



## Cirque du Soleil and The Madison Square Garden Company Announce Casting and Creative Team for the Upcoming Holiday Production 'Twas the Night Before...

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This All-New Family Production Will Make Its Debut At Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden This Holiday Season



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NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cirque du Soleil and The Madison Square Garden Company (NYSE: MSG) announced today the casting and creative team for the all-new, family production, *Twas the Night Before...* making its debut at Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden this holiday season. *Twas the Night Before...* is an exhilarating spin on the beloved Christmas classic as only Cirque du Soleil could imagine. This festive show about the wonders of sharing and friendship promises to spark lasting memories in the hearts of families this holiday season. The production will run at Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden from December 12 through December 29, 2019, for 28 performances. Tickets are on-sale now.

Cirque du Soleil's first-ever Christmas show, *Twas the Night Before...* is a flurry of love, Christmas cheer, rip-roaring fun and hugely lovable characters that will become a new tradition for families to cherish. Join Isabella, a curious girl who's become jaded by the hoopla surrounding Christmas, as she is whisked away to an upside-down, inside-out world where she meets characters inspired by the original timeless poem. Discover what happened before Santa dropped in!

The international casting lineup features **Tuedon Ariri** (Canada) performing the Aerial Hammock; **Katharine Arnold** (United Kingdom) performing Aerial Cart; **Rosie Axon** (United Kingdom) and **Adam Jukes** (England) performing Inline Skating; **Louis Chen, Peter Lin, Tim Wang and Alexander Yu** (Taipei) performing Diablo; **Michele Clark** (United States) performing Hula Hoop; **Nicole Faubert** (Canada) and **Guillaume Paquin** (Canada) in Aerial Duo Straps; **Quentin Greco** (Canada), **Jacob Gregorie** (Canada), **Chauncey Kroner** (United States), **Timothé Vincent** (Canada), **Jinge**

**Wang** (China), **Evan Tomlinson Weintraub** (Canada), performing Hoop Diving and Acrobatic Table; **José Ignacio Flores Lopez** (Spain) performing Block Balancing; **Alexis Vigneault** (Canada) performing Aerial Acrobatic Lamp and **Jenna Beltran, Lyndsay Marie Farias, Kalila Hermant, Samuel Moore, Paul Ross, Diana Schoenfield, Paul Ross and Bianca Vallar**, (United States) as ensemble dancers.

The creative team consists of **Daniel Fortin** as Vice-President Creation, **Manuel Bissonnette** as Creative Director, **James Hadley** as Stage Director & Writer, **Genevieve Lizotte** as Set Designer & Art Director, **Edesia Moreno** as Acrobatic Choreographer & Performance Designer, **Vinh Nguyen Kinjaz** as Choreographer, **Jean-Phi Goncalves** as Musical Composer, **James Lavoie** as Costume Designer, **Nicolas Brion** as Light Designer, and **Ben Scheff** as Sound Designer. The show is Produced by **Jayna Neagle** under the helm of Cirque du Soleil Producer **Marie-Josée Adam** and Chief Executive Producer, **Yasmine Khalil**.

"We are so excited to announce our cast and creative team for *Twas the Night Before...* and can't wait to showcase their talents upon the stage in New York this holiday season," said Yasmine Khalil, Cirque du Soleil Chief Executive Producer. "Featuring original acrobatics, spectacular choreography, dazzling costumes, and familiar music sure to strike an emotional chord, *Twas* is a completely new experience that brings families together to celebrate the holiday spirit."

"We are thrilled to share with audiences the premiere of '*Twas the Night Before...*, an all-new family production, as this classic Christmas story is brought to life onstage through the creative lens of Cirque du Soleil," said Darren Pfeffer, executive vice president, MSG Live, The Madison Square Garden Company. "Through the visionaries behind the creative team coupled with the incredible artistry of the performers, we look forward to delivering an unforgettable production for families this holiday season that can only be seen at our venues: The Chicago Theatre and Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden."

For more information about *Twas the Night Before...* at Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden, visit [msg.com/cirque](http://msg.com/cirque) or call 866-858-0008. For group sales call 212-465-6080. Tickets starting at \$40. Accessible and companion seats are available via the Disabled Services Department at 888-609-7599.

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*Twas the Night Before...* is the 49<sup>th</sup> original production of Cirque du Soleil, part of Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group.

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