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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL RETURNS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS WITH ONE OF ITS BEST-LOVED PRODUCTIONS, *CORTEO*

SAP Center (San Jose) • August 9–13, 2023

Oakland Arena (Oakland) • August 17–20, 2023

Chase Center (San Francisco) • August 23–27, 2023

Tickets available to Cirque Club members starting today at 10 a.m. General on-sale starts on Monday, December 19, 2022



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(Oakland, CA- December 12, 2022)—**Cirque du Soleil** returns to the San Francisco Bay Area for the first time in three years with one of its most enchanting arena productions, ***Corteo***. Directed by Daniele Finzi Pasca, *Corteo* first premiered in Montreal under the Big Top in April 2005. Since its creation, the show—hailed as “glorious” and “breathtaking” by the *San Francisco Chronicle*—has amazed over 10 million spectators, in 20 countries, on 4 continents. *Corteo* will be presented at three venues throughout the San Francisco Bay Area—**SAP Center (San Jose) from August 9–13, 2023**; **Oakland Arena (Oakland) from August 17–20, 2023**; and **Chase Center (San Francisco) from August 23–27, 2023**.

Corteo, which means *cortege* in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the

acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth.

The clown pictures his own funeral taking place in a carnival atmosphere, watched over by quietly caring angels. Juxtaposing the large with the small, the ridiculous with the tragic and the magic of perfection with the charm of imperfection, the show highlights the strength and fragility of the clown, as well as his wisdom and kindness, to illustrate the portion of humanity that is within each of us. The music turns lyrical and playful carrying *Corteo* through a timeless celebration in which illusion teases reality. In a Cirque du Soleil first, the stage is central in the arena and divides the venue, with each half of the audience facing the other half, giving a unique perspective not only of the show, but also a performer's eye view of the audience. An atmosphere like never seen before in Cirque du Soleil arena shows. The set curtains, inspired by the Eiffel Tower, and the central curtains, which were hand painted, give a grandiose feel to the stage. This sets the tone for the poetry of *Corteo*.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for *Corteo* in San Jose, **Oakland**, and San Francisco are available online exclusively to Club Cirque members starting today at 10 a.m. For free subscription, visit clubcirque.com. General on-sale starts on Monday, December 19, 2022 at cirquedusoleil.com/corteo.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

SAP Center (San Jose) – 8 performances

Wednesday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 13 at 1pm & 5pm

Oakland Arena (Oakland) – 6 performances

Thursday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 19 at 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 20 at 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Chase Center (San Francisco) – 8 performances

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 26 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 27 at 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

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