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# KÀ: THE GROUND-BREAKING ADVENTURE BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL AT MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS

Experience the unbelievable at KÀ by *Cirque du Soleil*, a heroic journey of love and conflict, set within ever-changing theatrical landscapes that conjure an entire empire on stage. Presented in the unprecedented performance space, the KÀ Theatre at MGM Grand, KÀ unfolds on a colossal, 360-degree rotating stage which forms the backdrop for this cinematic journey of aerial adventure and perpendicular acrobatics.

Featuring 80 artists from around the world, KÀ is a gravity-defying production featuring a powerfully emotive soundtrack that enhances the innovative blend of acrobatic feats, Capoeira, puppetry, projections and martial arts.

KÀ is created and directed by acclaimed theatre and film director Robert Lepage. Lepage ("Bluebeard's Castle," "The Far Side of the Moon") describes the story as "the coming of age of a young man and a young woman through their encounters with love, conflict and the duality of KÀ, the fire that can unite or separate, destroy or illuminate."

As the plot of KÀ unfolds, danger lies in wait at every turn for the separated Twins, the acrobatic heroes of this adventurous expedition. Archers and Spearmen hunt them relentlessly. As the villains give chase, the artists show off their climbing prowess with an incredible ascent to safety. An encounter with mysterious giant sea creatures proves to be more mischievous than menacing... As a distraction from danger, the Twin Brother learns the art of shadow puppets in a tender, yet poignant moment.

The Twin Sister, protected by her Nursemaid, manages an escape in a miraculous manpowered flying machine, releasing her into a majestic forest populated with bright, luminous creatures on Bungees, where her rescue culminates in an aerial ballet with the ultimate protector of her life and her heart. Meanwhile, in the Archer's Den, captives perform on the Wheel of Death with breathtaking displays of gravity-defying feats.

In the culmination of the Twins' extraordinary journeys, a battle takes place on an enormous vertical stage offering a unique aerial perspective. Video projections react to the artists' touch while the adversaries spin through the air in a captivating display of perpendicular acrobatics.

The show's title, KÀ, is inspired by the ancient Egyptian belief in the "ka," an invisible spiritual duplicate of the body that accompanies every human being throughout this life and into the next.

#### **KÀ CREATIVE TEAM**

Guide Guy Laliberté
Creator and Director Robert Lepage
Director of Creation Guy Caron
Set Designer Mark Fisher

Costume Designer Marie-Chantale Vaillancourt

Composer and Arranger René Dupéré Choreographer Jacques Heim Lighting Designer Luc Lafortune Sound Designer Jonathan Deans Interactive Projections Designer Holger Förterer **Puppet Designer** Michael Curry **Props Designer** Patricia Ruel Acrobatic Equipment and Rigging Designer Jaque Paquin Aerial Acrobatics Designer André Simard Make-up Designer Nathalie Gagné

#### **SHOW SCHEDULE:**

- KÀ performs at 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm Saturday through Wednesday.
- KÀ is dark (no shows) on Thursdays and Fridays.

#### TO RESERVE TICKETS:

- Call 866-774-7117 or 702-531-2000.
- Go to www.ka.com or www.mgmgrand.com.
- Visit the KÀ ticket office at MGM Grand or any of the MGM Resorts International box offices.
- Ticket prices start at \$69

### **GROUPS:**

For group reservations of 12 or more, contact lasvegas.sales@cirquedusoleil.com.

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