

## Cirque du Soleil glides into PortAventura ready for their show Amaluna

- *The Canadian circus company will set up its summer base in the Costa Daurada resort ready to perform, starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>, its show Amaluna, a tribute to the femininity and strength of women.*
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**PortAventura, 11 June 2015.** - Cirque du Soleil arrives at PortAventura this summer to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Last year was the first time the iconic Canadian circus company had ever set up base in a European holiday resort. After the success of *Kooza*, seen at the Resort by more than 100,000 spectators, Cirque du Soleil announced in December that it had signed an agreement to perform at PortAventura for the next five summers. After their North American tour and the start of their European tour in Madrid, the company returns to the resort in 2015 to present their new show Amaluna.

Amaluna is a combination of the word *ama*, which means mother in many languages, and *luna* (moon), a symbol of femininity that evokes the relationship between mother and daughter as the idea of goddess and protector of the planet. The story unfolds on a mysterious island, called Amaluna, governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. Their queen, Prospera, directs her daughter's coming-of-age ceremony in a rite that honours femininity, renewal, rebirth and balance and marks the passing of these insights and values from one generation to the next. In the wake of a storm caused by Prospera, a group of young men lands on the island, triggering a love story between the queen's daughter and a brave young suitor. The couple must face numerous demanding trials and overcome daunting setbacks before they can achieve mutual trust, faith and harmony.

Written and directed by Tony Award winner Diane Paulus, Amaluna is the first Cirque du Soleil production with a cast made up almost entirely of women and in which both musicians and singers are female. This show, the company's 33<sup>rd</sup>, has been conceived as a tribute to the work and voice of women. Paulus, recently named by Time Magazine as one of the most influential people of 2014, says: "I wanted to create a show with women at the centre of it, something that had a hidden story that featured women as the heroines".

The Big Top is able to accommodate around 2600 people at each of the 8 or 10 performances of Amaluna that Cirque du Soleil will offer per week. It makes for a spectacular display that showcases the talents of 114 people who make it all possible, including 46 artists of 13 different nationalities. They provide the heart and soul of each one of the famous company's shows, known for the highest quality and precision of their performances that blend circus tradition with the most innovative and sophisticated choreography.



One of Amaluna's key visual elements is the more than 300 handmade costumes that make up the show's wardrobe, reaching a total of 1000 pieces including accessories, wigs and footwear. Additionally, artists are responsible for their own make-up, a task that takes 40-90 minutes, depending on each character.

### **CIRQUE DU SOLEIL**

It all started 30 years ago with a dream. It was the dream of a small community of travelling performers who would go to any length to share their love of the stage, of circus, and of the world. The family has grown since then and now includes thousands of dreamers-creators, artists, technicians and workers who work tirelessly, hidden in the wings. The dream has become a Quebec symbol of pride, an international entertainment company that has brought 35 large-scale shows to life, 20 of which are still being performed all over the world. The company, which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, has captivated around 150 million spectators in 300 cities on six continents. The team currently stands at 4000 people, including 1300 artists from 50 different countries.

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Tickets are available for sale to the public at [www.cirquedusoleil.com/amaluna](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/amaluna).

For more information about Cirque du Soleil's Amaluna visit our press room at [cirquedusoleil.com/press](http://cirquedusoleil.com/press)

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