



PRESS RELEASE: *Cirque Berserk!* to return to the Peacock Theatre in February 2018 to celebrate 250th anniversary of the invention of circus

Zippos Circus is delighted to announce that *Cirque Berserk!*, the UK's biggest and boldest theatre/circus spectacular, will be returning to the West End for a limited two-week engagement at London's Peacock Theatre next February.

Combining beautiful contemporary circus artistry with hair-raising, death-defying stunts, all designed specially for staging in a proscenium arch theatre, the show will enthrall thrill-seeking audiences.

Next year's *Cirque Berserk!* will see the return of its most famous – and most dangerous – act, the legendary '**Globe of Death**', in which four motorcyclists defy gravity and risk life and limb traversing the inside of a spherical steel cage at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour. They will be joined by a magnificent company of over 30 jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, dancers, drummers and daredevil stuntmen from all corners of the globe.

The production will play at the Peacock Theatre from **5 February to 17 February 2018**, before embarking on a 40-week UK tour, and coincides with the 250th anniversary of circus – a firmly British invention.

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Please visit cirqueberserk.co.uk/press-room to download a selection of high res production images

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Zippos Circus presents *Cirque Berserk!*

Peacock Theatre, Portugal St, London WC2A 2HT

Monday 5 February – Saturday 17 February 2018

Show times

Monday-Friday: 7.30pm

Saturday: 2pm, 5pm, 8pm

Sunday: 11am, 3pm, 7pm

No performance on Monday 12 February

Additional 3pm matinee on Wednesday 14 February

Booking

Tickets priced at £15-38 (plus £1.95 booking fee)

Box office: peacocktheatre.com/whats-on/zippos-cirque-berserk or 020 7863 8222

Under 16s are half-price (maximum two half-price child tickets per paying adult)

Group bookings of 8+ receive 20% off stalls seats for most performances

Please note the show is not suitable for under 5s.

All UK tour dates can be viewed and booked at cirqueberserk.co.uk/#uk-tour-2018

Getting there

Underground: Holborn (Central and Piccadilly lines) / Temple (District and Circle lines)

Bus: High Holborn / Kingsway / Aldwych / The Strand

Driving: Limited metered parking is available on some of the surrounding streets. The closest car parks are **Lincoln's Inn**, Lincoln's Inn Fields WC2A 3TL (020 7693 5108) and **NCP**, Covent Garden. The Peacock Theatre is inside the congestion charge zone, and a fee is payable between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays.

Creative team

Founder and Producer: Martin 'Zippo' Burton

Creative Director: Julius Green

Movement Director: Dede McGarrity

Set Design: Sean Cavanagh

Lighting Design: Mike Robertson

Sound Design: Matthew Bugg

Costume Design: Dianne Kelly

N.B. *Cirque Berserk!* is not to be confused with the similarly-named American show 'Cirque Berzerk'.

About the 250th anniversary of circus

The art of the circus was born in 1768, when showman and entrepreneur Philip Astley first drew out a circular arena on an abandoned patch of land in Waterloo and filled it with astonishing equestrian acrobatics. *Cirque Berserk!* is proud to be part of **#Circus250**, a UK-wide celebration of 250 years of the circus championed by Sir Peter Blake, who has designed the organisation's logo.