

A THEATRICAL RIDE FOR THE SENSES FROM CIRQUE DU SOLEIL AT WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT ORLANDO

Written and directed by Franco Dragone

Once upon a time, a door opened and two worlds collided. Dreams clashed with reality. The mundane mixed with the marvelous. It was no longer possible to tell where one world began and the other ended. This new place was called *La Nouba*.

This Cirque du Soleil creation is an unforgettable journey through this universe – at once threatening and exhilarating, frightening and familiar. La Nouba is the story of all stories, the site of all mysteries, where dreams and nightmares sleep side by side. La Nouba is memory, individual and universal. It beckons to us, challenges us to uncover passions we thought we had lost long ago. Here, anything is possible.

La Nouba contains two types of families or groups and throughout this theatrical ride the magic and fantasy of the colorful *Cirques* (circus people) clash with the monochromatic world of the *Urbains* (urbanites). But as in fairy tales, it is not so much this contrast as the interplay between these two groups, which sparks our curiosity and feeds our imagination.

From this encounter is born fear and ecstasy. From this encounter is born La Nouba.

The show title originates from the French phrase "faire la Nouba," which means to party, to live it up. La Nouba transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, engaging the imagination from beginning to end with opulent sets, brilliant choreography, theatrical lighting and live music. Featuring mesmerizing flying trapeze, stunning acro-gymnastic performances and other dynamic displays of coordination and strength, La Nouba promises to surprise, excite and mystify. With an international cast of 65 artists, La Nouba has been seen by more than 10 million guests.

In 2016, as part of the show's on-going evolution, *La Nouba* introduced two new acts: B-Boy, commonly referred to as breakdancing, and Aerial Bamboo, a technique mastered by only a handful of performers worldwide. The acts join the recent additions of uproarious clowns and a high-energy jugaling rolla bolla act.

The 1,671-seat showroom is the first free-standing permanent theatre ever built for Cirque du Soleil. The dynamic white structure was designed to convey elegance and sensuality with

the addition of fabric and tension reminiscent of a Big Top. The venue is located at Disney Springs at Walt Disney World Resort.

ABOUT LA NOUBA and CIRQUE DU SOLEIL:

La Nouba transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary and stimulates the imagination from beginning to end with daring acrobatics, dazzling choreography, vibrant music and whimsical characters only at Disney Springs West Side at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. For more information about La Nouba by Cirque du Soleil, visit cirquedusoleil.com/la-nouba.

From a group of 20 street performers at its beginnings in 1984, Cirque du Soleil is a major Québec-based organization providing high-quality artistic entertainment. The company has 5,000 employees, including 1,300 artists from more than 50 countries. Cirque du Soleil has brought wonder and delight to more than 100 million spectators in more than 300 cities in over 40 countries on six continents. For more information about Cirque du Soleil, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

The Creative Team

Writer and Director: Franco Dragone Director of Creation: Gilles Ste-Croix Costume Designer: Dominique Lemieux

Set Designer: Michel Crête Lighting Designer: Luc Lafortune

Composer and Musical Director: Benoit Jutras

Choreographer: Debra Brown

Sound co-Designers: Jonathan Deans, François Bergeron

To Reserve Tickets

Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance by calling (407)939-7328, at the theater's box office located at the plaza level of the theater, or by logging on to cirquedusoleil.com/la-nouba. For more information and to receive news alerts and priority sale details, visit cirqueclub.com, cirquedusoleil.com/la-nouba or facebook.com/lanouba.

Ticket Prices

Please check <u>www.cirquedusoleil.com/la-nouba</u> for current pricing.

Show Schedule

La Nouba performs Tuesdays through Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The theater is dark Sundays and Mondays and select times throughout the year.

Groups

For groups of 12 or more, contact <u>jacqueline.moquin@cirquedusoleil.com</u>, call (407) 934-8110 or visit cirquedusoleil.com/groups.

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