

G'DAY, AUSTRALIA!

INTRODUCTION

Cavalia: A Magical Encounter Between Human and Horse, an innovative multi-media and multi-disciplinary production created by Normand Latourelle, one of the co-founders of famed Cirque du Soleil, is set to wow Australian audiences in 2013.

Enjoyed by some 4 million people across North America and Europe, *Cavalia* is a lavish production involving 48 magnificent horses and featuring 35 riders, aerialists, acrobats, dancers and musicians from all over the world. A show unlike any other, *Cavalia* celebrates the relationship between humans and horses, virtually reinventing the equestrian arts.

Delightful, thrilling and poignant, Cavalia explores humankind's longstanding relationship with the horse. Juxtaposed with the vibrancy of the production is a subtle thematic line that takes audiences through the evolution of horses and human's interaction with them. Cavalia's horse training is based upon a philosophy of understanding the needs, the preferences and the emotions of the four-legged stars. The tone of the show, embraced by the entire company, is one of mutual respect, kindness, patience, and trust. Audiences have found Cavalia exhilarating in scope, yet touching in the compassion shown by both horse and human.

In Cavalia, horses cavort with the many artists in front of a constantly changing digital background projected onto a 60 metre-wide screen, drawing spectators into dream-like virtual environments. Unlike traditional horse shows, Cavalia's audience faces a single 50 metre-wide stage which allows the horses space to gallop at full speed, at times running completely free, unfettered by bridles or halters. Cavalia takes place under a white, 2,440-square-metre big top, rising some 35 metres high that gives the horses an ample playground to perform with their trainers and artists. Cavalia's gleaming White Big Top is the largest touring tent in the world.

"Cavalia" is a fabricated word, inspired by the Spanish and French words for horse (caballo and cheval) and the English word cavalry. Normand Latourelle often says he'd love to open a dictionary some day and see "Cavalia" defining his multimedia production about the historical relationship between humans and horses.

Headquartered in Montreal, Quebec, Cavalia Inc. is an entertainment company that specializes in the creation, production and touring of innovative shows for audiences of all ages. Founded by Normand Latourelle, the company has an expertise in equestrian and performing arts, and is known for making the most of cutting-edge technology, multimedia and special effects, which allows for the creation of magical, unique, never-before-seen theatrical experiences. Cavalia, seen by some 4 million people across North America and Europe since its 2003 debut, celebrates the relationship between humans and horses by loosely recounting the evolution of this bond. Odysseo, which premiered in 2011, takes the next step, leading viewers on a great journey where horses and humans, together, discover some of the planet's most unforgettable landscapes. Follow Cavalia Inc.'s latest developments at www.twitter.com/cavalia or www.facebook.com/cavalia.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBER OF SPECTATORS

Cavalia has been enjoyed by some 4 million people

NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES

More than 2200 performances over the course of ten years

NUMBER OF CITIES

Cavalia has visited 59 cities in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Europe and Australia

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT CAVALIA

ONE OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE SHOWS I'VE EVER SEEN!

Richard Wilkins, TODAY

INCREDIBLE! MIND-BLOWING! BREATHAKING! THE BEST LIVE SHOW I HAVE EVER SEEN!

Vogue Australia

JAW-DROPPING! MESMERIZING! SPECTACULAR!

The Daily Telegraph, Sydney

CELEBRATING HORSES, HUMANS AND THEIR BOND.

The New York Times

HORSEPLAY AT ITS BEST - LITHE HUMAN ACROBATS INTERSECT WITH GORGEOUS ANIMALS.

The Los Angeles Times

PURE POETRY!

Paris Match

THE BEST SHOW I HAVE EVER SEEN! LIKE BEING IN A DREAM.

Larry King, CNN

A FAIRYTALE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

De Telegraaf, Amsterdam

THE STUNNING MULTIMEDIA BACKDROP BAFFLES THE EYES, THE ATHLETICISM AND ACROBATS STUN THE SENSES, AND THE HORSES TOUCH THE SOUL.

Las Vegas Magazine

A DREAMLIKE SPECTACLE. IT'S A RARE SHOW THAT EVOKES A SENSE OF WONDER. NY Post

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

The Chicago Tribune

BREATHTAKING!

O, The Oprah Magazine

A NEW FAIRY TALE-LIKE SHOW FROM THE IMAGINATION OF A CIRQUE DU SOLEIL FOUNDER.

The Toronto Star

ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SHOWS IN THE WORLD!

Telecinco, Madrid

THE GREATEST SHOW I HAVE EVER SEEN!

Jay Leno, The Tonight Show

ARTFULLY STAGED AT EVERY TURN. A MEGA SCALE PRODUCTION ON EVERY LEVEL.

Chicago Sun-Times

HORSEPLAY OF THE HIGHEST ORDER! INDEED A WONDER!

The Washington Post

POETIC, ALLEGORICAL, LUSHLY ROMANTIC. YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A HORSE PROGRAM QUITE LIKE THIS! MAGNIFIQUE!

The Miami Herald



CITIES VISITED

2003

Shawinigan, Québec (World Premiere) Toronto, Ontario

2004

Montréal, Québec San Francisco, California Glendale, California Seattle, Washington Berkeley (San Francisco), California San Diego (Del Mar), California

2005

Santa Monica, California Phoenix (Scottsdale), Arizona Toronto*, Ontario Montréal*, Québec Boston, Massachusetts Washington, DC

2006

Houston, Texas Dallas, Texas Laval (Montréal), Québec Québec City, Québec Laval* (Montréal), Québec Las Vegas, Nevada Irvine, California

2007

Brussels, Belgium Amsterdam, Netherlands Berlin, Germany Brussels*, Belgium Dusseldorf, Germany

2008

Barcelona, Spain Madrid, Spain Bilbao, Spain Knokke, Belgium Lisbon, Portugal Valencia, Spain

*Return Engagements

2009

Scottsdale* (Phoenix), Arizona Montréal*, Québec Chicago, Illinois Washington*, DC Atlanta, Georgia

2010

Miami, Florida Tampa, Florida Charlotte, North Carolina New York, (East Rutherford, New Jersey) Brossard (Montréal), Québec Denver, Colorado San Francisco*, California Burbank, California

2011

Vancouver, British Columbia Calgary, Alberta Quebec City*, Quebec Minneapolis, Minnesota Portland, Oregon

2012

Seattle*, Washington St-Louis, Missouri Mexico City, Mexico San Jose, California Edmonton, Alberta San Diego*, California

2013

Brisbane, Australia Sydney, Australia Melbourne, Australia

Upcoming cities in 2013

Adelaide, Australia Perth, Australia



FACTS AND FIGURES

THE ARTISTS

- The 29 artists, acrobats, dancers and riders are from Canada, France, Belgium, the United States, Morocco, Australia, Moldavia and Russia.
- The troupe also includes 5 musicians (guitar, keyboard, bass, drums, and cello) and a singer.
- The average age of the artists is 27 years old.
- The artists apply their own make-up before each performance. They follow guidelines prepared by the make-up designer and refer to photos of themselves to ensure perfection every time.
- A live band is required to react to the changes in the show due to the unpredictability of our four-legged performers.
- The lyrics of the songs in Cavalia are in French and Spanish.
- For every performance, the band leader gives more than 300 music cues to his band.
- The band leader describes the music of Cavalia as a unique fusion of pop, classical, jazz and world music.
- The 35 square-metre musicians' platform is perched 4 meters high, behind the colossal screen. The booth is equipped with 3 air-controlled systems as to optimize the sound quality.

THE HORSES

- Cavalia features 48 horses representing 11 different breeds.
- The horses are from France, Spain, Portugal, Canada, the United States, Australia and the Netherlands.
- The horses annually consume 17,500 bales of hay, 16,550 kilograms of grain and 795 kilograms of carrots.
- The stables span more than 1,530 square metres.
- 5 spacious showers are installed in the stables to groom our four-legged stars.
- Large windows inside each stall allow the equine stars to see and communicate with his neighbors.
- Our smallest horse is 8 hands tall. His name is Troubadour. He is a proud, 15 years-old miniature stallion.
- Our tallest equine star is 18 hands tall. His name is Merlin a stunning, 6 years-old Percheron.

THE WHITE BIG TOP AND THE SITE

- The Cavalia village includes nine tents: the White Big Top, the Rendez-Vous tent, the General Entrance tent, two artistic tents, two warm-up tents, the stables and the staff cafeteria.
- 150 people are required to erect the tents and work on the preparation of the site. The setup takes 12 days while the tear down is completed in 4 days.
- The White Big Top peaks at 35 metres, equivalent to a ten-story building. 6,630 square metres of canvas were used to create the Big Top, which spans more than 2,440 square meters.
- A 60 metre-wide screen serves as a backdrop for the projections and special effects. The stage is 50 metres in lenght, equivalent to that of an Olympic-size swimming pool.
- 2,500 tons of sand and dirt (100 truckloads) are required to build the stage.



TOURING AND TRAVELLING

- The tour employs 120 people on a permanent basis.
- 100 people are hired locally in each city visited.
- 100 trucks are required to move the material.
- The transport is done over land, sea or air, based on the distance.
- Tour Services department book more than 200 flights per city to make sure everybody gets to the next destination safe and sound.
- In most cities, all the cast and crew stay in the same spacious, fully-furnished apartment complex.
- In average, our executive chef cooks 320 meals a day for lunch and dinner alone!

BACKSTAGE

- 56 walkie-talkies are needed on site for all the staff to communicate with each other and to make sure the operations run smoothly.
- It takes 3 days for our carpenters to build the water pond that is featured for about 4 minutes per show.
- The water in the pond is heated for the comfort of the horse and the dancer.
- 700 gallons of recycled water are pumped into the stage to create the magical pond.
- During the course of one show, Cavalia's artists wear up to 500 costumes and accessories.
- Most artists have at least two costume changes during the show.
- The most costume changes in one show are made by our head trainer, Gregory Molina.
 He changes 6 times and needs assistance on two occasions by a backstage dresser.
- The silks used for the handcrafted costumes are hand-dyed in Montréal, Canada.
- 25 yards of imported silk are required to make one costume for a rider in Carrousel.
- In every city, our head of costume sources her textile from local shops.



THE HORSE BREEDS

PURE SPANISH BREED (P.R.E.)	20
QUARTER HORSE	13
PAINT HORSE	5
PERCHERON	2
AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE	2
LUSITANO	1
MINIATURE HORSE	1
APPALOOSA	1
COMTOIS	1
CRIOLLO	1
WARMBLOOD	1





THE CREATIVE TEAM

NORMAND LATOURELLE FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ÉRICK VILLENEUVE DIRECTOR, IMAGES & PROJECTION

DESIGNER

BENJAMIN AILLAUD EQUESTRIAN DIRECTOR &

CHOREOGRAPHER

MICHEL CUSSON COMPOSER

ALAIN GAUTHIER CHOREOGRAPHER & STAGING

ARTISTIC COORDINATOR

MANON DESMARAIS COSTUME DESIGNER

ALAIN LORTIE LIGHTING DESIGNER

MARC LABELLE SET DESIGNER

NORMAND LATOURELLE

Founder & Artistic Director

In his 40-year career in the performing arts, Normand Latourelle has followed a path that has led him through all aspects of the industry, having occupied every position from lighting designer to agent, production manager, director and artistic director. A pioneer of Cirque du Soleil from 1985 to 1990, he has been the driving force behind many impressive and memorable events, such as the sound and light show on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and the 350th anniversary celebrations for the founding of Montreal. A visionary in constant quest for innovation, Latourelle is renowned for combining different forms of artistic expression and reinventing the scenic space, with the ultimate goal of taking audiences to new dimensions. Since 2003, Latourelle has been fully dedicated to Cavalia Inc., instilling his talent, passion and imagination into the company's two productions, *Cavalia* and the latest creation, *Odysseo*. In 2007, he received the *Ordre national du Québec*, the equivalent of a Quebec knighthood, for his achievements.



THE ARTISTS

Noureddin Barhihi

Kansas Carradine

Laura Baubry Julien Beaugnon

Katherine Cox

Keith Dupont

Chad Dyson Omar El Ouazi

Stéphanie Evans

Fairland Ferguson

Vanessa Fournier

Keven Langlois-Boucher

Marie-Élaine Mongeau

Rebecca Elise Ratte

Devin Kohman

Jennifer Lécuyer

Yoann Lévesque Spencer Litwack

Gabrielle Martin

Grégory Molina

Ismail Ouaissa Maxim Panteleenko

Tatiana Daviaud

Jean-Philippe Diotte Octavian Druta

Lahcen Ahchoune Acrobat: *Tumbling, Dance, Voltige*Mohamed Ahchoune Acrobat: *Tumbling, Chinese pole,* \

Acrobat: Tumbling, Chinese pole, Voltige, Bareback Riding Acrobat: Ball, Tumbling, Trampoline, Dance, Hand to Hand

Rider: Trick Riding, Dressage, Roman Riding

Rider: Liberty, Trick Riding, Dressage, Roman Riding

Rider: Trick Riding, Roman Riding, lasso Rider: Bareback Riding, Trick Riding, Dressage

Rider: *Dressage, Jumping*Acrobat: *Trampoline, Dance*

Acrobat: Russian Bar, Banquine, Dance

Rider: Liberty, Roman Riding, Trick Riding, Dressage

Rider: Trick Riding, Roman Riding

Acrobat: Hand to Hand, Bareback Riding, Trampoline, Dance

Rider: Dressage

Rider: Trick Riding, Roman Riding

Acrobat: Bungee, Trampoline, Dance, Hoop, Bareback Riding

Rider: Trick Riding, Roman Riding, Dressage Acrobat: Russian Bar, Banquine, Trampoline Acrobat: Dance, Straps, Bungee, Rope Rider: Roman Riding, Trick Riding, Dressage

Rider: *Trick Riding, Lasso* Acrobat: *Dance, Rope, Bungee*

Acrobat: Dance, Rope, Bungee, Hand to Hand, Trampoline

Head Trainer: *Dressage, Voltige, Jumping* Acrobat: *Tumbling, Dance, Trampoline*

Acrobat: Straps, Russian Bar

Rider: *Dressage*

Bianca Ruyssenaers Acrobat: Bungee, Trampoline, Dance, Rope Katherine Turcotte Acrobat: Bungee, Dance, Trampoline, Russian Bar

Elizabeth Williams Acrobat: Hoop, Dance, Rope, Bungee

THE MUSICIANS

Sylvain Gagnon Band Leader and

Keyboards

François Beauvais Guitar Michelle Serret-Cursio Vocals

Martin Gaboury Drums and Percussions
Philippe Boulanger Bass and Percussions

Anne-Louise Gilbert Cello

ass and F cicussi





CELEBRITIES WHO HAVE ATTENDED

Adam Sandler
Alan Rickman
Alicia Gomez
Antonio Banderas
Armin Mueller-Stahl
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Aubrey Anderson-Emmons

Ben Harper Betty White Bindi Irwin Terri Irwin Bo Derek Bobby Shriver Cameron Diaz

Cameron Diaz
Cher
Chris Rydell
Christine Lahti
Cindy Crawford
Courtney Cox
Cuba Gooding Jr
Daryl Hannah
Darren McMullen
David Arquette
David Carradine
David Duchovny
David Schwimmer
Delta Goodrem

Diane Lane
Don Diamond
Dr. Dre
Eddie Albert
Ernie Banks
Eugene Levy
Ewan McGregor
Gary Grossman
Gayle Max
George Lucas
Gloria & Emilio Estefan

Demi-Moore

Dennis Franz

Diane Keaton

Gloria & Emilio Esteran Hilary Shepard Hill Harper

Humberto Gatica Illeana Douglas James Caan
James Cameron
Jamie Lee Curtis
Jane Seymour
Jeanne Tripplehorn
Jason Alexander

Jay Leno
Jay Schwartz
Jeff Garlin
Jeffrey Tambor
Jennifer Love Hewitt
Jillian Barberie
Joel Madden

John Salley
John Travolta
Jon Favreau
Sutton Foster
Joel Madden
Jonathan Silverman

Jonathan Silverma
Josh Brolin
Judy Davis
Julia Roberts
June Lockhart
Justin Timberlake
Kate Capshaw
Keith Carradine
Kenny Goodman
Kevin Costner
Kim Basinger
Lara Fabian
Larry Hagman
Larry King
Lea Thompson

Larry King
Lea Thompson
Leona Lewis
Lionel Richie
Maria Shriver
Marla Levine
Martin Short
Melissa Rivers
Meryl Streep
Mery Griffin
Michelle Pfeiffer
Miguel Ferrer
Minnie Driver
Muhammad Ali

Nancy Reagan

Natalie Cole Nicolas Cage Nicole Richie Olivia Newton-John Owen Wilson

Paul Stanley (KISS) Pierce Brosnan Portia de Rossi

Paula Abdul

Prince Philippe of Belgium
Prince Laurent of Belgium
Princess Mathilde of Belgium
Princess Cristina of Spain

Ramon Becerra Reese Witherspoon

Ricky Martin

Queen Béatrix of the

Netherlands
Quincy Jones
Richard Gere
Ricki Lake
Ricky Martin
Rita Pereira
Rita Wilson
Rob Reiner
Robert Duvall
Rod Stewart
Scottie Pippen

Seal

Sergio Goyri Sigourney Weaver Stevie Nicks

Sugar Ray Leonard

Tea Leoni
Ted Danson
Ted Turner
Tippi Hedren
Tom Hamilton
Tom Skerritt
Viggo Mortensen
Wayne Newton
William Mapother
William Shatner
Zinedine Zidan



THE SHOW

	ARTISTS	HORSES
Prologue	All Vocals: Michelle Serret-Cursio	Glory & Showman, two local rising stars!
The Discovery	Jennifer Lécuyer, Elisabeth Williams	Tardon,Orion
Cavalcade	Lahcen Ahchoune, Mohamed Ahchoune, Chad Dyson, Omar El Ouazi, Noureddin Barhihi, Jean- Philippe Diotte, Maxim Panteleenko, Ismail Ouaissa, Yoann Lévesque	Poncho, Bungee, Tad, Écho, Kinder, Calibre, Gus, Spirit
The Ball	Noureddin Barhihi	Guapo, Licenciat
Liberté 2	Julien Beaugnon	Junior
Lasso	Spencer Litwack, Kansas Carradine	
Bareback Riding	Riders: Katherine Cox, Lahcen Ahchoune, Omar El Ouazi, Mohamed Ahchoune, Keith Dupont Runner: Grégory Molina, Keith Dupont Acrobats and Dancers: Omar El Ouazi, Noureddin Barhihi, Lahcen Ahchoune, Ismail Ouaissa, Elizabeth Williams, Jennifer Lécuyer, Gabrielle Martin, Bianca Ruyssenaers, Jean-Philippe Diotte, Keven Langlois-Boucher, Vanessa Fournier, Katherine Turcotte	Renato, Émilio, Merlin
La Vida	Riders: Julien Beaugnon, Keith Dupont, Grégory Molina	Tardon, Gaditano, Intrepido
Le Miroir	Aerialists: Jennifer Lécuyer, Gabrielle Martin, Elizabeth Williams Tatiana Daviaud, Rebecca Ratte	Pirata, Goloso, Atila,
Roman Riding	Riders: Julien Beaugnon, Fairland Ferguson, Kansas Carradine, Chad Dyson, Yoann Levesque	Amaretto, Criollo, Tobby, Joe, Spirit, Tori, Kinder, Orion
Acrobats: Lahcen Ahchoune, Omar El Ouazi, Noureddin Barhihi, Ismail Ouaissa, Mohamed Ahchoune Intermission		
Pieds Percussion	Rider: Grégory Molina, Keith Dupont Roman Riding: Fairland Ferguson, Kansas Carradine Chinese Pole: Mohamed Ahchoune Percussions: Ismail Ouaissa Lasso: Spencer Litwack, Kansas Carradine Dancers: Vanessa Fournier, Ismail Ouaissa, Omar El Ouazi, Noureddin Barhihi, Jean-Philippe Diotte, Jennifer Lécuyer, Elizabeth Williams, Octavian Druta, Keven Langlois-Boucher, Bianca Ruyssenaers, Gabrielle Martin, Lahcen Ahchoune, Katherine Turcotte, Maxim Panteleenko, Marie-Élaine Mongeau	Guapo, Cordobes, Amaretto, Criollo, Tobby, Joe, Kinder, Orion
Libertad	Straps: Maxim Panteleenko, Jennifer Lécuyer, Mohamed Ahchoune, Elizabeth Williams Pullers: Jean-Philippe Diotte, Omar El Ouazi, Octavian Druta Ropes: Gabrielle Martin, Vanessa Fournier, Jennifer Lécuyer, Bianca Ruyssenaers Runner: Noureddin Barhihi, Ismail Ouaissa, Mohamed Ahchoune Vocals: Michelle Serret-Cursio	Nacarado II, Quorum, Armas, Pirata, Tardon,
Carrousel	Tatiana Daviaud, Laura Baubry, Devin Kohman, Julien Beaugnon, Katherine Cox, Keith Dupont, Grégory Molina, Rebecca Ratte, Yoann Lévesque	Cordobes, Licenciat, Gaditano, Goloso, Intrepido, Pinsapo, Guapo
Haute École	Riders: Grégory Molina, Tatiana Daviaud	Guapo, Golosso, Cordobes
Bungee Cavalier	Riders: Julien Beaugnon, Keith Dupont, Grégory Molina Acrobats: Jennifer Lécuyer, Gabrielle Martin, Marie-Élaine Mongeau, Vanessa Fournier Hoop: Elizabeth Williams, Vanessa Fournier Cello: Anne-Louise Gilbert Vocals: Michelle Serret-Cursio	Licenciat, Gaditano, Nacarado II
Grande Liberté	Keith Dupont	Chico, Girasol, Ortega, Valenciano, Kilometro, Kart and Danes.
Trick Riding	Riders: Julien Beaugnon, Laura Baubry, Fairland Ferguson, Katherine Cox, Spencer Litwack, Chad Dyson, Kansas Carradine, Keith Dupont, Devin Kohman. Yoann Lévesque Jump: Grégory Molina, Tatiana Daviaud Bungees: Jennifer Lécuyer, Vanessa Fournier, Gabrielle Martin, Bianca Ruyssenaers, Katherine Turcotte, Marie-Élaine Mongeau Acrobats: Omar El Quazi, Noureddin Barhihi, Lahcen Ahchoune, Mohamed Ahchoune	Junior, Olé, Poncho, Cisco, Calibre, Tad, Bungee, Spirit, Echo, Troubadour, Lorenzo (Jump)
Finale	All	Tardon, Intrepido, Guapo, Tad, Olé, Bungee, Spirit, Echo, Poncho, Junior, Cisco, Calibre. Glory & Showman



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High resolution photos can be downloaded from the Press Room of our website

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