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**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP AND NEVADA BALLET
THEATRE ANNOUNCE ANNUAL COLLABORATION; 2018
CHOREOGRAPHERS ANNOUNCED**

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL AND NEVADA BALLET THEATRE PRESENT:

“ART FROM ART”

The 11TH Annual A Choreographers’ Showcase

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**THREE PERFORMANCES: October 7, 13 & 14 • *Mystère Theatre*, Treasure Island Hotel &
Casino**

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LAS VEGAS, NV (Wednesday, July 11, 2018) *Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group* and Nevada Ballet Theatre (NBT) announced today their 11th annual collaboration, entitled *Art from Art* which kicks off the second decade of their acclaimed partnership and marks the beginning of NBT’s 2018-2019 performance Season. Held exclusively at the *Mystère Theatre* at Treasure Island Hotel & Casino, this year’s event will be presented over two weekends: **Sunday, October 7 at 1 pm**; and **Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14 at 1 pm**. Tickets for the performance start at \$25 and may be purchased by calling the *Mystère* box office at **702-894-7722** or visiting www.nevadaballet.org.

Known as one of the city’s most dynamic and highly regarded collaborations, *A Choreographers’ Showcase* has cultivated a robust local following by shining a spotlight on the diversity of artists that exists in Las Vegas through an ever-changing repertoire of original work.

Always a unique experience, this year’s performance will present audiences with a seamless show—breathing fresh perspective into this ever-popular event. This year’s choreographers hail from various

performing arts and technical theater backgrounds—including dancers, acrobats, aerialists and even a stage rigger---and possess a range of choreographic experience. Tasked with identifying a work of art as their inspiration, *Art from Art* will encompass a dozen original creations performed by over 60 artists from both *Cirque du Soleil* and NBT including newcomer Blue Man Group.

With mentoring by Creative Guides Johanna Sapakie (*Cirque du Soleil*) and NBT Artistic Director Roy Kaiser along with assistance from Caine Keenan (*Cirque du Soleil*), *Art from Art* will include a special appearance by NBT's *Future Dance* Scholars.

"Designed to highlight the inspirational sparks that are catalysts for every choreographic process, this year's theme enables us to shine an even bigger spotlight on our artists' talents while providing audiences with a singularly thematic performance experience," said Johanna Sapakie. "I am thrilled to be a part of creatively guiding this year's show as we embrace the evolution of ACS through *Art from Art*."

Since 2007, ACS has ushered in the creation of over 100 original works and nurtured more than 500 artists in their quest to explore music, movement and collaboration. As part of a special school matinee, over 10,000 Clark County School children have had a front row seat into this one-of-a-kind performing arts experience which has included a variety of dance styles in addition to acrobatics, body percussion, comedy, puppetry and more.

"I am thrilled to work with this year's choreographers and I am inspired by the immense talent between both companies," said Roy Kaiser. "*Art from Art* will catapult this premiere project into a new decade while continuing to be a vehicle for the sharing of new ideas, identifying talent and supporting and celebrating locally-based choreographers."

As a benefit for NBT, a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization, all proceeds from the show will support the Company's professional company productions at The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, where it is the Resident Ballet Company; its affiliated Academy that trains over 400 students; and its Education and Outreach programs, which successfully impact more than 20,000 students a year in at-risk communities and beyond.

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Cirque du Soleil and NBT are Pleased to Announce the 2018 Choreographers:

- Co-Choreographers Krista Baker and Steven Goforth, NBT
- Jaime DeRocker, NBT
- Chris Brown, Blue Man Group
- Caroline Atwell, NBT
- Michael McNamara and Marina Tomanova, *The Beatles LOVE* and *Zumanity*
- Kent Caldwell, *Mystère*
- Jawkeen Howard, *Michael Jackson ONE*
- Jacqui Strong, *The Beatles LOVE*
- Nicholas Dawson, *KÀ*

- Moon Lee and Ma9, *Michael Jackson ONE*
- Jason Plowman, *The Beatles LOVE*
- Caroline MacDonald, NBT

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ABOUT A CHOREOGRAPHERS' SHOWCASE

A Choreographers' Showcase began as a premiere collaboration between Nevada Ballet Theatre and *Cirque du Soleil* in 2006 when the two companies discovered a way to collaborate that would benefit Las Vegas' local ballet company and allow the world-renowned troupe to add an action-based element to their support of the arts. On Sunday, December 2, 2007, *A Choreographers' Showcase* debuted at Treasure Island Hotel & Casino on the famous Las Vegas Strip. Now in its 11th year, this critically-acclaimed production has created an avenue of growth for local artists while providing Las Vegas with a dynamic and completely organic dance experience each year. The only collaboration of its kind, *A Choreographers' Showcase* boasts an important education and outreach element; since its inception, over 10,000 local students have received the opportunity to witness this one-of-a-kind production bringing together artists from diverse backgrounds and dance styles.

ABOUT NEVADA BALLET THEATRE

Embarking on its 47th Season, Nevada Ballet Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Las Vegas and the largest professional ballet company and dance Academy in the state. Committed to the highest artistic standards, this classically-based company is at home in an eclectic repertory, moving easily from the classics to the high-energy contemporary ballets. The mission of Nevada Ballet Theatre is to educate and inspire statewide, regional and national audiences and vitally impact community life through professional company productions, dance training and education and outreach. Nevada Ballet Theatre is the Resident Ballet Company of The Smith Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit NBT at www.nevadaballet.org; Like us on [Facebook](#), Visit us on IG @NVBallet or Tweet us: @NVBallet

ABOUT CIRQUE DU SOLEIL® ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

Originally composed of 20 street performers in 1984, *Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group* completely reinvented circus arts and went on to become a world leader in live entertainment. Established in Montreal, the Canadian organization has brought wonder and delight to over 190 million spectators with productions presented in close to 450 cities in 60 countries. *Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group* currently has over 4,000 employees, including 1,400 artists, from nearly 50 countries.

In Las Vegas, *Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group* presents eight permanent resident shows. Within that, six are branded *Cirque du Soleil*, one features Criss Angel in MINDFREAK LIVE! and one is Blue Man Group. These productions include *Mystère* at Treasure Island, "O" at Bellagio Resort & Casino, *Michael Jackson ONE* at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, *Zumanity* at New York-New York Hotel & Casino, KÀ at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, *The Beatles™ LOVE™* at The Mirage Hotel & Casino and MINDFREAK® LIVE! at Luxor Hotel and Casino.

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