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Prepare To Clap, Cheer And Be Amazed

Saltimbanco, the longest running major touring show of Cirque du Soleil, comes to Veterans Memorial Coliseum on November 17-18 for three shows: 7:30pm on Saturday and 1pm and 5pm on Sunday. This signature show draws inspiration from the urban experience, encompassing every aspect of urban living while offering its own vision of life in the 20th century. While on a journey into the heart of the city, characters draw audiences into a fanciful, dreamlike world through high intensity acrobatics. For tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com or any Ticket Master outlet or call (608) 255-4646. For more information on Cirque du Soleil, visit www.cirquedusoleil.com.

Champion Spirit Group comes to Exhibition Hall on November 3 to present Badger Challenge Cheerleading Competition. This event features lots of great giveaways, amazing awards and some of the best early-season performances around. For more information on this high-energy event, visit www.championspiritgroup.com.

Veterans Memorial Coliseum hosts the first ever Big 8 Shootout on November 23-24. Boys and girls teams from eight different schools across the state compete under one roof to raise money for their general athletic budgets. Enjoy 16 games over two days with \$8 admission per day which includes entrance into every game scheduled for that day. For more information, contact Ralph Sirmons at (608) 259-3715.

Coliseum Hums With Great Shows

John Mellencamp's fall tour makes a stop at Veterans Memorial Coliseum for a show on November 6 at 7:30pm. A broad spectrum of Mellencamp's repertoire, reflecting four decades of recording and performing will be represented. In addition some unreleased songs from a new album project, yet to be titled, are expected to be performed on the fall tour. For tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

On November 8, the popular Christian-pop band Newsboys performs in Veterans Memorial Coliseum as part of their "GO" tour with Kutless and Newworldson. Originally hailing from Australia, the group has remained one of the most popular and best selling Christian music artists for two decades. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or any Ticketmaster outlet for tickets or call (608) 255-4646.

On November 11, the musical ensemble Celtic Woman performs in Veterans Memorial Coliseum at 7:30pm. This musical experience, featuring incredible Irish female vocalists, portrays the unique voices and style of each as soloists as well as ensemble numbers. The group has gone on to become an international success as well as a public television sensation. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or any Ticketmaster outlet for tickets or call (608) 255-4646.



Event Delights For The Holidays

Get ready to experience the ultimate holiday shopping experience at the Madison Holiday Market presented by Madison Ballet in Exhibition Hall on November 2-4. A wide variety of items including home décor, apparel, accessories, jewelry, novelties, pottery, gourmet food, toys, and much more from between 100-200 vendors will be available for purchase. Open to the general public, admission is \$5 on Friday and Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 10am-3pm. For more information contact Brian Johnson at (608) 278-7990 ext 233 or visit www.madisonballet.org.

One-of-a-Kind Rubber Stamp & Scrapbook Show returns to Exhibition Hall on November 17-18 with classes all-day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Over 40 vendors selling the latest products are available Saturday and Sunday. Unlike anything else, Make-n-Take Market and Create-n-Keep are two one-of-a-kind events where hands on projects are taken to a new level. Other exciting features include a \$200 Treasure Hunt as well as the Card & Scrapbook Challenge. For more information, visit www.stampscrapmadison.com.

On November 17-18, brava magazine hosts the Madison Women's Expo in Exhibition Hall. Enjoy hundreds of exhibitors, fabulous prizes and a chance to get a jump-start on your holiday shopping. Every aspect of a woman's life including food, health, leisure, fashion, beauty, style, home, entertaining, children and families, career opportunities, non-profit organization, fitness and much more are featured along with interactive fun. Marie Osmond and Naomi Judd are the celebrity guests. Irv Cass, one of the top Elvis tribute artists, also appears at this year's event. The expo is open from 10am-4pm both days. Visit www.madisonwomensexpo.com for more information.





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History Behind Cirque Du Soleil

Cirque du Soleil has been entertaining crowds for over 20 years with dazzling performances. Each show is a synthesis of circus styles from around the world and has its own central theme and storyline which brings the audience into the performance by having no curtains, continuous live music and performers changing the sets. It's unique style has rejuvenated performing arts by creating a modern-day circus for the 21st Century. Below is a brief history of Cirque du Soleil's success.



- 1982:** Quebec—Street performers, known as Club des Talons Hauts (the High Heels Club), walk on stilts, juggle and eat fire while mixing with crowd, presursor of what is to become Cirque du Soleil
- 1984:** Cirque du Soleil is born as part of 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in Canada. First blue and yellow big top seats 800
- 1986:** Travels across Canada, interest grows and so does big top which now seats 1,500
- 1987:** Cirque du Soleil visits America for first time and is an overnight success
- 1990:** Big top expanded to 2,500 and Cirque du Soleil makes first appearance in Europe
- 1993:** Cirque du Soleil moves into its first theatre at Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas
- 1994:** 10th Anniversary of Cirque du Soleil
- 1998:** Second resident show and first aquatic show "O" takes stage at Bellagio in Las Vegas.
- 2004:** 20th Anniversary of Cirque du Soleil; Guinness World Record set for largest number of stiltwalkers (544) at the same time and place.
- 2005:** Cirque du Soleil develops entertainment on two cruise ships
- 2007:** Cirque produces 20th production; more than 70 million attendees since 1984

To become part of **Cirque du Soleil** history, visit **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** when *Saltimbanco* takes center stage on **November 17–18** for three shows: 7:30pm on Saturday and 1pm and 5pm on Sunday. For tickets, visit the Coliseum Ticket office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com, or charge by phone at (608) 255-4646.

Remarkable Women

Celebrity guests, Marie Osmond and Naomi Judd, make this year's Madison Women's Expo another unforgettable experience. These remarkable women have made their mark on the world as mothers, authors, entrepreneurs, singers, actresses, spokespersons and TV personalities. Below are just some of their incredible accomplishments.



Marie Osmond—Born: October 13, 1959

- 1973:** #1 Country Single—"Paper Roses"
- 1983:** Co founder and co host of Children's Miracle Network—raises \$250 million annually
- 1985:** #1 Country Singles—"Meet Me In Montana" and "There's No Stopping Your Heart"
- 1986:** #1 Country Single—"You're Still New to Me"
- 1991:** Launch of "Marie Osmond Fine Porcelain Collector Dolls" on QVC
- 1997:** Broadway debut as Anna in Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The King and I"
- 1998:** Premiere of daytime entertainment/talk show "Donny & Marie"
- 2001:** New York Times Best Selling Author with Behind the Smile: My Journey Out of Postpartum Depression
- 2003:** Marie and family receive star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame
- 2007:** Contestant on ABC's Dancing With the Stars



Naomi Judd—Born: January 11, 1946

- 1980s:** Formed singing duo, The Judds, with daughter Wynonna Judd
- 1983-91:** 15 #1 Singles and 4 #1 Albums
- 1984-90:** Won Top Vocal Duo from Academy of Country Music
- 1984-91:** Won Top Vocal Duo of Year from Country Music Association
- 1985-92:** Won 5 Grammy Awards for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group
- 1991:** Created "Naomi Judd Education and Research Fund"—raises awareness of Hepatitis C
- 1999:** Starred in "A Holiday Romance" as Lily Waite with Andy Griffith and Gerald McRaney
- 2003-05:** Member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) National Board of Advisors
- 2005:** Host of talk show "Naomi's New Morning"
- * Author of five books * Author of three children's books