

## PRESS RELEASE

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“An incredibly funny show that’s fun for the whole family.”

– **The Dominion Post**, New Zealand

“A show that’s not to be missed.”

– **Brisbane Kids**, Australia

## Celebrated Australian company CIRCA is back with *Carnival of the Animals*, at TOHU from December 15 to January 3

PRESENTED BY RADIO-CANADA

### Family holiday entertainment that will warm your heart!

Zebras juggle, kangaroos jump high as the clouds and felines and dinosaur skeletons can dance! Ask any child and they’ll tell you... *Carnival of the Animals* is a huge carnival parade from Australian company CIRCA—where every performance is a party! Using the perfect blend of circus, physical theatre, multimedia, and music, CIRCA will transport young and old alike to a colourful world where creatures that live on the earth, under the water and in the sky come to life. Inspired by an orchestra piece of the same name by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns, seven Australian acrobats will introduce this musical masterpiece to a new generation of circus, music and wildlife lovers! This marvelous celebration of life on earth runs December 15 to January 3 at TOHU.

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### FAMILY FUN RECOGNIZED THE WORLD OVER

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Warmly received following 6 performances at TOHU and MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE the last few years, the CIRCA company has built an international reputation thanks to their originality and innovative approach, which are praised by audiences and critics alike in some 34 countries on 6 continents.

Their fantastical and fun adaptation of *Carnival of the Animals* has been well received the world over for the demanding and creative work of director Yaron Lifschitz, as well as the incredible feats by all the performers. The set design brings you to the depths of the ocean and the highest reaches of the sky, where acrobats dazzle us with incredible feats and aerial wonders. It promises to be a mammoth performance for young and old alike!

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### A FIRST: 16 LOCAL CHILDREN JOIN THE PERFORMANCE!

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CIRCA has done a lot of travelling with *Carnival of the Animals*, but we saved something special for this series of 19 performances in Montreal. That’s because 16 Quebec children aged 7 to 11 with circus experience in gymnastics, dance and music have been recruited to join the performances. Selected after a series of auditions, these children will perform with their Australian counterparts on stage!



**Director** Yaron Lifschitz; **Circa Ensemble** Nathan Boyle, Bridie Hooper, Nicole Faubert, Seth Scheuner, Brittannie Portelli, Kimberley Rossi and Duncan West; **Costume Design** Libby McDonnell; **Technical Director/Lighting Designer** Jason Organ; **Video Design** Michaela French; **Sound Designer/ Composer** Quincy Grant; **Set Design** Yaron Lifschitz, Jason Organ, Libby McDonnell and Michaela French; **Producer** Danielle Kellie. A production by Circa and QPAC's Out of the Box Festival

## **CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS BY AUSTRALIAN COMPANY CIRCA**

PRESENTED BY RADIO-CANADA

From December 15 to January 3. Performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
December 16, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.: Premier ◦ December 17 and 27, 2015: Meet the artists

No words. For all.

**Full details at [TOHU.CA](http://TOHU.CA)**

**Tickets for *Carnival of the Animals* are now on sale:**

Tickets starting at \$15 for those 15 and under

**Online at [TOHU.CA](http://TOHU.CA) In person at the TOHU Box Office**, 2345 Jarry Street East in Montreal

**By phone** at 514-376-TOHU (8648) or 1-888-376-TOHU (8648). The box office is open every day from noon to 5 p.m.

Become a *MORDU DE LA TOHU* and save 25%.

**CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS IS PRESENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL, ITS ARTS FUNDING AND ADVISORY BODY AND THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT THROUGH ARTS QUEENSLAND.**

### **FIRST EDITION OF MONTREAL'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE !**

*From December 17th to January 3rd, TOHU will welcome the Montreal's Christmas Village. Local artisans and creators will offer gift ideas that will please everyone and typical dishes of the holiday season. The Kingdom of the Elves will have its headquarters located at the heart of the Village, near the illuminated Great Christmas Tree and the outdoor ice skating rink. Even Santa will be there!*

***Free admission. More details at [www.noelmontreal.com](http://www.noelmontreal.com)***

LOCATED AT THE HEART OF THE CITÉ DES ARTS DU CIRQUE, TOHU IS A MAJOR HUB FOR THE DISSEMINATION, CREATION, EXPERIMENTATION, AND CONVERGENCE OF CULTURE, ENVIRONMENTALISM AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA. TOHU HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MONTREAL'S ACENSION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL FOR CIRCUS ARTS WHILE BECOMING AN EXAMPLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CULTURE.

TOHU IS FINANCED IN PART BY THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC, THE CONSEIL DES ARTS ET DES LETTRES DU QUÉBEC, THE MINISTÈRE DE LA CULTURE ET DES COMMUNICATIONS DU QUÉBEC, THE CITY OF MONTREAL, CANADIAN HERITAGE, AND THE CONSEIL DES ARTS DE MONTRÉAL. TOHU ACKNOWLEDGES THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RADIO-CANADA AND CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, OUR MAJOR PARTNERS, AND AIR FRANCE, OUR OFFICIAL CARRIER. WE ALSO THANK KEURIG CANADA, TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION, CASCADES, THE CAISSES DES JARDINS MOVEMENT, AS WELL AS THE STM, BCF S.E.N.C.R.L., UNIVINS, UNIBROUÉ AND OUR MEDIA PARTNERS, LA PRESSE AND COGÉCO MÉTROMÉDIA.

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