



ANIMAL

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Cirque Alfonse
Canada

Riverside Theatres
3-12 January
1 hour, 15 minutes (no interval)

CAST AND CREDITS

Production Cirque Alfonse
Artistic Direction Julie et Antoine Carabinier-Lépine
Director Alain Francoeur
Original Music & Songs David Simard
Scenography Nicolas Descoteaux
Light Design Nicolas Descoteaux
Costumes Design Geneviève Beauchamp
Acrobatic Props Design Sylvain Lafrénière
Acrobats Antoine Carabinier Lépine, Julie Carabinier Lépine, Alain Carabinier, Jonathan Casaubon, Jean-Philippe Cuerrier, Genevieve Morin
Musicians Josianne Laporte, David Simard, Guillaume Turcotte.
Sound Technician Katie Sweeney
Lighting Jean-François Piché

ABOUT THE SHOW

Cirque Alfonse takes us on a journey of discovery through a series of slightly surreal farm fables served up with a touch of irreverence, impressive virtuosity and the company's familiar comic touch. In this reinvented agricultural world, the farm is turned upside down and the barn turned inside out!

A gentleman farmer has surrounded himself with some familiar but slightly outlandish creatures: the chickens have teeth, the ducks are slightly menacing and the cows are kicking up a fuss. In this 'farm fantasy', the imagination conjures up stories from childhood, rural life proves to be both energetic and poetic and clichés are joyfully turned on their head.

Yet again, the family and friends that make up Cirque Alfonse have favoured a multidisciplinary approach, where circus, song, dance and theatre all come together, driven by original live music... an irresistible mix of trad and soul that the troupe calls 'agricultural funk'.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CREATORS

Animal opens the door to young urban adults to return to the land. Led by our patriarch, we invite you to celebrate a part of our somewhat lost heritage from a time not so long ago, when the farm gave life to family gatherings. There's no nostalgia here - but the purest pleasure of anchoring oneself in the current reality, to distort it, to reshape it, with great freedom. Come and spend a day on the farm with Cirque Alfonse, served in the form of an agricultural funk concert, with a twist. Enjoy the ride!



Rolline Laporte

CIRQUE ALFONSE

Made up of the Carabinier-Lépine family and friends, Cirque Alfonse gets its name from Saint-Alphonse-Rodriguez, its municipality of origin in Lanaudière. Québec is central to each Cirque Alfonse creation, and the troupe draws on national folklore for its themes, with a modern touch.

The Alfonse clan captured the hearts of the public in 2011 with lumber camp creation, *Timber!*, and its electro-traditional cabaret *Barbu* in 2014, followed by *Tabarnak* in 2017. After touring the globe several times to world-wide success, the troupe returns to Australia to bring you an unforgettable time.

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