



8th season for La TOHU! 2011–2012 Season

Montréal, May 3, 2011 – With its profusion of stunning, athletic, sensual, inventive and hilarious performances, La TOHU's eighth season promises to pack a punch. For its eighth year, La TOHU has invited some of the world's most sought-after circus troupes, from Australia and the Îles-de-la-Madeleine, from China and the United States, from Canada and Belgium. Enjoy these extraordinary **Chinese acrobats** who brought us *Jungua* in 2007, the festive company **Vague de Cirque**, the not-to-be-missed Belgian clown duo **OKIDOK**, back by popular demand with the gut-busting *Ha Ha Ha*, the very sexy troupe **CIRCA**, which seduced audiences with *By The Light of Stars That Are No Longer* in 2009, *Circus Incognitus*, by the great **Jamie Adkins** (*Typo*), and last but not least, the **National Circus School**, which will thrill audiences with not one but two shows. In short, expect a season of exciting and colourful circus!

***Chi of Shaolin: Tale of the Dragon* (CHINA)**

September 27 to October 6, 2011

If you liked *Jungua*, presented at La TOHU in 2007, you'll love *Chi of Shaolin: Tale of the Dragon*. Martial arts, dance, sabre work, hand balancing on canes, contortion with chandeliers, foot-juggling and Chinese diabolo are some of the impressive techniques put into play to help tell the inspiring story of a young thief taken in by a monk following a break-in gone wrong. Once at the Temple, he undertakes an apprenticeship that will lead him on a path of internal transformation. Once more, these unbeatable Chinese acrobats outdo themselves in a production that veers well off the beaten track.

Vague de Cirque (ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE, CANADA)

Cabotinage

Under the big top, October 5 to 15, 2011

Cabotinage is a mind-blowing fusion of aerial acrobatics and frank hilarity, where the warm ambience of a small big top is accentuated by the highly fantastical characters' interaction with the audience. Acrobatics, magic, and a good dose of fun await you; laughter and chills take turns to the rhythm of somersaults and totally cracked humour delivered by exuberant performers. A wild show in the tradition of the famous cabarets of Paris and Berlin. Unforgettable!

"Playful, comical, Vague de Cirque appears on the scene like a breath of fresh air, with amazing and impressive acts. An absolute must-see for flawless entertainment." (*Rue Frontenac, Montréal*)

OKIDOK (BELGIUM)

Ha Ha Ha

December 20, 2011, to January 5, 2012

At the intersection of animated drawing and theatre of objects, the two members of the troupe OKIDOK, with their classic red noses and oversized shoes, are guaranteed to entertain with their series of skits, each more improbable and hilarious than the last, where objects become excuses for new gags and fresh flights of fancy. A ball falls from the sky, a door opens into the great beyond: the unusual and the inventive meet at every turn. Performed all over the world for 10 years now, *Ha Ha Ha* is a show where laughter razes everything in its path. The holidays have never been so joyful!

"When you are feeling old and disappointed with the world in general and yourself in particular, the Belgian clown duo Okidok will provide a cure." (*The Guardian, England*)

CIRCA (AUSTRALIA)

CIRCA

February 15 to 23, 2012, 8 p.m. (dark on February 19 and 20)

Heralded worldwide for its smart mix of contemporary dance, athleticism, burlesque, poetry and comedy, CIRCA

is back with its self-titled show. Performing to music by Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen, Radiohead and Sigur Rós, Circa explores the limits of the human body, with no artifice and with the economical use of apparatuses, in a series of acts as spectacular as they are provocative. Breathtakingly beautiful.

"Knee-tremblingly sexy, beautiful and moving. 4 out of 5 stars." (*The Guardian*, England)

Jamie Adkins (UNITED STATES)

Circus Incognitus

March 5 to 11, 2012

One of the world's best clowns, jugglers, hand-balancers and acrobats, Jamie Adkins creates an art that's pure poetry in motion, whether he's performing on a ladder or a slack rope. Jamie has earned the admiration of critics and the love of circus aficionados all over the world. A former member of Cirque du Soleil and Cirque Éloize, he integrates storytelling with his uncommon prowess to convey the very essence of the ordinary man. With *Circus Incognitus*, he demonstrates—in ways as incongruous as they are funny—his tenacity when facing adversity. A memorable outing for the whole family!

"Adkins hasn't reinvented juggling or clowning, he's just made them more interesting to watch through the powers of personality and grace." (*Daily Gazette*, New York)

National Circus School (CANADA)

Two annual shows

May 29 to June 9, 2012

Two new creations, always highly anticipated! Before running off to join the world's greatest circuses, the young graduates of the NCS present the fruit of their three years of higher circus arts training. Once more, audiences will be thrilled by this annual show, which features a plethora of disciplines, among them juggling, corde lisse, trapeze, contortion, hoops, Chinese poles and hand-to-hand. You can't help but be amazed when witnessing the talent of these young, energetic acrobats, and you'll be equally impressed by their innovative staging. A unique opportunity to discover tomorrow's circus stars.

"When it comes to circus, some shows you just don't want to miss. The performances of Montréal's National Circus School are on that list." (*Nightlife Magazine*, Montréal)

While you wait for the new season to start, enjoy the summer!

La TOHU brings you **a summer filled with free events and shows for the whole family**: dances, the **Bits of the Sky** event at the St-Michel Environmental Complex (SMEC), guided tours of the SMEC on foot or by bicycle, the **Fête Éco-Bio Paysanne**, the very exciting **MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE** festival that will take over the site, and of course **the very spectacular FALLA**.

La TOHU invites you to join it for an amazing eighth season! Download your La TOHU 2011–2012 season brochure now at tohu.ca.

Directions to La TOHU:

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