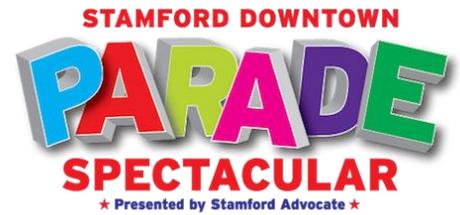


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### **Bello Nock, America’s Favorite Comic Daredevil, to Electrify Crowds at Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular**

STAMFORD CT, November 6, 2017 – With a resume including virtually every major thrill act, combined with endearing comedy and magical family entertainment, comic daredevil Bello Nock is set to amaze the audience attending the 24th annual Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular presented by Stamford Advocate.

Bello, who was included on TIME Magazine’s list of “America’s Best Artists & Entertainers” and dubbed by the publication as “America’s Best Clown,” is fresh from his recent appearance on America’s Got Talent. He has attracted millions of fans around the world with daring feats such as walking on countless high wires, scaling buildings, jumping from a helicopter, being shot from a cannon and climbing to the top of sky-high Sway Poles. Bello has a unique ability to make people laugh while simultaneously performing dangerous stunts.

Described by the NY Daily News as “arguably the greatest athlete ever to set foot in Madison Square Garden,” Bello will also be performing parts of his captivating act at the Point72 Giant Balloon Inflation Party on Saturday, November 18. This pre-parade event, taking place from 3-6 p.m. at the intersection of Hoyt Street and Summer Street in Stamford Downtown, will allow spectators a behind-the-scenes look at the balloons as they come to life and offer music, parade talent and cartoon characters and a meet and greet with Santa to entertain spectators.

The parade, taking place on Sunday, November 19, is one of the largest of its kind in the country, with 16 giant helium balloons and more than 200,000 spectators annually. The parade is produced by Stamford Downtown Special Services District. **A press conference with a special photo opportunity and balloon training will be held on Monday, November 13, 12:00 P.M. at Latham Park on Bedford Street in Stamford**, at which full media kits will be provided and our special guest balloon The Very Hungry Caterpillar will be available.

Additional parade highlights include five new balloons: Captain Barnacles, Alphonso the Dragon, Ozzy the Octopus, Pirate Pete and Peppa Pig. Among returning favorites are Fred Flintstone, Kung Fu Panda, Mr. Potato Head and Paddington Bear. In addition to the procession's signature balloons, the streets will also be filled with the sounds of 12 marching bands, including the NYPD Emerald Society Pipe & Drum Band, the Fairfield County Police Pipes and Drums and high school groups from Stamford, Westhill, Trumbull, Brien McMahon, Uniondale, Brentwood, Bristol Eastern and Harrison. A favorite float, Stamford’s Teacher of the Year, returns to host this

year's recipient Vin Urbanowski. Featured musical acts include Samba New York! and Silver Steel Band. Television personality and Stamford resident Alan Kalter will once again grace the grandstand, acting as the parade's Master of Ceremonies for his 14th year.

The parade is scheduled to begin at noon on November 19 at the intersection of Summer Street at Hoyt Street and conclude on Atlantic Street, just a few short blocks from the Stamford Metro-North Railroad Station.

For photographs and more information call 203-348-5285 or to see what's happening in Stamford Downtown, please visit [www.stamford-downtown.com](http://www.stamford-downtown.com) or follow us [@BalloonParadeCT](https://twitter.com/BalloonParadeCT).

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