

Flash Mob to Honor King of Pop

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Cirque du Soleil will mark Michael Jackson's 54th birthday on Aug. 29.

Cirque du Soleil, the Canadian theater company world-renowned for its spectacular, colorful productions, is organizing a flash mob in honor of the late Michael Jackson titled "Art Tribute for the King" on Aug. 29, what would have been Jackson's 54th birthday.

Anyone who passes auditions can take part in this homage, which will take place by the main entrance to the Olympiisky Stadium.

Cirque du Soleil asks participants to register in advance on their Facebook page and to follow a Jackson dress code: black hat, sunglasses, white T-shirt, black trousers and black shoes with white socks.

Organizers have posted a YouTube video to show what moves dancers have to learn before they audition to take part in the show.

Those who take part have the chance to win tickets to "Michael Jackson – The Immortal

World Tour," Cirque du Soleil's upcoming show.

The tour, a novel twist on many of Jackson's classic dance moves, will premiere in St. Petersburg on Nov. 9 and will be Cirque du Soleil's fifth show in Russia.

Jackson has inspired a number of tributes since his death three years ago. Local fans even set up a shrine to him near the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, although it was later cleared by police.

It was unclear whether Cirque du Soleil received or needed permission for the performance.

See www.cds.ru for details.

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