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MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE - 13TH EDITION JULY 7 TO 17, 2022

**MAJOR NEW FEATURES AND THE RETURN OF INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES:
TOHU WILL COME ALIVE LIKE NEVER BEFORE!**

TICKETS GO ON SALE MAY 5 AT 10 AM

MONTREAL, MAY 5, 2022 ○ After two years of adapted and even truncated programming, joy reigns within the **MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE** team! Today, we unveil the indoor shows for the next edition, presented in collaboration with Loto-Québec. From **JULY 7 TO 17**, we can expect a particularly extensive 13th edition, punctuated by major new features and which will mark the great return of international circus artists to Montreal, from the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, Guadeloupe, France and, of course, Quebec and Canada. This panoply of artists will represent with flair the best of the world's contemporary circus with performances infused with inventiveness, rigor, risk and a touch of madness! Tickets for all these shows go on sale today at 10 am.

“We’ve been dreaming all year about this new edition! All year, we’ve been preparing ourselves to celebrate this reunion between the public and artists, and we wanted to think big! Without barriers, without limits, in the pleasure of seeing each other again, in celebration and expectation of all its extraordinary artistic encounters. I invite everyone to stroll on the TOHU site and enjoy all its effervescence. We promise absolutely striking, daring or emotional moments, moments that call for celebration or guaranteed laughter! This is circus - in all its forms and in all its richness. Think big and come and embrace everything we have to offer!” - **NADINE MARCHAND**, director of **MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE**.

WHAT TO SEE AT THE TOHU HUB...

WITH SHOWS IN THE CIRCULAR HALL, AT ESPACE CASCADES, UNDER BIG TOPS AND ON THE OUTDOOR SITE, THE **MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE** TOHU HUB WILL OFFER MULTIPLE, FESTIVE AND EVEN GOURMET CIRCUS EXPERIENCES THANKS TO ITS BISTRO AND PICNIC OASIS. A PLACE OF CELEBRATIONS AND EXPECTED REUNIONS, IN COMPLETE AND SHARED PLEASURE. A SNEAK PEEK!

Let's go back to the light!

APRÈS LA NUIT ★ by Nord Nord Est and Benoit Landry (Quebec)

Presented by Radio-Canada

TOHU, Circular Hall, July 2 and July 5-16, general public

The festival opens on July 2 with **APRÈS LA NUIT**, the flagship show of this 13th edition. Designed specifically for the TOHU rotunda - a 360° stage used to its full height – this new large-scale creation by the **NORD NORD EST** company is directed by **BENOIT LANDRY** (*Serge Fiori - Seul ensemble* from Cirque Éloize).

APRÈS LA NUIT is a waking dream, a journey filled with freedom and a fiery zest for life. Spectators, reunited in a large circle, will watch twelve acrobats and dancers deploy on an imposing scenic device, with aerial installations like mysterious imaginary palaces, floating between sky and earth. The Montreal trio **CHANCES** completes this striking immersive tableau with their inventive and luminous live music with sounds from afar. This show will be presented throughout the festival.

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An extraordinary festive chaos!

BARKA ★ by Gipsy Kumbia Orchestra (Quebec)

In partnership with La Presse

TOHU, Big Top, from July 6 to 17, general public

It's a celebration under the TOHU big top with an explosion of music, dance, circus and imagination! Performed by the **GIPSY KUMBIA ORCHESTRA**, a two-time JUNO Award nominated group, **BARKA** is filled with delirious energy and auditory, visual and sensory stimulation. A celebration of life, hope and freedom. To the rhythm of cumbia, combining accordion, violin, clarinet, a brass section and various Colombian percussions, we find ourselves on board a boat. Explorers, migrants or survivors: it doesn't matter, we are leaving! The journey has begun, each of us in search of our dream. We all float together in motion, while a great storm is looming on the horizon. Let's make sure the boat doesn't sink!

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Let's share an imaginary space!

FASE ★ by Marta & Kim de Dansateliers (Norway, Netherlands)

FASE was made possible as part of NORDIC BRIDGES 2022 in collaboration with Harbourfront Centre, Toronto.

TOHU, Espace Cascades, July 8 to 11, general public

Here, three human beings move as one constantly evolving organism. Strong in their bond, but at the same time fragile. A system that moves endlessly, rising only to break again. Through circus and dance, the performers build, spin and swirl around each other. What does it mean to be part of something? How do we exist together as human beings? Three performers explore social mechanisms and dynamics and invite the audience to participate in their experience. And, for one moment, we all become a part of **FASE**.

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Back to childhood games!

HIATUS ★ by La Marche du Crabe (Quebec)

In collaboration with MTL pour enfants
TOHU, Escapade Big Top, from July 9 to 11, for young children – 2 years and older

In **HIATUS**, created by the same Montreal company behind LE MOBILE (MCC 2018), we highlight these suspended moments where nothing happens, essential moments to childhood games and creativity. The playground is circumscribed by a wooden palisade and a chain-link fence. Cloistered in this courtyard, two acolytes enjoy building and deconstructing their environment, while their neighbor, at the command of her wind instruments, offers a musical counterpoint to their creations. Intended for children, **HIATUS** combines dance, theater and circus arts in a body language that explores relationships with others and space.

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Kitschy fun and wacky humour!

LA FAMILLE GOLDENCRUST ★ by **Les Deux de Pique (Quebec)**

In collaboration with WKND 99.5 FM

TOHU, Espace Camping, from July 8 to 10 + July 13 to 17, general public

How can we forget the visit of the very colorful **FAMILLE GOLDENCRUST** at TOHU last summer? This time, they're coming with their magnificent motorhome to offer a flamboyant comedy and circus show, worthy of the most beautiful campgrounds and shopping malls in Florida. Grace and Kevin, an endearing snowbird couple with unusual talents, have put together a selection of the best moments of the large-scale production *Above the Sea and Beyond*, which they've renamed: *Above de "C"... comme Camping*. All that's missing are the pyrotechnic effects, the technicians, and the entire cast of dancers. To be up to the challenge, Grace and Kevin will have to use all sorts of tricks...

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A captivating visual and auditory poem!

PLAST ★ by **ENT (Sweden)**

Plast was made possible as part of NORDIC BRIDGES 2022 in collaboration with Harbourfront Centre, Toronto.

TOHU, Escapade Big Top, from July 12 to 16, general public

PLAST is an exploratory circus show aimed at an audience eager for unusual discoveries. Using natural and artificial materials, suspended bodies and original live music, this sensual and hypnotic rendezvous draws on circus techniques, such as the *corde lisse*, and explores humanity's relationship with nature. Suspended bodies - sometimes even by the hair - evoke the fragile balance of our world. We are here now, together. Will the balance break? How can we listen to each other? **PLAST** manages to suspend the activity of time...

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WHAT TO SEE AT THE National Circus School (ÉNC)

Between circus and dance, femininity in all its diversity!

BELLES PLACES ★ by **Métis'Gwa (France, Guadeloupe)**

In collaboration with TV5

ÉNC, July 8, 9 and 11, general public, 8 years and older

Métis'Gwa is a contemporary circus organization based in Guadeloupe dedicated to creating new projects steeped in its own Caribbean cultural heritage. It is the first creation of its kind to be presented at the festival. Merging contemporary circus and Caribbean dance, under the choreographic signature of **LÉO LÉRUS**, the four female artists who meet on stage – two dancers from Guadeloupe and Guyana and two Cyr wheel artists from metropolitan France – exchange their various experiences. There is often talk of "the place" (singular) that women occupy in our society. But which place(s) are we talking about exactly?

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A fascinating journey into the world of shapes!
PISTE PISTE PISTE ★ by **Portmanteau (Finland)**

In collaboration with MTL pour enfants
PISTE PISTE PISTE was made possible as part of NORDIC BRIDGES 2022 in collaboration with Harbourfront Centre,
Toronto.
ÉNC, July 14, 16 and 17, for children – 4 years and older

Shadows create surprises, and the movement of balls, fabrics and acrobatics create a magical and minimalist world that young children will love. Two characters discover and plant three dots that grow and transform into a line, through movement, illusion and circus prowess. An immaculate stage becomes an open door to the imagination, thanks to the overhead projectors that create a dynamic and poetic visual environment. Combining contemporary circus, dance and visual arts, PISTE PISTE PISTE is based on the children's book *Três pontinhos* (Three little dots) by author Mario Vale. This show offers a fascinating journey into the world of shapes and creativity, which will stimulate children's curiosity. Do you see what I see?

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**FREE OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING:
A MAJOR NEW FEATURE!**

A unique and large-scale concept will mark the free outdoor programming of this 13th edition! An artistic and touristic project, the details of which will be revealed at a later date, that will actively participate in the revival of downtown Montreal. Like every year, **MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE** will also make the city come alive thanks to a rich, diversified and renewed outdoor program! Since the festival was created in 2010, the Quartier Latin hub of the Quartier des Spectacles has been at the heart of the festivities. Year after year, Saint-Denis Street is transformed, and the circus arts will transform this emblematic street. As in the last edition, St-Denis Street will be transformed into a **COMPLETELY CIRQUE** world, with an even better immersive scenography! Not to mention that, once again this year, several **MONTREAL NEIGHBORHOODS** will become **COMPLETELY CIRQUE** for an evening or a weekend! Full details of the free outdoor program of this 13th edition, proudly associated with Loto-Québec - the festival's main collaborator, will be unveiled at the end of June.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET OF CONTEMPORARY CIRQUE (MICC)

The 8th edition of the **INTERNATIONAL MARKET OF CONTEMPORARY CIRQUE (MICC)**, organized in parallel with the **MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE** festival, will be held from **JULY 11 TO 14, 2022**. Created to support the promotion and development of circus arts on the international market, these four days offer a meeting place and a moment of reflection on major issues between professionals from around the world, through various activities: professional and artistic meetings, conferences, face to face meetings and more. Proud of the influence it has acquired among professionals, the MICC is now an unmissable event for the circus world.

MORE INFORMATION: WWW.MONTREALCOMPLETEMENTCIRQUE.COM/FR/PROFESSIONNELS/

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About MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE, a TOHU Festival

MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is a unifying and mobilizing festival that offers every year, in July, a circus program spread across the city for 11 days. Created in 2010, MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is the result of a collective dream. TOHU—the project’s driving force—along with the support of Cirque Éloize, Les 7 doigts, Cirque du Soleil, École nationale de cirque (National Circus School), and En Piste, have pooled their expertise, resources and will to create the first North American international festival dedicated to circus arts.

MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is produced by TOHU and presented in collaboration with Loto-Québec. The festival thanks its public partners for their financial support, such as the Gouvernement du Québec and the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, the City of Montreal, the Government of Canada, the Canada Council for the Arts and the Conseil des arts de Montréal. The festival would also like to thank its private partners, such as the Quartier des spectacles, Tourisme Montréal, the Quartier Latin SDC and the event Nordic Bridges 2022 in collaboration with Harbourfront Centre. Thanks to Radio-Canada and La Presse, media partners. The festival also benefits from the invaluable collaboration of the Cirque du Soleil group, one of the proud founders of the festival. MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE is also a member of RÉMI, a group of major international events.

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