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Cirque Du Soleil Artists Perform for Free in Muzeon Park

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The Muzeon sculpture park will play host to a free performance by globetrotting Canadian company Cirque du Soleil on Thursday as the well-known show sends a number of its artists to entertain parkgoers at lunch before the premiere of its show "Quidam" in Russia that evening.

If you can't afford a ticket to the show then the park will have a small preview between 12.45 p.m. and 2 p.m. where performers will perform in full costume and makeup.

The show's acts include "Banquine," an Italian acrobatic act that won the Golden Clown at the 1999 International Monte Carlo Circus Festival, "Diabolo," where a performer does an intricate Chinese yo-yo trick and "Skipping Duo," a choreographed skipping act.

Characters from the show, which is about a small girl who dreams up a new world to get away from her remote parents, will also be in the park.

"Quidam," which means "anonymous passerby" in Latin, is one of Cirque de Soleil's oldest shows. It premiered in 1996 and has been seen by more than 12 million people.

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