

***From the Stage to the Ice Rink***  
**Cirque du Soleil Transports Audiences from the Stage to the Ice with CRYSTAL**

***ATX will experience the first-of-its-kind skating spectacle from Wednesday, February 21 through Sunday, February 25.***

**Tickets are available for the general public as of today, Monday, August 28 at 10 a.m. at [cirquedusoleil.com/crystal](http://cirquedusoleil.com/crystal).**

Austin, Texas – Monday, August 28 – On the heels of a string of successful shows across the State of Texas during the first half of 2023, **Cirque du Soleil** has announced that it is bringing CRYSTAL, the company's dizzying combination of ice skating and acrobatics to Austin from Wednesday, February 21 through Sunday, February 25 at the H-E-B Center at Cedar Park. Cirque's 42nd original production, CRYSTAL is a magical blend of visual artistry, acrobatics and ice skating that explores a powerful message of self-love and self-discovery that resonates with all ages.

"CRYSTAL pushes the boundaries of what is possible within the discipline that is the circus arts. The show highlights Cirque du Soleil's creativity in a new way and encourages audiences to find the magic of the everyday," says Artistic Director Robert Tannion. He added, "Every time you watch the show, you'll see something new; it is a magical, dreamlike production bursting at the seams with high-quality visuals, familiar songs and of course that adrenaline inducing Cirque-style action that audiences all over the world have come to know and love. We can't wait to bring CRYSTAL back to Texas."

In CRYSTAL, jaw-dropping traditional circus acts including swinging trapeze, aerial straps, hand-balancing, banquine and pendular poles, have been adapted to be performed on a brand-new creative territory – the ice. Over 40 artists, both acrobats and skaters, perform in the air and on the ice, seamlessly weaving together both disciplines into a one-of-a-kind spectacle.

In order to make the transition from the stage to the ice possible, Cirque's wardrobe team adapted the 5,000 pieces of costume the tour travels with to withstand the rigors of the ice and the strenuousness of each performance. Porters – the performers designated to catch the acrobats who are tossed into the air – wear special padding on their shoulders, as well as gloves made of Kevlar to absorb shock and protect them from the razor-sharp skate blades. Further, all costumes are designed with water resistant and non-absorbent materials which allows artists to gracefully slide and glide on the ice without getting wet. Lastly, to enable the acrobats to perform high-level flips and tumbling on the ice, specially made shoes have been constructed with small metal spikes in the soles, helping to stabilize their balance and perform floor tricks on the ice.

### **THE VIVID AND POWERFUL STORY OF CRYSTAL**

At the heart of CRYSTAL lies a captivating tale that transports audiences into a vivid world of playful imagination. Centered around the journey of a young woman named Crystal, this Cirque du Soleil show created by Shana Carroll and Sebastien Soldevila follows Crystal as she embarks on an exhilarating journey of self-discovery full of whimsy and wonder. The further the narrative pulls the audience into this world, the more their adrenaline soars as Crystal becomes who she was always destined to be – herself.

### **THE UNIQUE WORLD OF CRYSTAL IS UNLIKE ANY CIRQUE SHOW BEFORE IT**

This production boasts the distinction of being the first Cirque du Soleil creation to incorporate real snow (the team produces approximately 300 snowballs each week), large-scale interactive projections and an integrated spotlight tracking system – setting a new standard for immersive entertainment. CRYSTAL further defies convention by being the only Cirque du Soleil production currently touring to incorporate well-known pop songs into its soundtrack.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets for CRYSTAL in Austin are available to the general public today, Monday August 28 at 10 a.m. at [www.cirquedusoleil.com/crystal](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/crystal).

### **Performance Schedule**

Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

### **MEDIA TOOLBOX**

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