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**See Everyday Ordinary...Turn Bright & Extraordinary  
'Cirque Dreams Illumination' Tickets On Sale Now**

MACON, Ga. – Get ready for the all-new “**Cirque Dreams Illumination**” from the creators of the groundbreaking hit and only show of its kind to ever perform on Broadway, “**Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy**.” Hailed as, “Dazzling! A reason to stand up and cheer,” by the New York Daily News, “**Cirque Dreams Illumination**” will ignite Macon when it performs at The Grand Opera House, a performing arts center of Mercer University, on **Sunday, Sept. 27**, as part of a cross-country U.S. tour. Two performances are scheduled for **4 and 7:30 p.m.** Tickets range from \$41-\$45 and group discounts are available for 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased through Mercer Ticket Sales at **(478) 301-5470** or online at **www.TheGrandMacon.com**.

“**Cirque Dreams Illumination**” promises to live up to the Cirque Dreams brand of notoriety, which New York Magazine proclaims is “the grandest circus spectacle east of Vegas.” Journey with fascination into the depths of a city that ignites with illumination when Cirque Dreams imagination, suspense and theatrical innovation turns every day ordinary into bright and extraordinary! Audiences of all ages will marvel as city dwellers reinvent familiar objects, balance on wires, leap tall buildings and redefine the risks of flight in a story filled with astounding occurrences. One-of-a-kind artists populate the streets of this magical metropolis and breathe energy into its landscape with urban acrobatics and never-before-seen phenomenal thrills of disbelief. Cirque Dreams’ critically acclaimed dazzling costumes come alive to the sounds of jazz, ballroom, pop and more in this original score.

Created and directed by Neil Goldberg, “**Cirque Dreams Illumination**” is the latest brainchild of Goldberg’s theatrical imagination and the Cirque Dreams brand of entertainment, creators of international performance, touring and Broadway sensations “**Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy**,” “**Cirque Dreams Holiday**,” “**Cirque Dreams Pandemonia**,” “**Cirque Dreams Coobri**,” and “**Cirque Ingenieux**.” More than 50 million fans have attended a Cirque Dreams show in the U.S. or abroad in the past five years.

“**Cirque Dreams Illumination**” is the company’s 14<sup>th</sup> production since originating in 1993. “The Cirque Dreams brand of quality, originality and value combined with Broadway theatrics and international circus artistry continues to transcend imagination and appeal to audiences of all ages,” Goldberg said. Critics and audiences alike have praised Cirque Dreams shows as “A whiz-bang family friendly spectacle” (Los Angeles Times), “Pure talent on a stage” (New Yorker) and “Executed to perfection” (Chicago Sun Times).

For more information about the 2009-2010 season, patrons should call Mercer Ticket Sales at **(478) 301-5470** or visit **www.TheGrandMacon.com**. Subscriptions and tickets may also be purchased in person at the Mercer Ticket Sales box office located at 400 Poplar St. in downtown Macon.

**The Grand Opera House**, a performing arts center of Mercer University, is a historic 1,000-seat theatre located at 651 Mulberry St. in downtown Macon, Ga. The Grand brings the very best in live, professional performing arts and entertainment to Central Georgia. In addition to its popular Broadway Series of nationally-touring productions and its GrandKids Arts Education Series for elementary, middle and high school students, The Grand hosts a variety of special events throughout the year. It is also home to the Macon Symphony Orchestra, the Central Georgia Opera Guild and The Nutcracker of Middle Georgia. For a complete schedule of upcoming performances, contact Mercer Ticket Sales at **(478) 301-5470** or visit **www.TheGrandMacon.com**.

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