

THE ART OF
RICHARD
MACDONALD

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**THE ART OF RICHARD MACDONALD PRESENTED BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL
LAUNCHES NEW LOCATION AT CRYSTALS IN CITYCENTER
Opening December 2009**

LAS VEGAS - November 2009 – Master sculptor Richard MacDonald is pleased to announce a second Las Vegas gallery location opening December 2009 at Crystals Place inside CityCenter. **The Art of Richard MacDonald Presented by Cirque du Soleil** captures the beauty, athleticism and human spirit of *Cirque du Soleil*® and the passion inherent in the human condition.

The gallery was born out of a relationship between Guy Laliberté, founder of *Cirque du Soleil*, and Richard MacDonald, a master of figurative sculpture. MacDonald feels that he and Laliberté are “similar in life-long creative goals.” His work focuses on the spectrum of performing life, capturing a fleeting moment in time and immortalizing the grace, strength, joy and discipline of dancers and acrobats. His work shares the creativity and imagination that fuels *Cirque du Soleil* and conveys MacDonald's sense of energy and passion.



The new gallery will showcase over 50 bronze sculptures including 10 heroic-size works by the artist. Located in Crystals Place at CityCenter, next door to the GALLERY featuring Dale Chihuly, the space will feature a spectacular 40-foot waterwall, split face stone walls and dynamic steel curved niches. At 3,600 square feet the gallery will present one of the world's premier sculpture spaces.

The Art of Richard MacDonald Presented by *Cirque du Soleil* Fine Art Gallery – at Bellagio, located in the "OTM" Theatre Lobby and at Crystals Place at CityCenter. Open daily at 10:00am.

www.theartofrichardmacdonald.com

About *Cirque du Soleil*

The company is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2009. From the 20 or so performers the company featured when it all began in 1984, Quebec-based *Cirque du Soleil* has become a leading provider of quality entertainment with 4,000 employees, including 1,000 artists who hail from some 40 different countries. *Cirque du Soleil* has brought wonder and delight to

almost 90 million spectators in over 200 cities on five continents. In 2009, *Cirque du Soleil* will be presenting 20 shows simultaneously throughout the world.

In Las Vegas, *Cirque du Soleil* presents *Mystère™* at Treasure Island, "O™" at Bellagio, *Zumanity™*, *The Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil™* at New York-New York Hotel & Casino, *KÀ™* at MGM Grand, *The Beatles™ LOVE™* at The Mirage, *CRISS ANGEL Believe™* at Luxor Las Vegas, and *Viva ELVIST™* at ARIA Resort & Casino at CityCenter. For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com/lasvegas.

About Richard MacDonald

Richard MacDonald is world-renowned for artistry that reveals a profound understanding of the human experience and which celebrates the ascendancy of the human spirit. His fascination of the human form and with mankind's broad emotional range has inspired him to create dynamic, sensitive works; each infused with a quality that withstands the passage of time, of taste, of trend. His work has been exhibited worldwide including Japan, Korea, Italy, the Corcoran Gallery in Washington D.C. and can be seen in galleries throughout the United States. For more information on the artist visit www.richardmacdonald.com.

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