

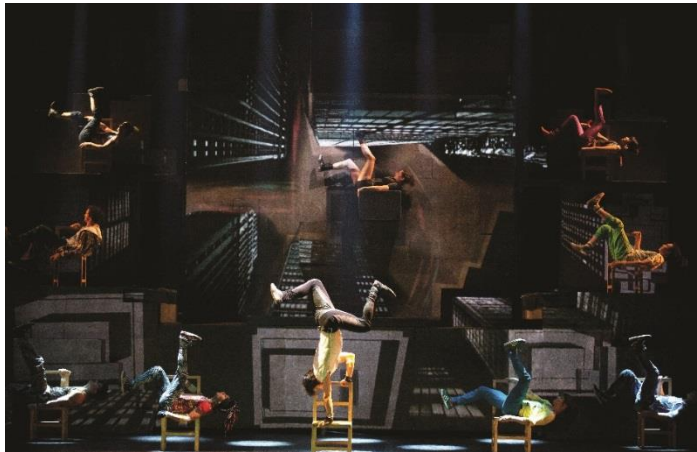
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AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE Cirque Éloize, Canada



★★★★ *"...as nail-biting as it was beautiful"*

The Telegraph

"...fizzes and thrills with infectious energy, skill and self-belief."

The Guardian

★★★★★ *"We'd love to give it a six out of five."*

Entertainment Focus

Photo: Patrick Lazic

An international sensation since 2009, **Cirque Éloize's** *iD* is a high-energy blend of circus arts and urban dance, featuring an inspiring soundtrack and innovative video projections. Fifteen acrobats, aerialists, hip hop and break dancers come together to create a microcosmic society where two groups celebrate everyone's distinct identity.

Uncovering contemporary circus acts across more than thirteen disciplines, Director **Jeannot Painchaud** presents a thrilling display of graphically staged theatre that has been seen by over one million people since its premiere.

The futuristic set, designed by **Robert Massicotte**, depicts the alleyways, industrial spaces, rooftops and sky of a gritty modern city, in which the performers create a resolutely urban universe. Set to a pulsating soundtrack of hip-hop and electronica by composers **Jean-Phi Goncalves** and **Alex McMahon**, 3D multimedia projections are integrated into the visionary stage design.

With ten original productions to its credit, Cirque Éloize has presented over 4,000 performances in over 500 cities and 50 countries to an audience of over 3.5 million. Today, the company includes more than 100 individuals working in various teams and projects.

Leaders in the renewal of circus arts, Cirque Éloize, have been creating moving performances since 1993. Based on the multidisciplinary talents of its artists, Cirque Éloize expresses its innovative nature through theatricality and humanity, and combines circus arts with music, dance and theatre in a path-breaking and original manner.

The award winning company has enjoyed rave reviews and sold-out engagements at the world's most prestigious festivals and theatres including Edinburgh International Festival, the Hollywood Bowl, Theatre du Rond-Point des Champs-Élysees, Sadler's Wells, Opera House in Tel-Aviv, World Trade Center in Dubai and the Barbican Theatre.

Éloize is a word that comes from the Magdalen Islands and means "*flashes of heat lightning seen on the horizon*". Seen as inspiration by the company's founding members, the lightning symbolises the

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heat and energy which feeds the troupe's spirit. The performers from Cirque Éloize's first troupe all originated from the Magdalen islands, located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, a little over 200 km off Quebec's east coast, in North America.

Where	Riverside Theatre
When	13-22 January Preview: 12 January at 7.30pm Tue at 6.30pm Wed & Sat at 2.00pm & 7.30pm Thu & Fri at 7.30pm Sun at 2.00pm No performance on Monday
Duration	110mins including interval
Tickets	Premium \$70 A Reserve \$60(M)/ \$54 B Reserve \$40 / \$36 + booking fees
Bookings	Sydney Festival on 1300 856 876 sydneyfestival.org.au/id

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