

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL®  
**Corteo**™

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**CORTEO, ONE OF THE BEST-LOVED CIRQUE DU SOLEIL PRODUCTIONS, IS  
COMING TO BRIDGEPORT WITH ITS NORTH AMERICAN ARENA TOUR**

**At the Webster Bank Arena  
From July 18 to 22, 2018**

**Tickets on pre-sale exclusively to Cirque Club members today  
General on-sale begins March 9, 2018**

**Bridgeport, February 26, 2018** – *Corteo*, the latest Cirque du Soleil's arena production, will embark on a new journey throughout North America next March. The show will visit Bridgeport at the Webster Bank Arena, from July 18 to 22, 2018 for a limited run of seven performances. This unique production, directed by Daniele Finzi Pasca, first premiered in Montreal under the Big Top in April 2005. Since then, the show has been a great success and has amazed 8 million people in 64 cities in 19 countries on four continents.

*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.

The concept and disposition of the stage bring the audience in a theatrical 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*.

The cast of *Corteo* includes 51 acrobats, musicians, singers and actors from all around the world.

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Cirque du Soleil gratefully acknowledges the official partner of the *Corteo* USA tour: Forsythe, A Sirius Company

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**Ticket information****Show Schedule:**

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 7:30 pm

Friday, July 20, 2018 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 21, 2018 – 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 22, 2018 – 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Advance tickets for *Corteo* are available now online to Cirque Club members. Cirque Club membership is free and benefits includes access to advance tickets, special offers and exclusive behind the scenes information. To join, go to [www.cirqueclub.com](http://www.cirqueclub.com).

Tickets will be available to the public as of March 9 at 10 am at [cirquedusoleil.com/corteo](http://cirquedusoleil.com/corteo).

**To download official images (taken under the Big Top) and press kit:**

- Images of the show : <http://bit.ly/2G0akkW>
- Broll (shoot under the Big Top) : <http://bit.ly/2jIDJfN>
- Trailer : <http://bit.ly/2ArJ2Fm>
- Press kit: <http://cirk.me/2zzgSra>

**About Cirque du Soleil**

Originally composed of 20 street performers in 1984, Cirque du Soleil completely reinvented circus arts and went on to become a world leader in artistic entertainment. Established in Montreal, the Canadian organization has brought wonder and delight to over 180 million spectators with 42 productions that have taken place in close to 450 cities in 60 countries. Cirque du Soleil currently has over 4,000 employees, including 1,300 artists, from nearly 50 countries. In 2017 alone, 19 shows are being presented simultaneously throughout the world.

For more information about Cirque du Soleil, please go to [www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com)

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