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# "CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE" 10TH ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY STAGE SPECTACULAR 20 OF THE WORLDS BEST ACTS WITH OVER 300 COSTUMES featuring NBC'S "WORLD OF DANCE" SOUTH FLORIDA SENSATION - DIANA POMBO

## BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS DECEMBER 26 – 30, 2017

## DIRECTED AND CONCEIVED BY RENOWNED DIRECTOR NEIL GOLDBERG

**FORT LAUDERDALE –** *Cirque Dreams Holidaze*, the iconic holiday stage spectacular, lights up South Florida's holiday season in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts with eight unforgettable performances **Tuesday**, **December 26–Saturday**, **December 30** as part of its 10th Anniversary National Tour.

This critically-acclaimed holiday celebration is a Broadway musical, new cirque adventure and family show wrapped in one!

Broadway Director and South Florida's own Neil Goldberg has reimagined this season's holiday stage spectacle of *Cirque Dreams Holidaze* the *New York Daily News* proclaimed, "A delicious confection of charm, sparkle and talent by the sleigh load." It's "The perfect holiday gift and show everyone will enjoy" raved *BroadwayWorld* of the sold-out performances that "Dazzled...at The Kennedy Center" hailed the *Washington Post*.

South Florida audiences can celebrate the most wonderful time of the year at this multi-million-dollar live stage production with never-before-seen performances, over 300 costumes, 20 of the world's best acts, the finest singers, original music and seasonal favorites. Experience elaborate costumed characters celebrating Winter, Christmas, Chanukah, New Year's and more with snowmen, penguins, candles, reindeer, toy soldiers, gingerbread men, Santa and ornaments...flying, balancing and stretching imaginations in this groundbreaking iconic show. Exciting theatrical production numbers, illusions and gravity-defying feats will leave you on the edge of your seats at this "Las Vegas...meets family entertainment...meets musical theatre" Cirque Dreams Holidaze production raves the Boston Globe.

Diana Pombo was discovered by Cirque Dreams Founder Neil Goldberg in 2015 at age nine when he cast her in Broward County's theatrical centennial celebration We produced by Cirque Dreams. Pombo, now 11, recently gained national recognition on NBC's World of Dance. Jennifer Lopez proclaimed, "It wasn't just all the flexibility and strength you had, it was the passion that you put into every move." After her World of Dance fall tour, Diana will join the 30-performer international cast of Cirque Dreams Holidaze from Canada, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Ukraine and the United States.

Says Creator/Director Goldberg, "Adding Diana Pombo to the 10th anniversary season of *Cirque Dreams Holidaze* elevates the shows already incomparable world talent and further makes this production at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts the holiday season show not to be missed. This will be our largest and most elaborate production to date that will celebrate, gratify and amaze the entire family."

Other South Florida locals in the cast include singer/songwriter Ariel Rose, who portrays the Ice Queen, a featured lead vocalist and actor Frank Vomero who will lead the audience in a delightful interactive bell symphony.

Cirque Dreams Holidaze will run for one week, Tuesday, December 26 through Sunday, December 30 with show times Tuesday through Friday at 8pm, Wednesday at 2pm and Saturday at 11am, 3pm and 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$29.50–\$69.50 with \$123 LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL tickets and \$99 VIP Tickets. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <a href="mailto:BrowardCenter.org">BrowardCenter.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Ticketmaster.com">Ticketmaster.com</a>; by phone at 954.462.0222 or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets.

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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. The LA Times proclaims Neil Goldberg "One of today's leading theatrical impresarios" and the New York Daily News praises him "Uniquely ingenious." Other titles include the Broadway Hit Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy, Cirque Dreams Rocks, Cirque Dreams Revealed, a new Cirque Dreams Holidaze premiering in 2017 at The Grand Ole Opry House, Nashville, Cirque Dreams Unwrapped at Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando and three distinctive Cirque Dreams shows onboard Norwegian Epic, Breakaway and Getaway. Cirque Dreams recently joined VStar Entertainment Group of quality family shows and experiences worldwide. Neil Goldberg works with major celebrities and artists, holds various industry leadership and Board of Director positions and formed the Neil Goldberg Dream Foundation to enrich the arts. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.cirqueproductions.com">www.cirqueproductions.com</a>.

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#### About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL, spectacular riverfront views for special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

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CALENDAR BRIEF: Cirque Dreams Holidaze lights up the season in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts with its 10th Anniversary National Tour created by South Florida Broadway Director and Cirque Dreams Founder Neil Goldberg. Hailed by The New York Daily News as a "delicious confection of charm, sparkle and talent by the sleighload," Cirque Dreams Holidaze is a Broadway musical, cirque spectacle and family show all in one featuring more than 20 of the world's best acts, 300 imaginative costumes, the finest singers, original music, seasonal favorites and a multimillion dollar stage production with soaring acrobatics, gravity defying feats, elaborate production numbers and illusions. Performances are Tuesday, December 26 through Sunday, December 30 with show times Tuesday through Friday at 8pm, Wednesday at 2pm and Saturday at 11am, 3pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$29.50–\$69.50 with \$123 LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL tickets and \$99 VIP Tickets. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222 or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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Sizzle Reel for download - http://we.tl/hyqb5y1pxW

Video on YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvgexEXbmoM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvgexEXbmoM</a>