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The famous circus, Cirque du Soleil, is known all over the world. It started performing in Montreal, Canada. It was organized by the Canadian Guy Laliberte in 1984. The first show was a striking, dramatic mix of circus



arts (without animals) and street performance that featured magical lighting and original music. He named it Cirque du Soleil because, in his own words, "The sun symbolizes youth, energy, and strength."

After leaving college, Laliberte travelled all over Europe earning money music in the open air. After returning home, he began Cirque with friend, Daniel Gauthier. In the 1990s, Cirque quickly expanded. It now shows the performances over the world and the stuff working for it has grown from 73 to than 3,500. The Cirque does not work with animals, but is music and dance and each show is like a story.

The Cirque performs the delight of locals and visitors.

