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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE MIDWEST
CAVALIA OPENS ITS NEW THEATRICAL ADVENTURE
ODYSSEO

PERFORMANCES CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 23, 2017
UNDER THE WHITE BIG TOP AT SOLDIER FIELD SOUTH LOT
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (Wednesday, April 5, 2017) **#OdysseoCHI** - The internationally acclaimed entertainment company *Cavalía* has once again pushed the limits of live entertainment with its new theatrical adventure *Odysseo* - a \$30 million extravaganza that expands the definition of performance into an epic yet soulful experience. The world's largest touring production last night opened its first run in the Midwest, under the White Big Top at Soldier Field South Lot (South Lot, 1410 Museum Campus Drive, Chicago, IL 60605). Tickets are now on sale for *Odysseo* matinee and evening performances through Sunday, April 23, 2017, at www.cavalía.net or by calling 1-866-999-8111.

Spectators of all ages were amazed by the unique blend of equestrian and performing arts, and mesmerized by state-of-the-art special effects. Sharing the magnificent stage with 48 riders, dancers, aerialists, acrobats, stilt walkers and musicians, the 65 majestic horses stole the spotlight during this unique theatrical extravaganza, which ended with rapturous applause and a standing ovation.

Before the opening night show, more than 450 VIP patrons - including City of Chicago Deputy Mayor **Steve Koch**; Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events Commissioner **Mark Kelly**; Choose Chicago President & CEO **David Whitaker**; television stars **Miranda Rae Mayo** (NBC-TV's "Chicago Fire") and **Rachel DiPillo** (NBC-TV's "Chicago Med") and even social media star **Manny the Frenchie** - were treated to a delicious buffet and a variety of sumptuous desserts prepared by *Odysseo* head chef, Pierre-Yves Caisse, in the Rendez-Vous VIP lounge. After the curtain call, VIP guests were invited to an exclusive stable tour to meet the two and four-legged stars.

Imagined by Normand Latourelle - creator of *Cavalía* and renowned for combining different forms of artistic expression and reinventing the scenic space - *Odysseo* is a veritable revolution in live performance that makes hearts race. Audiences of all ages are transported on an epic journey to some of nature's greatest wonders by this breathtaking production.

Whether it is the dexterity of the African acrobats, the enchanting sound of the *Kora*, or the majestic life-size merry-go-round, the cast and set of *Odysseo* are inspired and inspiring, delivering crowd-pleasing wonders and stunts. *Odysseo*'s mindboggling theatrical effects are as spectacular as they are numerous: a state-of-the-art video screen three times the size of the world's largest cinema screens; a three-story mountain for dazzling perspectives; décor both intricate and grandiose that seems to pull the audience onto the gigantic stage, and a real lake made of 40,000 gallons of recycled water which magically appears for a splashing finale. In sum, the show creates places no one has ever seen before - places where one can feel the deep connection between horse and man.

Since its Montreal world premiere in 2011, the *Odysseo* troupe has already mesmerized more than 2 million spectators in Canada, United States and Mexico. Cavalia would like to thank **Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel**, **Deputy Mayor Koch**, and **Tim LeFevour** and his team at Soldier Field, for their valuable collaboration in bringing *Odysseo* to Chicago this spring.

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TICKETS – Adult tickets are priced from \$34.50 to \$144.50 (service charge included). Special pricing and packages also available for groups, children (2-12), juniors (13-17) and seniors (65+). For an extra special outing, the *Rendez-Vous* VIP package offers the best seats in the house, full meal buffet dining before the show, open bar, desserts during intermission and an exclusive visit to the stables after the show. This unique VIP experience takes place in a tent alongside the White Big Top. The *Rendez-Vous* VIP package prices range from \$144.50 to \$269.50 (service charge included).

ABOUT CAVALIA INC. - Cavalia Inc. is an entertainment company that specializes in the creation, production and touring of innovative shows. Founded by Normand Latourelle, the company reimagines the equestrian and theatrical arts. With its headquarters in Montreal, Cavalia Inc. is an integral part of Canada's cultural heritage, and the largest Canadian-owned cultural enterprise. Its expertise in high technology, multimedia and special effects creates magical, unique, never-before-seen experiences. Its first show, *Cavalia*, has been seen by more than 4 million people across North America, Europe, Australia, the Middle East and Asia since its 2003 debut. *Odysseo*, the company's second show, has toured to rave reviews and public acclaim since its 2011 premiere. Follow Cavalia's latest developments at www.twitter.com/cavalia or www.facebook.com/cavalia. #OdysseoCHI

FOR CALENDARS

WHAT: *Odysseo by Cavalia*

WHEN: Matinee and evening performances scheduled through April 23

WHERE: Under the White Big Top at Soldier Field South Lot
South Lot, 1410 Museum Campus Drive, Chicago
Entrance at parking gates on East 18th Drive

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