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Wanted: Mutant circus monsters

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ROLL UP, roll up! The chainsaw-juggling, car-crashing circus is back in town and is looking for recruits to become "the most mutant circus monsters ever".

Archaios, which has been thrilling audiences with its high jinks, firecrackers and topless acrobatics, is looking for members of the public to take part in its hair-raising acts.

Both men and women can apply. Isabelle Jolly explained: "We are looking for strong people who are willing to make clowns of themselves. They must be strong because they will be wearing corrugated iron on their shoulders when they play the part of metal clowns."

Crashing cars and juggling with chain saws have become the hallmarks of this extraordinary New Age circus, which has abandoned traditional acts.

The cast of Archaos is multinational. Coming to Wembley will be Brazilians, a number of English and French performers and a Swede and an Austrian for good measure.

Would-be metal clowns should roll up to the Big Top in Wembley Stadium at 2pm next Monday for audition.