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**THE NATION'S ICONIC FAMILY HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR
WILL ILLUMINATE THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS' MERRIAM THEATER
DECEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 29**



**20 OF THE WORLD'S BEST CIRCUS ACTS, OVER 300 COSTUMES, AND NEW HOLIDAY SCENES
BY RENOWNED DIRECTOR, NEIL GOLDBERG**

**"LAS VEGAS... MEETS FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT... MEETS MUSICAL THEATRE."
– THE BOSTON GLOBE**

**"A DELICIOUS CONFECTION OF CHARM, SPARKLE AND TALENT BY THE SLEIGHLOAD."
– THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 4, 2019) – *Cirque Dreams: Holidayze* brings its latest electrifying and reimagined live family holiday spectacular to Philadelphia December 26 – 29, 2019, at the Merriam Theater on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus for eight unforgettable performances during the holiday season. This critically-acclaimed extravaganza is both a Broadway musical and new Cirque adventure wrapped into the ultimate holiday gift for the entire family!

“This magical stage spectacle is the perfect show the entire family can experience together during the holiday season,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Part of our ongoing, back-by-popular-demand Family Discovery Series, this engagement has wide appeal, from Broadway to cirque fans. It also forwards our Cultural Campus mission to engage the community – and our littlest arts lovers – with live performance and education.”

The one and only *Cirque Dreams: Holidayze* has been hailed by *The New York Daily News* as “A delicious confection of charm, sparkle and talent by the sleighload.” It’s “the perfect holiday gift and show everyone will enjoy,” raved *BroadwayWorld* of the sold-out performances that “dazzled...at The Kennedy Center,” *Washington Post*. *The Tennessean* proclaimed it “A dazzling Holidayze Spectacle...for both young and old” at the Grand Ole Opry House.

Broadway Director and Cirque Dreams Founder, Neil Goldberg, has searched the world to assemble a remarkable cast of incomparable cirque artists, singers, dancers, and talent to mesmerize audiences with new acts, holiday scenes, theatrical innovation, and much more in 2019.

Set in a multi-million-dollar wonderland of elaborate scenes and dozens of original holiday production numbers, this spectacular show celebrates the most wonderful time of the year as they experience over 300 spectacular costumes and 20 of the world’s most astonishing acts.

Broadway singers perform original music along with a new twist on seasonal favorites such as “Deck The Halls,” “Winter Wonderland,” and “Jingle Bell Rock.” On the edge-of-your-seat acrobatics are performed by toy soldiers, snowmen, penguins, candles, reindeer, gingerbread, carolers, Santa, plus colossal ornaments flying, balancing, and stretching imaginations in this groundbreaking holiday stage spectacular. It’s “Las Vegas...meets family entertainment...meets musical theatre” touts the *Boston Globe*.

CIRQUE DREAMS: HOLIDAZE

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater

Thursday, December 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Cirque Dreams: Holidayze is part of the Family Discovery Series, sponsored by Santander.

Recommended for ages 5 and older.

The listed age is a recommendation, but please use your own discretion when making a decision for your young theatergoer. Ultimately, the recommended ages are guidelines. Only you will know how your child will respond to the live theater experience. Please consider the following factors when making your decision: the content in the show, age recommendations, the age and personal development of

your child, and previous experiences. All patrons regardless of age require a ticket, including babes in arms.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$40.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999, visiting www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at www.kimmelcenter.org.

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About Cirque Dreams & Neil Goldberg

The Cirque Dreams franchise is a globally recognized entertainment brand that has produced shows for Broadway, theatre tours, casinos, theme parks, resorts, governments, cruise lines and venues worldwide. Since 1993 over 50 million people have experienced a Cirque Dreams show garnering critical acclaim from *USA Today*, *Associated Press* and the *New York Times* to CNN, Today Show and Fox & Friends. Neil Goldberg has been declared "One of today's leading theatrical impresarios" by the *LA Times* and "Uniquely Ingenious" by the *New York Daily News*. Other brand titles include the Broadway Hit *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy*, *Cirque Dreams Rocks* and *Cirque Dreams Revealed*. *Cirque Dreams Holiday* continues touring the US with multiple productions. *Cirque Dreams Unwrapped* performs annually at Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando and Gaylord National, DC. A variety of distinctive Cirque Dreams shows perform year-round on Norwegian Cruise Lines. In 2019, Armed Forces Entertainment presented *Cirque Dreams Stars & Stripes* for military service members and their families. Neil Goldberg works with major celebrities and artists, holds various industry, leadership and Board of Director positions and is founding philanthropist of the Neil Goldberg Dream Foundation established to enrich the arts. For more information, visit www.cirqueproductions.com.

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The Shubert Organization

The Shubert Organization is America's oldest professional theatre company and the largest theatre owner on Broadway. Since the dawn of the 20th Century, Shubert has operated hundreds of theatres and produced hundreds of plays and musicals across the country. Shubert currently owns and operates seventeen Broadway theatres, six off-Broadway venues, and the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia. Under the leadership of Philip J. Smith, Chairman, and Robert E. Wankel, President, Shubert continues to be a leader in the theatre industry. Notable productions and co-productions include *Cats*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Dreamgirls*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*, *Amadeus*, *Children of a Lesser God*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Spamalot*, *The Elephant Man*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *School of Rock*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Come From Away*, and more. Shubert Ticketing sells millions of tickets each year through its Telecharge interface and private-label solutions—via a range of online distribution channels, box offices and call centers, and hundreds of third-party agents. Shubert's ticketing brands offer unparalleled distribution and marketing to the theatre industry and beyond: Telecharge for retail ticket sales; Broadway Inbound for group sales and the travel industry; and Entertainment Benefits Group for corporate markets. The Shubert Foundation, sole shareholder of The Shubert Organization, Inc., is dedicated to sustaining and advancing live performing arts in the United States, providing \$32 million in grants in 2018 to not-for-profit theatres and dance companies. The Shubert Archive is a special project of The Shubert Foundation.

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1 million guests per year and includes the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, the **Academy of Music**, and the **Merriam Theater**- representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts. We are home to eight esteemed Resident Companies: **The Philadelphia Orchestra**, **Opera Philadelphia**, **Pennsylvania Ballet**, **The Philly POPS**, **PHILADANCO**, **The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia**, **The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society**, and **Curtis Institute of Music**. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially-responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region's young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is our proud sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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