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YOUTH SERIES

2019-20

SCHOOL-DAY PERFORMANCES
FOR PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND HOME
SCHOOLS, GRADES PreK-12

CIRQUE FLIP FABRIQUE BLIZZARD





ABOUT CIRQUE FLIP FABRIQUE

Cirque FLIP Fabrique is a young troupe founded by a group of six friends who are at the peak of their talents as professional circus artists. Their shared dream is to create cirque (modern circus-style) shows that are built and inspired by their personalities and their experiences. Each performer is a top star of their cirque skill specialty and uses these performances to showcase their one-of-a-kind, unmatched skills!

.. AFTER WATCHING
THEM PERFORM,
YOU MAY SUSPECT
THAT THEY HAIL
FROM A DIFFERENT
PLANET

—THE NEW YORK TIMES

Explore flipfabrique.com to find out more about the company and the artists.

ABOUT BLIZZARD

In the midst of a Midwestern deep freeze, perhaps you've asked yourself—has winter taken over? Has the frost crept across the fields, down the streets, maybe right into our very homes or even our own hearts? Quebec's youthful, fearless, masterful Cirque FLIP Fabrique asks just that in a magically poetic cirque-style expedition that's taking worldwide stages by storm. As live piano music sparkles in the air, snowballs soar aloft and are met with high-flying acrobatics, remarkable roller ice skating, and the curious possibilities that become clear just when it looks like white-out conditions have arrived. Bundle up and come join us!

Connects to Illinois Learning Standards in Fine Arts, Social/Emotional Learning, and Science.

WHAT IS A BLIZZARD?

According to the National Weather Service, a blizzard is not a delicious ice cream treat—it's actually defined as "a storm with considerable falling or blowing snow, winds in excess of 35 miles per hour, and visibilities [how far you can see] of less than one quarter of a mile for at least three hours." Blizzards often occur when two sides of the same storm have a big difference in pressure and warm air rises over cold air, which creates strong winds, blowing snow, and "white-out" conditions. In the United States, blizzards are most common in the Midwest and the Great Plains. The deepest snowfall on record in the United States was on December 4, 1913, when Georgetown, Colorado, got a whopping 63 inches of snow!

Source: livescience.com

DRY ICE

One of the special effects used in *Blizzard* is called "dry ice." Normally, we think of ice as frozen water, which has the chemical name H_2O . However, dry ice is actually frozen carbon dioxide. It has a surface temperature of -78.5 degrees Celsius; in other words, it's VERY cold stuff, so please don't touch! Dry ice has a neat trick called "sublimation," which simply means that it turns directly from a solid to a gas, so it never really melts the way that ice from your freezer does. The gas looks like mist or fog and makes for great theatre magic.

Source: livescience.com



WINTER STORIES

The FLIP Fabrique troupe loves to tell stories. In this case, they are weaving tales about wintry weather. Do you have your own winter story? Perhaps it involves a snowball fight or sipping cider by the fireplace or going on errands on a winter day—take turns sharing your stories to see how your snowy memories compare.

ULTIMATE SNOW FORT

Draw a design for your ultimate snow fort below—what are the elements that you need? Windows? A slide? Maybe storage for snowballs or a place for penguin friends?

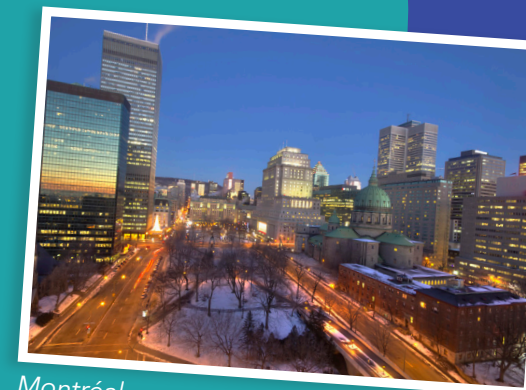
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COMES FROM . . .

QUEBEC, CANADA



Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City



Montréal



Old Port Ice Skating Rink, Montréal

Cirque FLIP Fabrique: *Blizzard*

Youth Series Performances

Mo, Feb 24, 2020, at 10am and 12:30pm

Tu, Feb 25, 2020, at 10am

Colwell Playhouse

Performance length: 75 minutes

Recommended for grades 3+

Public Marquee Performance

Su, Feb 23, 2020, at 3pm

Cirque FLIP Fabrique appears courtesy of
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LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Krannert Center has also partnered with Champaign Public Library and The Urbana Free Library to help expand your students' Youth Series experience. Our local libraries have placed materials that relate to *Blizzard* on display, and librarians are prepared to help your students immerse themselves in the wide-ranging subject areas that are covered by the production. These resources will be available approximately two weeks before through two weeks following the performance.

We hope that you are able to take advantage of these exciting partnerships with our local libraries!

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