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CIRCUS DOESN'T KNOW IMPOSSIBLE

MAKE WAY FOR THE FESTIVAL'S 15TH EDITION MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE JULY 4 TO 14, 2024

MONTREAL WILL BE WELCOMING **THE GREATEST CIRCUS TALENTS** FROM QUÉBEC AND ELSEWHERE, AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE **RETURN VISIT OF TROUPES AUDIENCES LOVE!**

THE INDOOR SHOWS GO ON SALE PRESALE TO TOHU MEMBERS STARTING AT 10 A.M. TODAY SALES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOMORROW, APRIL 17, AT 10 A.M.

MONTREAL, APRIL 16, 2024 - The festival **MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE**, presented in collaboration with Loto-Québec, is celebrating its 15th anniversary this summer on the theme **CIRCUS DOESN'T KNOW IMPOSSIBLE**, and will be happening from **JULY 4 TO 14** at both **La TOHU** and **ESPACE ST-DENIS**. The team is proud to unveil the indoor lineup for this special anniversary, as Montreal welcomes artists and acrobats hailing from the **United Kingdom**, **Australia**, the **United States** and **Québec**. Festivalgoers of all ages will get to see a host of top-caliber performances, alternately stunning, unexpected or touching. Tickets are on presale for La TOHU members starting at 10 a.m. today, with sales to the public beginning tomorrow at 10 a.m.

"For this 15th anniversary, I'm delighted to be reuniting with some of the companies our festivalgoers love the most, with creators who've helped us build MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE - a don't-miss summertime event in our city," reveals **Stéphane Lavoie**, Executive and Programming Director of **La TOHU**. "It's an honor for us to be hosting these exceptional artists and artisans, who on each of their visits have ignited a whole range of emotions. We also invite the public to discover newcomers to the event who are guaranteed to impress. We can't wait for July, for the party to start and flood the city with the infinite possibilities of circus art - because...CIRCUS DOESN'T KNOW IMPOSSIBLE!"

As this 15th edition gets closer, MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE would like to call attention to the renewed presence of its partner from the outset: Loto-Québec. It's thanks to Loto-Québec's support that the festival has succeeded in carving out a special place for itself in the hearts of Montrealers and summertime visitors.

"The city of Montréal is delighted to support Montréal Complètement Cirque festival again this year, which so aptly embodies our city's spirit of innovation and creativity. Over the past 15 years, this not-to-be-missed event has helped to make Montréal a world leader in the circus arts, and to raise the city's profile both in Quebec and internationally. The 15th festival promises an unforgettable and breathtaking experience, a true reflection of the richness and vitality of our Montréal cultural scene. Adult and children will certainly be amazed," said Ericka Alneus, who is responsible for culture, heritage, gastronomy and nightlife on the Montréal Executive Committee.

"Tourisme Montréal has been proud to provide ongoing financial support to MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE since its very beginnings! The event enriches our city's cultural identity and helps consolidate our metropolis' reputation as a leading entertainment destination and the circus capital of the world. The festival offers a unique cultural experience that captivates audiences of all ages, origins and backgrounds. Enjoy the festival!" says Yves Lalumière, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tourisme Montréal.

In La TOHU's circular hall...

SMASHED2 / GANDINI / UNITED KINGDOM / OPENING SHOW

5 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 3 TO 7

The undisputed masters of juggling, who were warmly received on their first visit to the festival in 2013 with *Smashed*, and again in 2019 with *Spring*, are coming back with *Smashed2*: a sensational mix of virtuosity in motion inspired by Pina Bausch's Tanztheater. 9 performers, 80 oranges, 7 watermelons. Ages 8 and up.

DUCK POND / CIRCA / AUSTRALIA / 6 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 9 TO 13

After the gripping and much-hailed *Humans 2.0* presented at La TOHU last year, CIRCA, an audience favorite in Montreal – and one of the best-loved in the world! – is back with *DUCK POND*, which dazzlingly reinvents the famous romantic ballet *Swan Lake*. For all.

Presented by La Presse

PLAY DEAD / PEOPLE WATCHING / QUÉBEC / 5 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 10 TO 14

Blending acrobatics, movement and physical theater, this first creation of a young company made up of former students of the National Circus School explores social interactions in a world of domestic trappings and interlocking stories. Ages 10 and up.

Presented by Radio-Canada

Under La TOHU big top...

SOPHIE'S SURPRISE 29TH / THREE LEGGED RACE PRODUCTIONS / UNITED KINGDOM

11 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 3 TO 14

In the form of a surprise party like few others, this interactive-circus show – which was a sensation at the Edinburgh Festival in 2023 – serves up wacky humor and gripping numbers from performers who graduated from Cirque du Soleil and *Britain's Got Talent!* Ages 14 and up.

In collaboration with WKND 99.5

SUNSET CIRCUS / PARALLEL EXIT / UNITED STATES / 6 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 4 to 7

As you follow a traveling circus family, *SUNSET CIRCUS* invites the audience to participate in a joyful and festive experience, where little by little they discover the internal intrigue and drama taking place among the characters backstage. For families.

In collaboration with Montréal pour enfants

BROTIPO / LES FOUTOUKOURS / QUÉBEC / 4 PERFORMANCES ON JULY 13 AND 14

After taking the last edition of MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRCUE by storm with *GLOB*, Les FOUTOUKOURS are back with *BROTIPO*, a clown twosome that, in their quarrels, acrobatics and lonely moments, both moves spectators and makes them laugh. For families.

At the Studio-Cabaret of Espace St-Denis, the return of two much-loved troupes and something new for the whole family...

BARBU / CIRQUE ALFONSE / QUÉBEC / 11 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 3 TO 14

BARBU, who always play to full houses (better hurry!) is back for this 15th edition with their electro-trad fairground, a crazily festive evening where the audience is plunged into a world of curiosities and eccentricities. Ages 13 and up.

DIRTY LAUNDRY / BRIEFS FACTORY / AUSTRALIA / 11 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 3 TO 14

Another much-awaited return, the Australians of BRIEFS FACTORY, who after playing to sold-out houses at the last festival, are presenting *DIRTY LAUNDRY* - with an attitude more daring than ever! For a second year, Québec drag queen Barbada picks up the mic as guest hostess for the show. Ages 18 and up.

In collaboration with Fugues

LE BIBLIOTHÉCAIRE / LE GROS ORTEIL / QUÉBEC / 6 PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 5 TO 7 AND JULY 12 TO 14

Over the weekend, for the whole family, a rendezvous that blends clowning, theater and the circus arts, on the theme of passion, reading and the power of the imaginary. Who was it that said reading's a serious business? Ages 5 and up.

In collaboration with Montréal pour enfants

Co-broadcast performances...

MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRCUE and **LE MONASTÈRE**, long-standing partners, are joining forces again to present the astonishing **CABARET DU JUGEMENT DERNIER** (LAST JUDGMENT CABARET), where the best artists in the province face off in a competition as tough as it's friendly! In addition, the festival and **LA CHAPELLE SCÈNES CONTEMPORAINES** are getting together for the benefit of **L'AUTRE CIRCUE**, who celebrate the hybridization of genres during out-of-the-ordinary evenings that provide a stage for artists who choose alternative pathways of creation and who provoke our imagination to better entertain.

**THE 15TH EDITION OF MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE
WILL RUN FROM JULY 4 TO 14, 2024.**

**PRESALE TO TOHU MEMBERS STARTING AT 10 A.M. TODAY
SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOMORROW, APRIL 17, AT 10 A.M.**

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About MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE, La TOHU festival

MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is a festival that brings together and mobilizes people and that every year in July offers a dazzling circus lineup across the city for 11 days. Created in 2010, MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is the result of a collective dream: La TOHU, the project's driving source, with the support of Cirque Éloize, The 7 fingers, Cirque du Soleil, the National Circus School and En Piste. They all pooled their expertise, resources and will to create the first international festival in North America dedicated to circus arts.

MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is run by La TOHU and presented in collaboration with Loto-Québec. The festival thanks its public partners for their financial support, such as the Government of Québec, the City of Montreal and the Government of Canada. The festival also thanks its parapublic, cultural and private partners, such as Tourisme Montréal, the Quartier des spectacles, Nouveau Centre, the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC), the SDC Montréal Centre-Ville, the SDC Quartier latin and Show SDT. Thanks also to Radio-Canada, our major partner, and to La Presse, our media partner. The festival additionally benefits from the invaluable collaboration of Groupe Cirque du Soleil, one of the proud founders of the festival. MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is also a member of RÉMI, the grouping of major international events.

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