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**A GIANT CIRCUS LEAP FOR HUMANKIND**

**Leviathan (26 Feb – 1 Mar)**

**PERTH FESTIVAL COMMISSION**

**WORLD PREMIERE**

**Circa**

**Presented in collaboration with Co3 Australia, Circus Maxima and Circus WA**



Join one of the world's most acclaimed circus companies for the world-premiere of their exhilarating new show **Leviathan** created together with local circus artists, dancers and young people.

Under director **Yaron Lifschitz**, all 18 members of **Circa's** renowned ensemble join 18 local performers from **Co:3 Australia**, **Circus Maxima** and **CircusWA** to push the limits of human possibility in this landmark show commissioned especially by Perth Festival.

Usually touring the world simultaneously with multiple shows, this is the first time in many years that Circa has dedicated its entire 18-person ensemble to the one production.

In a production destined to tour the world after its world premiere at Perth Festival, *Leviathan* sees 36 performers take the art of circus in an exhilarating new direction. They hang from a grid suspended in the air and propel themselves across the stage, tumbling, balancing and soaring together.

In these complex times, *Leviathan* offers hope by connecting the local with the global to celebrate what we can achieve when we work together. The dramatic power and extreme skill of Circa's trademark acrobatics thrillingly expose the tension between the mass and the individual in this deeply moving and physically stunning show.

Circa, the Brisbane-based company behind previous Perth Festival hit shows *Beyond*, *Opus* and *How Like an Angel*, is acclaimed internationally for creating circus that moves the heart, mind and soul.

Founded in 2004 by circus visionary Yaron Lifschitz, the company has performed to more than a million people and received standing ovations, rave reviews and sold-out houses across 40 countries on six continents.

Under Lifschitz's direction, Circa is at the forefront of the new wave of contemporary Australian circus – pioneering how extreme physicality can create powerful and moving performances.

Circa's ensemble of exceptional, multi-skilled circus artists continue to push the boundaries of the art form, blurring the lines between movement, dance, theatre and circus, and leading the way with a diverse range of thrilling creations that "redraw the limits to which circus can aspire" (The Age).

[Click here for images.](#)

**WHAT:** Leviathan

**WHERE:** Regal Theatre

**WHEN:** Fri 26 Feb – Sun 1 Mar

**HOW MUCH:** \$39 - \$69

**BOOKINGS AND FESTIVAL INFO:** [perthfestival.com.au](http://perthfestival.com.au)

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*They remain the spiritual and cultural birdiyangara of this place and we honour and respect their caretakers and custodians and the vital role Noongar people play for our community and our Festival to flourish.*

**Perth Festival**

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*Iain Grandage is the Artistic Director 2020 – 23.*

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