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CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS SET TO DAZZLE GEELONG: *ON BY CIRCA* TAKES THE STAGE ON MAY 12 FOR GEELONG ARTS CENTRE 'OUR SEASON 2022'

Having forged a reputation as the most artistically audacious circus on the planet over the last two decades, Circa Contemporary Circus will dazzle and delight with new show *On By Circa* on 12 May as part of Geelong Arts Centre's *Our Season 2022*.

Hitting the Costa Hall stage next Thursday 12 May, *On By Circa* is circus at its contemporary best – as thrilling as it is moving.

Artistic Director Yaron Lifschitz explores the gift of weight that lies at the heart of acrobatics. The simple act of giving and accepting another's mass is transformed into a profound meditation about beauty, loss and trust.

To achieve this alchemy, the stage elements are reduced to their most essential: seven extraordinary acrobats, a score by Melbourne composer Jethro Woodward and a striking lighting design.

Layering complex acrobatic sequences with sharp moments of close up intimacy, the ensemble creates

a stripped back circus of the heart that's uncompromisingly bold and unashamedly athletic.

The performance runs for 70 minutes without interval.

Final tickets are on sale now at geelongartscentre.org.au/our-season-2022/on-by-circa. Get in quick to avoid disappointment!

Recommended for ages 12 and above, *On By Circa* offers a fun and impressive night out for the whole family.

With productions ranging from large scale operas and vast choreographic spectacles through site specific adventures and intimate chamber works, the breadth of Circa Contemporary Circus' vision is unparalleled.

Circa acknowledges the assistance of the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

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"At Geelong Arts Centre, we are all about expanding the definitions of what performance can be, and bringing unique entertainment experiences to our community. On By Circa challenges the notions of traditional circus and explores important themes while keeping audiences mesmerised, and we are delighted to host them right here at Geelong Arts Centre."

Geelong Arts Centre Senior Producer - Programming & Creative Engine,
Penny McCabe

ABOUT THE SHOW

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CIRCA CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS
COSTA HALL, DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
12 MAY 2022

BILLING

On By Circa
Circa Contemporary Circus
Created by Yaron Lifschitz and the Circa Ensemble
A Monash University commission

CREDITS

Creator Yaron Lifschitz and the Circa Ensemble
Direction Yaron Lifschitz
Hero Image David Kelly

VENUE, DATES & TIMES

DURATION 70 minutes, no interval

VENUE Costa Hall, Deakin University – located at 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong

DATES & TIMES

THU 12 MAY 7:30PM

TICKETS & BOOKINGS

TICKET PRICES

FULL PRICE \$64

SENIOR/CONCESSION/STUDENT \$58

CHILD \$42

GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE \$54

BOOKINGS

geelongartscentre.org.au/our-season-2022/on-by-circa/

ABOUT CIRCA

Circa Contemporary Circus is one of the world's leading performance companies. Since 2004, from its base in Brisbane, Australia, Circa has toured the world - performing in 40 countries to over 1.5 million people. Circa's works have been greeted with standing ovations, rave reviews and sold-out houses across six continents.

Circa is at the forefront of the new wave of contemporary Australian circus - pioneering how extreme physicality can create powerful and moving performances. It continues to push the boundaries of the art form, blurring the lines between movement, dance, theatre and circus. Compelled by the question 'what is possible in circus?' Circa is leading the way with a diverse range of thrilling creations that 'redraw the limits to which circus can aspire.' (The Age).

Under the direction of circus visionary Yaron Lifschitz, Circa features an ensemble of exceptional, multi-skilled

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circus artists who have been a regular fixture at leading festivals and venues in New York, London, Berlin and Montreal with seasons at Brooklyn Academy of Music, The Barbican Centre, Les Nuits de Fourvière, Chamäleon Theatre as well as major Australian Festivals.

Circa is committed to fostering the next generation of circus artists and runs public circus classes from its studio in Brisbane. Circa also runs regular circus programs with communities throughout Queensland and around Australia.

As a champion of live performance, Circa manages arTour and was the Creative Lead for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games arts and cultural program.

TESTIMONIALS

"...impressive and sophisticated contemporary New Circus at its best."

Berliner Morgenpost on Humans 2.0 by Circa

"... reaches beyond the technical and physical nature of circus."

The Australian

AVAILABLE SPOKESPEOPLE

Joel McGuinness - CEO & Creative Director, Geelong Arts Centre

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Talent interviews and photo opportunities may be available upon request. Contact Georgia Allen - Geelong Arts Centre Communications and Social Media Lead to discuss interview opportunities further.

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OUR SEASON 2022

Featuring 11 vital stories that you won't want to miss, *Our Season 2022* showcases the voices of those who have overcome hardship, broken down barriers and fought for their place upon the world stage.

For full program details and online bookings, visit geelongartscentre.org.au/our-season-2022/

Geelong Arts Centre: Our Season 2022 is proudly supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, Major Artistic Partner, Deakin University and Innovation Partner, Costa Asset Management.

Bookings can be made via the website, or by phoning the Box Office on 1300 251 200 between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Geelong Arts Centre has moved to e-ticket delivery for *Our Season 2022*. Confirmation of your booking will be emailed to you immediately, and all e-tickets for performances will be emailed to you three days prior to the performance.

Geelong Arts Centre scrupulously adheres to COVID Safe principles. Please make sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information regarding current COVID Safety measures and conditions of entry prior to each performance.

Information on what to expect on site, including helpful FAQs, can be found on our website at geelongartscentre.org.au

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