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Cirque du Soleil

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Cirque de la Lune

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The spectacular and unrivalled acrobatic theater company **Cirque du Soleil** is in Rome with a mesmerizing new performance. *Amaluna* is set on a mysterious island inhabited by sirens, goddesses, and wise women, and guided by the cycles of the moon. The show's protagonists are Queen Prospera, a powerful shaman, her daughter Miranda, on the verge of womanhood, Miranda's lover Romeo, and the Goddess of the Moon, who encapsulates the thread of femininity that weaves through the entire production. Dozens of other colorful characters enliven the scene with the super-human strength, flexibility, and acrobatics that have made Cirque du Soleil famous around the world.

The *tour de force* features a number of literally breathtaking acts that take

place atop unicycles, on asymmetric parallel bars, on trampolines, hanging from rings, perched on Chinese poles, and even underwater. In one unprecedented act, performers are attached to aerial rings that suspend from a rotating carousel, flying through the air at high velocity and creating an acrobatic marvel that encompasses four dimensions. The production also guarantees plenty of comedic relief, as well as balletic elements, such as the "Dance of the Peacock," a mesmerizing performance that represents the purity of love. As always, the costumes and make-up are in themselves works of art, and the music and scenery tie the entire production together. The cast is made up of prevalently female performers, including a band composed entirely of women.



INFORMATION

> **Runs until 11 June**

Tor di Quinto – Grand Chapiteau.

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