

CIRCA

# DUCKPOND

The enchantment of Swan Lake,  
the thrill of the circus, with humour,  
panache and, of course, FEATHERS.

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Feathers will fly in Circa's exuberant take on Swan Lake.

The world's most romantic ballet is reimaged as an acrobatic spectacular, full of Circa's signature physicality and shot through with cheeky humour, enchanting duets and colourful surrealism.

You'll meet a clumsy film crew, a sequined flipper wearing duck army and a burlesque black swan. There'll be sumptuous aerals, dynamic Cyr wheel and of course feathers! Touching, funny and completely entertaining, *Duck Pond* is a tale of identity and finding your true self.

Created by circus visionary Yaron Lifschitz ("the Caravaggio of contemporary circus") with ten members of the globally renowned Circa ensemble, this will be one of Circa's most ambitious works yet with haute couture costumes courtesy of Libby McDonnell, music by Jethro Woodward (with hints of Tchaikovsky) and lighting from Alexander Berlage.

The thrilling physicality of *Humans 2.0* and the playful comedy of *Carnival of the Animals* combine to make *Duck Pond* a must-see circus epic. Direct from sell out seasons across London, Berlin, Montreal and more,

***Duck Pond***

Created by Yaron Lifschitz and the Circa Ensemble

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# DUCKPOND SYNOPSIS

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with the Circa Ensemble



## PROLOGUE

Cupid appears in a flash.

## ACT 1

### *The palace, a dream*

It is the night before the Prince's birthday. Various friends, prospective partners and assorted revellers engage in acrobatically-infused merriments. A pillow mishap abruptly ends the party. In a brief encounter the Prince meets the Ugly Duckling and, with the help of Cupid, they fall in love. Romantic duets follow.

Reality soon intrudes. It could never be that a humble duck and a magnificent prince could be together. The Duck Army comes to console the Ugly Duckling. She leaves somewhat cheerier.

The Black Swan appears. Soon it's time for the Ball where the Black Swan and Prince are feted, but something is amiss.

## ACT 2

### *The lake*

A lake with swans. We marvel above and below the water. In despair, the Ugly Duckling decides to throw herself into the swans. Unexpectedly she flies! She is, in fact, a swan.

The Black Swan appears. She and the White Swan fall eternally in love. Duets of love follow. The Prince, confused and devastated, implodes as the two enamoured swans head into the sunset.

## ACT 3

### *The theatre*

We catch a glimpse of what swans are like in nature. It's almost time to go home but as we pack up the theatre, true identities are revealed and real magic – the kind that does not depend on swans, tutus or spells – is rekindled.

