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Cirque Éloize Returns to the Mondavi Center

Davis, Calif.—**Cirque Éloize** [EL-WAZ] continues to enchant audiences everywhere with productions that blend **traditional circus arts with music and dance**. Now Cirque Éloize returns to the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**, UC Davis, with “**Nebbia**,” a new show in which a thick fog takes center stage—a fog that transforms dreams into reality, where anything is possible. Performances run **Tuesday–Thursday, April 21–23**, at **7 p.m.** in **Jackson Hall**.

Says **Jeremy Ganter**, Mondavi Center associate executive director, “Cirque Éloize is the most intensely focused and artistically vibrant cirque company on the road today—bar none.”

Pricing is \$45/35/25 for regular tickets and \$22.50/17.50/12.50 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at MondaviArts.org, through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center’s **Target Marvels Family Series**, and **promotional pricing** is available. For details, visit MondaviArts.org/target.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program also presents **Cirque Éloize** as part of the **2008–09 School Matinee Series** in **Jackson Hall** on **Wednesday, April 22**, at **11 a.m.** The School Matinee Series is made available for teachers and students, including homeschoolers. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Educators interested in purchasing tickets should call 530-754-4689.

With six original productions to its credit, **Cirque Éloize** has presented more than 3,000 performances in 330 cities and 30 countries located around the world. Cirque Éloize has taken part in numerous prestigious international festivals and conquered Broadway with the second show in its Sky Trilogy: “Rain,” last seen at the Mondavi Center in spring 2007.

Completing that trilogy is “**Nebbia.**” Meaning “fog” in Italian and representing the descending sky, “Nebbia” explores the world of dreams and the imaginary. The show is directed by author, director, choreographer and clown **Daniele Finzi Pasca** and is a creation of Cirque Éloize in coproduction with Teatro Sunil, a performance troupe founded by Finzi Pasca.

At the heart of the circus-arts revival, Cirque Éloize has been creating moving performances filled with magic since 1993. Continually striving for artistic perfection, it is one of the leading companies in contemporary circus arts. Based on the multidisciplinary talents of its artists, Cirque Éloize expresses its innovative nature through theatricality and humanity, combining circus arts with music, dance and theatre in a breakthrough and original manner.

“Éloize” is a word that comes from the Magdalen Islands and means “flashes of heat lightning seen on the horizon.” An inspiration for the troupe's seven founding members, this lightning symbolizes the heat and energy that feed the troupe's spirit. Today, the company includes approximately 100 individuals working in various teams and on various projects. Learn more at cirque-eloize.com.

- **Cirque Éloize: “Nebbia”**
- **Tue. –Thu., Apr. 21–23, 7 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$45/35/25 regular; \$22.50/17.50/12.50 students, children**
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