

Arts Centre Melbourne presents

## *Humans*

By Circa

Created by Yaron Lifschitz and the Circa Ensemble



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, 8 JULY 2019** – After 117 mind-blowing acrobatic performances to an international audience of over 66,000 people, [Humans](#) by Circa is making its way back to our shores for their only Australian performance this year.

Fresh from the Underbelly Edinburgh Fringe Festival and following on from Arts Centre Melbourne's season of *Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus*, *Humans* will take over the Playhouse from 27 – 30 November.

Created by **Yaron Lifschitz**, 10 acrobats will take audiences on a stirring journey of what it means to be human, and how connections and aspirations all form part of who we are.

By exploring the physical limits of their bodies and pushing to their extremities, these acrobats question how much the human body can actually take. This way of thinking is then put back onto the audience, causing them to reflect on their own lives, their loved ones, the burdens they carry and the physical and emotional strength it takes to overcome them.

Just as the stage is stripped back, so too is the vulnerability of these highly skilled acrobats laid bare. But, with incredible strength and integrity they connect each moment seamlessly with the next in a thrilling and heart-stopping performance.

In this award-winning work, Circa's reputation for fearless, boundary-pushing new circus combines physical virtuosity with an expressive sense of humanism. Catch a glimpse into their humanity as they find redemptive power in strength and celebrate what it means to be fiercely human.

*Humans* premiered in 2017 at Sydney Festival and has since gone on to tour throughout Australia as well as to Romania, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Italy, France, Hungary, the USA, Canada, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, and Spain.

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★★★★★ *“Stunning athleticism and heart-stopping acrobatics in this innovative circus work of the highest calibre.”* –  
**Arts Hub**

★★★★★ *“This might well be the company’s best work yet”* – **The Stage**

★★★★★ *“This beautiful, fearlessly honest celebration of flesh and blood strengths does just that, and with humour too.”* – **The Herald Scotland**

*“...the five-star favourite... a clear demonstration of the artistry of circus”* – **The Guardian**

## Creative Team

**Director:** Yaron Lifschitz

**Technical Director:** Jason Organ

**Costume Design:** Libby McDonnell

## Representation

**Danielle Kellie / Circa** Australia & New Zealand

**Shaun Comerford / Circa** Commercial Projects

**Yaron Lifschitz / Circa** New creations & big dreams

## About Circa Contemporary Circus

Circa Contemporary Circus is one of the world's leading performance companies. Since 2004, from its base in Brisbane, Circa has toured the world performing in 40 countries to over one million people. Circa's works have been greeted with standing ovations, rave reviews and sold-out houses across six continents. Circa is at the forefront of the new wave of contemporary Australian circus pioneering how extreme physicality can create powerful and moving performances. It continues to push the boundaries of the art form, blurring the lines between movement, dance, theatre and circus, and is leading the way with a diverse range of thrilling creations. Under the direction of circus visionary Yaron Lifschitz, Circa features an ensemble of exceptional, multi-skilled circus artists.

*Humans* is commissioned by MA Scene Nationale – Pays de Montbeliard.

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Circa respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, waters and seas on which we work and live paying respects to Elders, past, present and future.

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