



Circa: Closer

Underbelly George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD

Wednesday 3rd – Monday 29th August 2016 (not 10th, 15th, 23rd), 18:55

Fresh from the world premiere of *Closer* in London, internationally acclaimed, multi-award winning circus company Circa (*The Return*, Barbican) return to Edinburgh's George Square to dazzle and amaze. Join five astounding performers in *Closer* as they reveal breath-taking, up-close acrobatics in this elegant and intimate encounter of sophisticated fun.

Circa are known for presenting circus without spectacle: *Closer* looks at the authenticity of the performers as they confound expectations and prompt an emotional connection with the audience. The strength of their relationships is paramount here as they support and aid each other. This beautiful and quirky show takes us on a magical and delicate journey.

Closer transforms objects and motifs from everyday life that we wouldn't normally even consider. As the masterful acrobats gracefully ascend a tower of chairs, our hearts skip a beat and we feel something without knowing what we're feeling.

Underbelly director Ed Bartlam comments, *Circa are synonymous with the very best in contemporary circus, and have very much become a favourite of the Edinburgh Fringe. Closer beautifully represents the best of what this remarkable company can do and continues the very strong relationship between Circa and Underbelly, both at the Fringe and internationally. It's safe to say that an hour in the company of Circa is one of the most rewarding festival experiences you can possibly have.*

Closer has been commissioned specifically for the iconic 'upside down purple cow' Underbelly venue. With productions that have toured 34 countries across six continents since 2006, Circa's

work is a stripped back circus of the heart. Let *the rockstars of the circus world* (The List) reign supreme!

Notes to Editors

Title	Circa: <i>Closer</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 3 rd – Monday 29 th August (not 10 th , 15 th , 23 rd), 18:55
Running time	65 minutes
Location	Underbelly George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk Previews: £11.50 Normal: £17.50 (£16.50) Weekend: £18.50 (£17.50)
Twitter	@CircaPresents, #Closer, @FollowTheCow
Created by	Yaron Lifschitz with the Circa Ensemble
Director	Yaron Lifschitz
Performed by	Jarred Dewey, Lisa Goldsworthy, Lauren Herley, Daniel O'Brien, Kimberley O'Brien

About Circa

From Brisbane, Australia comes a bold new vision of contemporary circus. A blending of bodies, light, sound and skills. A place where acrobatics and movement meld into a seamless whole. A celebration of the expressive possibilities of the human body at its extremes. Since 2006 Circa has toured to 34 countries across six continents.

About Underbelly

Underbelly is a UK based, live entertainment company. Their events and festivals division operates one of the largest operations at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe selling, in 2015, 215,000 tickets for over 140 shows over 25 days. 2016 marks the eighth year of Udderbelly Festival at Southbank Centre and the fifth year of London Wonderground at Southbank Centre. Elsewhere Underbelly also produces Edinburgh's Christmas and 2015 saw the first Udderbelly Festival in

Hong Kong. Underbelly also produce West End Live in Trafalgar Square, and Pride in London, for Westminster City Council and the Society of London Theatre, and produced the 2015 Rugby World Cup fanzone in Richmond. Through their Underbelly Productions arm they produce and promote live shows in London, throughout the UK and on tour internationally. In 2015 Underbelly sold over 1.1 million tickets to their various events.

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