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Internationally Acclaimed *Cavalía* Premieres in Chicago

Seen by more than 2.5 million people worldwide, Cavalía is a visually exquisite, inspiring and poetic multi-disciplinary spectacular that continues to push the boundaries of what is possible between humans and horses

CHICAGO, June 4, 2009 – *Cavalía*, the spectacular equestrian odyssey makes its Chicago debut beginning Tuesday, July 14. This multimedia extravaganza brings together more than 100 two and four-legged artists. The mix of horses, acrobats, aerialists, dancers, riders and musicians transports spectators to dream-like settings while celebrating the timeless bond between horses and humans. *Cavalía* will be presented under its towering White Big Top, which will be pitched in Chicago's stylish West Loop at Racine and Jackson. Performances will run July 14 through July 26; tickets go on sale today.

Normand Latourelle, founder and artistic director of *Cavalía*, is the visionary behind the show. As one of the co-founders of Cirque du Soleil, Latourelle first brought Cirque to Chicago in 1988. Through Latourelle's passionate vision, *Cavalía* revolutionizes equestrian and performing arts much like Cirque du Soleil revolutionized the circus. Latourelle has become renowned for adventurous, mammoth and innovative productions that transport spectators to new realms of imagination.

Cavalía has captivated audiences across North America and Europe and has been praised by the media and critics alike. The *New York Times* summed it up by saying *Cavalía* is "A celebration of the unique emotional and physical bonds between humans and animals," while CNN's Larry King cheered "The greatest show I have ever seen!" *O Magazine* proclaimed that "The wildly beautiful stallions of *Cavalía* leave audiences with their hearts galloping." The *Las Vegas* magazine raved "One of the most spectacular hybrids of modern theater in the world," while the *Los Angeles Times* described it as "Blissful play, haunting score...striking aerial grace." Finally, Madrid's *El País* declared "Magical Moments...Like in a dream," while Amsterdam's *De Telegraf* called *Cavalía* "A fairytale for the entire family!"

Cavalía is a show unlike any other, a lavish orchestration blending multimedia theatrical spectacle with equestrian and performing arts. Acrobats, aerialists, dancers, musicians and riders are showcased on an enormous, 160-foot-wide stage; a space so expansive that it allows the horses sufficient space to gallop and cavort, at times completely unbridled. Recognized for their expertise in the realm of multimedia, *Cavalía's* creators have used cutting-edge technology to

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create dream-like fantasy world. Large, panoramic images are projected on to a 210-foot-wide curved screen, while stunning special and lighting effects illuminate the action on the stage and in the air. Original live music and vocals accompany this feast for the senses.

Cavalía is presented under North America's largest touring tent, a pristine white structure rising some 100 feet above the ground and spanning more than 26,264 square feet. The stage alone is the equivalent to the width of a regulation NFL football field.

Juxtaposed with the vibrancy of the lavish production is a subtle thematic line that tells the story of the evolution of horses and their bond with human beings, beginning with their unbridled life in the wilderness, to early domestication and ultimately to a rapport with people based on mutual respect.

Featured in *Cavalía* are 13 different breeds of horses, including Arabians, Spanish Pure Breeds, Lusitanos, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas and Paint horses from France, Canada, Spain and the United States. The featured artists represent talented individuals from such nations as the United States Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, and Russia.

Opening night will be Tuesday, July 14 at 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS

For its exclusive run in Chicago, *Cavalía* will be presented under the White Big Top pitched in Chicago's stylish West Loop at Racine and Jackson. Tickets are on sale now. Regular tickets are priced from \$45.50 to \$98.50. Special pricing is available for children and seniors. In addition, special packages including an exclusive visit to the *Cavalía* stables are also available. Prices do not include service fees. For more information, a detailed list of show dates and reservations, call 1-866-999-8111 or visit www.cavalía.net.

The performance schedule is as follows:

July 14, 2009 8pm	July 21, 2009 8pm
July 16, 2009 8pm	July 22, 2009 8pm
July 17, 2009 8pm	July 23, 2009 8pm
July 18, 2009 3pm	July 24, 2009 8pm
July 18, 2009 8pm	July 25, 2009 3pm
July 19, 2009 2pm	July 25, 2009 8pm
	July 26, 2009 2pm

PHOTOS: For high-resolution photos visit *Cavalía's* media room at www.cavalía.net.

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