

q circus: A PRECARIOUS PREMIERE

**Circus Oz Big Top heads to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria to unravel the ministry of nature
Creating chaos when the natural balance is tipped over**

In their 40th year, Circus Oz tumbles back home to Melbourne to premiere their new show, Precarious, under the heated Circus Oz Big Top. Across the winter school holidays the tent will be nestled within the trees of the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria with three weeks of shows.

Inspired by the garden surrounds, Precarious is a 70-minute non-stop spectacle of acrobatic mayhem for audiences of all ages. The Circus Oz ensemble will unearth innovative circus acts to create an exciting three-dimensional world that examines the fragility that exists between humanity and nature.

The outstanding skills and talents of the Circus Oz ensemble will include extraordinary foot juggling, jaw-dropping aerial rope and tippy ring, mesmerising roué Cyr, Chinese pole and hula hoop – all hilariously woven together with original music from the live Circus Oz band.

Circus Oz Artistic Director, Rob Tannion, joins forces with independent director, Kate Fryer, to craft Precarious and create the mayhem that is the ministry of nature – an absurd lo-fi bureaucracy filled with phenomenal acrobatics, spectacular aerials, live music and physical comedy.

Brought together by their shared love of storytelling in recognisable, yet surreal worlds, Tannion and Fryer will continue to push circus innovation, extending expectations of circus skill and apparatus through collaboration with the Circus Oz ensemble, musicians and production team.

The Precarious Co-Directors explain, "We are in precarious times environmentally. How much more can our ecosystem take? Are we approaching the tipping point? Can humanity restore the natural balance before it is too late?"

Tim Entwisle, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Director and Chief Executive, comments, "We are delighted to be partnering with Circus Oz's show Precarious. The show's nature theme perfectly complements the new location. We look forward to welcoming its audience to the Gardens, and we hope to foster a strong, ongoing relationship together."



**Precarious
Circus Oz Big Top Premiere
26 June – 15 July 2018
Circus Oz Big Top**

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Southern Cross Lawn

Address enter via the Observatory Gate on Birdwood Avenue (opposite the Shrine of Remembrance)

\$35 – \$60 (plus booking fees)

Bookings at www.ticketek.com.au

The Circus Oz season of Precarious is generously supported by the City of Melbourne. For further information about CircusOz, go to www.circusoz.com, www.facebook.com/circusoz, www.twitter.com/circusoz and www.instagram.com/circusoz