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CIRCUS 1903 TRANSFORMS THE STAGE INTO A TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY CIRCUS IN ASIA FOR THE FIRST TIME

Touring Singapore from 18 April
Ticket pre-sale from 8 December

Discover the decadence, grandeur and romance of an authentic, vintage circus when Base Entertainment Asia brings **CIRCUS 1903 - The Golden Age of Circus** to The Mastercard Theatre at Marina Bay Sands.

Exquisitely crafted by the producers of the biggest selling magic show in the world, *The Illusionists*, and award-winning puppeteers of *War Horse*, **CIRCUS 1903** will transport audiences to the bygone era when circus was immersed in death-defying high-wire acts, bicycle wheel of death, knife-throwers and more.

While the acts contain all the thrills and daredevil entertainment one would expect from a circus, **CIRCUS 1903** offers an exciting new twist.

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Thanks to sensational puppetry, on a never-seen-before scale, by model makers who created the National Theatre's *War Horse*, **CIRCUS 1903** will bring the largest ever performing African elephants to life, in the ring. These puppets feature ground-breaking advances in design and expression - a mother and baby elephant which takes four puppeteers to animate, will captivate audiences with their life-like movements as the mother teaches her baby to perform in the circus.

No journey into **The Golden Age of Circus** would be complete without The Ringmaster whose commanding presence and panache will entertain the audience as he breaks the fourth wall, inviting members into the ring, to be part of the live performance through magical routines and gut-busting jokes.

Giving life to a show not seen in 100 years, are producers Simon Painter and Tim Lawson, who have created *Le Grand Cirque*, *Le Noir*, *Cirque Adrenaline* and *The Illusionists* in over 250 cities from London to Sydney to Broadway, as well as presenting *A Chorus Line*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Fiddler on the Roof* through Australia and Asia. Following the world premiere season in Australia **CIRCUS 1903 – The Golden Age of Circus** transferred directly to Los Angeles and New York.

To recreate the grand days of the circus that will keep the audience on the edge of their seats, scenic artist Todd Ivins has designed an extraordinary and decadent circus tent. Act 1 is set in front of the circus with trucks, props and rigging. Whilst Act 2 features the tent, flagpoles and rigging being raised into the roof of the theatre.

Further adding to the period feel are recreations of original turn-of-the-century circus costumes designed by Angela Aaron. These were inspired by authentic photographic collections, studying historical museum pieces and discussing with experts and historians.

And accentuating the appropriate accents to the acts, is music and soundtrack composed by Evan Jolly, who has composed many of Painter and Lawson's international hits.

From flagpoles and rigging being raised into the roof of the theatre, exotic elephants, contortionists, acrobats, stilt-walkers and to other circus folk performing circus acts from history, **CIRCUS 1903** is a unique and captivating circus extravaganza that is perfect for audiences of all ages.

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TICKETING AND SHOW INFORMATION

SEASON:

From 18 April 2018

PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Wednesday to Friday: 7:30pm

Saturday: 11:00am, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Act 1: 40 minutes

Intermission: 15 minutes

Act 2: 35 minutes

Total running time: 90 minutes

MASTERCARD PRE-SALE FROM 8 TO 21 DECEMBER:

15 per cent off A & B Reserve only

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TICKET PRICE:

Wednesday to Thursday

A Reserve – SGD145

B Reserve – SGD115

C Reserve – SGD95

D Reserve – SGD65

VIP Box – SGD580

Box Seat (For 4 seats) – SGD380

Friday to Sunday

A Reserve – SGD165

B Reserve – SGD135

C Reserve – SGD95

D Reserve – SGD65

VIP Box – SGD660

Box Seat (For 4 seats) – SGD380

** Excludes the booking fee of SGD\$4 per ticket*

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Base Entertainment is a live entertainment company with offices New York, Las Vegas, Houston and it opened its Asia headquarters in Singapore in 2010. Base Entertainment Asia has since become the largest presenter of live theatre entertainment in Southeast Asia. It is the resident developer, producer, programmer and manager of live entertainment at Singapore's Mastercard Theatre at Marina Bay Sands.

The company has presented over 150 of the world's most recognised shows of varied genres in Singapore; musicals – The Phantom of the Opera, Disney's The Lion King, Wicked, Jersey Boys, Cats, My Fair Lady, Annie, Mamma Mia!, The Sound of Music, Blue Man Group, Chicago, Sister Act, West Side Story; stage magic- The Illusionists, Cosentino: Anything Is Possible; circus – Le Noir, Cirque Adrenaline, Cirque Eloize; concerts- Michael Bolton, Bjorn Again, Cliff Richard, AR Rahman, Air Supply, Elvis Costello, The Village People and Bjorn Again, The Simon & Garfunkel Story; performing arts – Cavalia; classical concert – The Music of John Williams, The Music of Hans Zimmer VS John Williams; ballet – Giselle, Superstars of Ballet Gala; cabaret – Forever Crazy: Crazy Horse Paris; comedy – Laugh You Long Time; children – Disney Live, Hi-5, Disney in Concert.

In 2016, Base Entertainment Asia launched BasXclusive, the client services and group sales division.

Along with supporting international content, it is part of Base Entertainment Asia's ongoing efforts to give Asian content a platform to showcase their talent – Kabuki (Ebizo, Takizawa), Cai Xiao Hu, Kit Chan, The Lee Kuan Yew Musical and more. In 2016, Base Entertainment Asia started its arts education, the Applause Program. The company collaborated with leading arts and entertainment talents from around the world to develop the Musical Theatre Workshop for Singapore's aspiring artists. The Musical Workshop is not only an opportunity for performers to refine their skills but also for anyone with a passion for the arts to learn skills for being on stage and to meet others who share the same passion and interest. Base Entertainment Asia conducts these workshops annually.

Base Entertainment Asia pursues a 360-degree approach in its consideration of entertainment property production and development – creative value, audience appeal, differentiation of product, assessment of market competition, anticipated show performance, commercial viability and investment yield. Base Entertainment Asia regularly consults on entertainment properties and productions across the globe and has capabilities of managing entertainment venues worldwide.

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