side, their great-grandparents **Alois Spindler** and **Luzzie Heppenheimer Spindler** founded Circus Aramant, which they operated with their eleven children. Their legacy endures with family members running numerous successful circuses, such as the **Frankfurt Christmas Circus**, produced by **Circus Carl Busch**; **Circus Universal Renz**; **Circus Voyage**; and **Circus Berolina**, among others.

Their maternal lineage is equally impressive, with great-grandparents **Theodor Oll** and **Monika Brumbach Oll** at the helm of Circus Belloni with their five children. This tradition is now upheld by their grandchildren, who travel across Europe with multiple circus units.

Benjamin and David's parents, **Max and Monika Spindler**, married in 1965 and started a pony ride act. Two years later, they created the highly successful **Circus Safari**, touring Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg until the early 1970s when they relocated to Berlin.

Benjamin, with his wife Magdalena; and David, with his wife Kerstin; carried on the tradition, managing Circus Safari in Berlin until 1995. The family then decided to return to Bavaria, from where they expanded their tours to Austria, Slovenia and Croatia over the next 15-plus years.

Max and Monika's other children are also still entertaining the masses with their own Circuses. Daughter Judith and husband Gerd Richter produce the beautiful **Circus Mondeo** and are well known for their contributions for children with disabilities. They were awarded the highest civilian award given by the German government, The Bundesverdienstkreuz.

The Spindler siblings, along with their spouses, continue to captivate audiences with their diverse talents, including expertise in liberty animal training, aerial artistry, hand-to-hand juggling, acrobatics and clowning. They have dedicated their lives to learning, training and perfecting their craft.

In 2024, Benjamin and David debuted **Germany's Great Bavarian Circus** in the U.S., which is the realization of a long-held dream of their father. After a visit to the U.S. with his sons, Max was inspired to introduce their family circus and its rich history to the audiences of America. With a legacy that spans more than 100 years of performing, the cast and crew of Germany's Great Bavarian Circus includes 13 members of the Spindler family, who are an indomitable part of circus history, bridging the past and present.

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