

***Saloon* comes to Montreal and tours Quebec** **At the Monument-National from September 20 to 30**

Montreal, Monday, May 1, 2017 – Cirque Éloize is proud to announce the return of its latest creation, **Saloon**, to Quebec soil, not only with a grand Montreal premiere, but also with a major series of dates that will see it visit thirteen cities around the province in 2017 and 2018. A show inspired by the rich historical and musical heritage of the Wild West, **Saloon** has already been presented over 120 times on four continents since its 2016 Canadian premiere in St-Tite, Quebec. *Saloon* will run in Montreal at the **Monument-National** in the Quartier des spectacles from September 20 to 30, 2017.

Introducing Cirque Éloize to Quebecers

This decision to present *Saloon* in Montreal is part of Cirque Éloize's renewed desire to have a much greater presence on the stages of Quebec. "On the eve of our 25th anniversary, we'll be increasing the presence of our shows on stages around the province, as it's very important for us to (re)introduce Quebecers to the humanity, magic and creativity of Cirque Éloize," says Jeannot Painchaud, President and Chief Creative Officer of Cirque Éloize. The recent success of the **Cirkopolis** tour only confirms this desire.

Prior to the Montreal premier, *Saloon* will be presented as part of the summer series at the **Centre culturel de Joliette** from August 11 to September 3, before making a much-awaited return to the **Festival Western de St-Tite** at the beginning of September.

The Wild West comes alive

Saloon is a musical acrobatic adventure that gathers 12 multi-talented artists on stage, including three musicians and singers. Korean plank, aerial straps, Cyr wheel, hand-to-hand and plenty of other inspired acts present an incredible love story where almost anything goes. The spectators find themselves plunged into an America expanding its frontiers, in an exhilarating Wild West where the *Saloon* is where everybody comes to meet and tell their tales. In no time, the audience is swept up in an action-packed world of acrobatics, music and comedy.

The show has already been seen by 90,000 spectators as it's made stops in such countries as Canada, the United States, Turkey, Germany, Chili, France, Belgium and Switzerland. *Saloon* is propelled by original music written and produced by Eloi Painchaud, along with takes on classic songs by Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash. *Saloon* is directed by Emmanuel Guillaume.

Confirmed Quebec dates for *Saloon* in 2017

- Joliette, Centre culturel de Joliette – August 11 to September 3
- St-Tite, Festival Western de St-Tite – September 9 to 16 – **for its second year in a row**

Montreal –September 20 to 30
Salle Ludger-Duvernay / Monument-National
Quartier des spectacles

Tickets on sale – Monday, May 1, starting at 10 am

cirque-eloize.com or monumentnational.com

By telephone - 514.871.2224

Adult tickets from \$49, all included.

New VIP packages including swag and a meet-and-greet with the artists

Special prices for children and students

Family packages at 20% off (2 adults and 2 children)

Confirmed Quebec dates for the *Saloon* tour in 2018

- April 5; Drummondville; Maison des Arts de Drummondville
- April 6; St-Jean-sur Richelieu; Théâtre des Deux-Rives
- April 7; St-Jérôme; Théâtre Gilles-Vigneault
- April 11; Granby; Palace de Granby
- April 13; Valleyfield; Salle Albert-Dumouchel
- April 14; Gatineau; Salle Odysée
- April 20; Victoriaville; Carré 150
- April 21; St-Hyacinthe; Centre des Arts Juliette-Lassonde
- April 26; L'Assomption; Théâtre Hector-Charland
- May 2; Sherbrooke; Salle Maurice O'Bready
- May 5; Chicoutimi; Théâtre du Palais Municipal

About Cirque Éloize

A driving force of Quebec culture for almost 25 years, Cirque Éloize creates and produces moving performances filled with magic. Considered a leader in the contemporary circus world, Cirque Éloize brings together the circus arts, music, dance, technology and theatre to thrill audiences seeking sensually rich entertainment. Its creations have proudly boasted **more than 4,000 performances** in **over 500 cities** and have been seen by **over three million spectators**, while also taking part in some of the world's most prestigious festivals. In addition to its touring shows, more than 1,500 Cirque Éloize-designed private events have taken place worldwide

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For videos: https://www.dropbox.com/s/hhq100bn7s64mk1/SALOON_PROMO_30sec.mp4?dl=0

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