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## **TOHU Season No. 6 Certain to be a Sensation!**

**Montreal, April 27, 2009** – At the close of the current season in June 2009, TOHU will celebrate five years on the scene. Five years of circus, of the world and of humanity, five years of testing the limits, of choosing “the road less travelled” and of celebrating the true spirit of exploration. Over the past five years, TOHU has made a name for itself, a positive image that opens the way for successful seasons to come. And there’s no doubt that Season No. 6 promises to continue TOHU’s broad appeal to its numerous and varied audiences. Thanks to the world of circus and the many events on the program, the whole community is now well prepared for any challenges that may lie ahead.

### **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: LA VIE**

*La Vie (Life)*, the most recent endeavour from Les 7 Doigts de la Main (Seven Fingers) circus troupe, received critical acclaim during its run at TOHU last year, becoming one of our most popular shows ever. Following this triumph – not only here, but also in New York, Wellington (New Zealand) and Moscow – TOHU is giving fans one last chance to see this unique work. In *La Vie*, death becomes a show in itself!

Les 7 Doigts de la Main will open our exciting new season, returning to the Salle Circulaire from September 15 to September 20 to delight audiences with their enthralling blend of circus and cabaret.

“Approachable and friendly in LOFT and TRACES, in their new production, Les Doigts have opted for electroshock, black humour and the crack of the whip. It must be said, death suits them!” – *Le Devoir (Montreal), 2008*

### **FRENCH TROUPE XY BRINGS ITS BAGGAGE TO TOHU**

From September 23 to October 2, the French troupe XY is set to mesmerize audiences at TOHU. XY is a young company of performers that embody probably the very best talent and creativity of the new French school of circus arts. They will present *Laissez-porter*, a work both acrobatic and poetic, highlighting the art of hand-in-hand. Caught between the darkness and the light, the performers carry their baggage, their burdensome lives. They carry and support each other. The troupe consists of six inventive and dizzying acrobats, lifters and trapeze artists. Six performers, three pairs working hand-in-hand, to brilliantly accentuate their nomadic wanderings. They create a moment in time charged with grace, virtuosity, humour and intense emotions.

### **ESCALE CIRQUE WELCOMES UN LOUP POUR L’HOMME (FRANCE) IN APPRIS PAR CORPS**

A terrific way to learn about the less well-known circus arts, Escales Cirque (The Circus Ladder) is delighted to present *Appris Par Corps (Body Language)* October 21 to October 24, 2009. The show examines the relationship between two people as explored by a lifter and a trapeze artist. The incredible technique of the acrobatic performances fades beside the exploration of new forms. On a pristine set and accompanied by superb and subdued lighting and sound effects, the two artists open our eyes to the complexity of a richly human partnership.

### **NOT JUST ANOTHER CHRISTMAS!**

Beginning on December 16, 2009, TOHU will celebrate the holiday season in a novel way, welcoming the Russian troupe LICEDÉI in their performance of *Semianyki*. In it, we are introduced to a demented family of wacky and “explosive” clowns. These very modern clowns excel at creating metaphors from objects, evoking whimsical images, and interacting with the audience. The remarkable show is enhanced by original music, richly underscoring the absurdity of the performances.

“From great art, great joy.” – *Télérama*

### **MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: WORLD PREMIERE OF PSY, NEW FROM LES 7 DOIGTS DE LA MAIN**

Les 7 Doigts de la Main have often explored new avenues of creativity and will present *PSY* starting on February 16, 2010. True to the form on which their success is founded, the troupe has developed its new show in their own inimitable style – a collective effort drawing on their innovative ideas and depth of knowledge – to produce a multidisciplinary, gripping and deeply human production. And in it, Les 7 Doigts de la Main will turn the stage over to a new team of young and talented artists.

### **A SUPER-SIZED CIRCUS SUMMER WITH L'ÉCOLE NATIONALE DE CIRQUE**

Each summer, TOHU and the ÉNC (National Circus School) give fans the opportunity to “run away to the circus.” From June 8 to June 19, 2010, the ÉNC will introduce an all-new double format. To provide graduating students with the greatest possible experience and exposure, the school will alternate between two different shows. An extra added opportunity to see the acrobat-artists of tomorrow!

**To make it easy for you get the most from its exciting program, TOHU is making an offer you really can't refuse. So make sure you get the most out of your circus season by accepting it without delay: 3 amazing circus performances from just \$53 in 2009!**

**But before you jump headfirst into the next circus season, spend some summer time at TOHU. There are super activities for the whole family: the Éco-Fête, Latin Fridays, Family Sundays, the Fête Éco-Bio Paysanne and our fifth FALA. All this and more are sure to make your summer colourful and fun at TOHU!**

Don't miss any of the action. Pick up a copy of the TOHU brochure or order it online at [tohu.ca](http://tohu.ca). Your biggest problem will be choosing from among all the great offerings inside!

**Getting to TOHU is easy:** 2345 Jarry East (corner d'Iberville)  
Jarry Metro (194 Bus Jarry East)  
Iberville or Frontenac Metro (94 Bus Iberville North)  
Information and box office: 514-376-TOHU (8648)

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