



Roll up, roll up Come one, come all to Cirque Balagan!

Exhilarating circus acts and action-packed stunts, whimsical comedy and trippy surrealism are all rolled into one psychedelic 80-minute show, set to win you over at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre this coming 28 May to 1 June. Presented by the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism and produced by DreamCast Entertainment, this show is none other than Cirque Balagan Extravaganza, which will be making its debut performance in Asia!

Cirque Balagan (Russian for marketplace circus) isn't your average round-ring circus. It fuses a classical *Commedia dell'Arte* (a form of Italian improvisational theatre) with the centuries-old legacy of the European circus and modern cirque-style entertainment. Sure, the Balagan troupe is made up of the finest performers, tumblers, clowns, strongmen and fliers, but add to these the dazzling costumes and masks, remarkable props, wildly unpredictable special effects, unique music and intricate choreography, and the show is

elevated to a theatrical extravaganza. The setting is in elaborate Broadway style, and the basic plot and dialogue are satirical, poking fun at current events, love and scandals.

Balagan's creator, Misha Matorin, along with his father choreographed the famous aerial cube act which he performed in the world-renowned Cirque du Soleil. "Balagan is as aesthetic as it is artistic, with outlandish characters, fanciful creatures, unusual music and skilled performers offering feats of beauty," says Misha. "Every time audiences see a show, they see something new," he adds. "People are captivated because they always want something more to happen, and we give it to them. It will be no less outstanding when Balagan is staged in Malaysia. We are looking forward to performing for the very first time for our Malaysian audience."

Indeed, they will not be disappointed by the Malaysian audience, as we are always drawn to unique and exciting shows like Balagan, which promises an exhilarating journey the entire family can experience together. **KL**

CIRQUE BALAGAN EXTRAVAGANZA
28—29 May., 8.30pm, 30 May—1 June.,
3.00pm and 8.30pm
Venue: Plenary Hall, The Kuala Lumpur
Convention Centre
Admission: RM350, RM250 and RM150
(numbered seats), and RM90 (free seating).
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