



Casting newsletter March 2011

Let your talent shine

CLOWNS AND PHYSICAL ACTORS AT CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Here's our latest video! Everything (or almost everything) you always wanted to know about clowns and physical actors at *Cirque du Soleil*, but were afraid to ask. Starring, among others, Daniel Passer, Wayne Wilson, Pippo Crotti and Gordon White.



NEW SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WITHIN CASTING

Cirque du Soleil currently has more than 1,300 artists and 19 shows in performance; by the end of the year, it will be 22 shows. To support the company's growth, and as confirmation of the critical assignment carried out by Casting, [Line Giasson](#) becomes Senior Director. Her strategic role is:

- 1 To ensure continuity of talent acquisition and replacement across all our shows;
- 1 To plan and manage our approach with regard to the various sports, circus and artistic communities;
- 1 To supply new and distinctive talent to future creations;
- 1 To develop strategic relationships and maintain the network of alliances and partnerships with the sports, circus arts and performing arts communities around the world.



The Casting team consists of more than 60 employees and offers contracts to more than 400 artists every year. The assignment is shared by three Directors: [Céline Lavallée](#), Director, Casting – Talent Sourcing; [Krista Monson](#), Director, Casting – Resident & Theatres Shows and Regional Sourcing; and [Pavel Kotov](#), Director, Casting – Touring & Arena Shows and Special Projects. Finally, for orientation and the specific requirements of new creations, we work in close collaboration with [Fabrice Becker](#), Director, Content for New Creations – Casting, Performance and Trends.

PRESENCE AT MOVE IT 2011

In March, the Casting team was in London for MOVE IT, the UK's biggest dance exhibition, which welcomes dancers from all over the world. This event, which celebrates all forms of dance, attracts some 20,000 spectators each year.

11 - 13 MARCH 2011, OLYMPIA, LONDON



During the event, our artistic talent scouts [Nicole Lamontagne](#) and [Rick Tjia](#) invited dancers to take part in their master classes. It was a unique opportunity for them to learn to use their dance techniques and creativity in improvisation workshops.

Nicole and Rick also answered all their questions about dancer sourcing at *Cirque du Soleil* and the types of dancers we look for in two *sofa interviews*. Finally, they described the life of an artist at *Cirque du Soleil*.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL PRIZE TO REWARD INNOVATIVE PERFORMANCE AND ARTISTIC VISION

To encourage future performers and help new talents to develop, *Cirque du Soleil* is proud to announce that the new *Innovative Performance and Artistic Vision* prize will be awarded to promising artists who stand out at international festivals. The SACRED FIRE

trophy was created by Elyse De Lafontaine, an artist from Quebec.



Recently, at the Festival Mondial du Cirque de Demain in France, the prize was awarded to Foté Foré, a duo comprising French hip-hop dancer Régis Truchy and Guinean contortionist Keita Abdoulaye.

In 2010, the prize was awarded to the following artists:

- 1 Ukrainian Tatiana Konobas for her "exercise ball" act at the Budapest International Circus Festival in Hungary;
- 1 Australian Julian Aldag for his "Spanish web" act at the Latina International Circus Festival in Italy;
- 1 The Shenyang troupe for their "aerial structure" act at the Wuhan International Circus Festival in China.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS

MARCH 2011

Rome (Italy) – Dancers [More info](#)

Austin, TX (United States) – Singers [More info](#)

Austin, TX (United States) – Musicians [More info](#)

APRIL 2011

Montreal (Canada) – Circus performers [More info](#)

MAY 2011

Orlando, FL (United States) – Circus performers [More info](#)

Orlando, FL (United States) – Athletes [More info](#)

Paris (France) – Clowns and Actors [More info](#)

JUNE 2011

Montreal (Canada) – Singers [More info](#)

FALL 2011

Milan (Italy) – Clowns and Actors [More info](#)

RECENT AND UPCOMING CASTING TEAM ACTIVITIES (scouting, conferences, attendance)

FEBRUARY 2011

ATHLETES | Winter Cup in Las Vegas, NV (United States), February 3-6

DANCERS | World Championship Hoop Dance Contest in Phoenix, AZ (United States), February 5 and 6

DANCERS | Represented on the jury at the "Danza in Fiera" international dance fair from February 24 to 27 in Florence (Italy)

APRIL 2011

ATHLETES | NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championship in Columbus, OH (United States), April 15 and 16

ATHLETES | NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championship in Cleveland, OH (United States), April 15-17

ATHLETES | European Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Berlin (Germany), April 6-10

OTHER TALENTS | Extreme Convention in Antwerp (Belgium), April 23 and 24

JOB OPENINGS

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