

THEATER REVIEW *CIRQUE ELOIZE: NEBBIA*

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A little guest review today from friend of the Lounge Danica Farley, who checked out the Cirque Eloize show Saturday for *Salt Lake* magazine:

A magical illumination of movement and music graced the stage of Kingsbury Hall Saturday evening. Cirque Eloize presented *Nebbia* - a stunning celebration of art for art's sake - a theatrical production gilded with poignancy, humor and beauty. The cirque troupe includes 11 international artists who have been on tour since December 2007 sharing this awesome adventure with audiences around the world.

From the beginning it proved to be a brilliant event with passionate flair. As the curtain opened an angelic performer was floating in the air playing a grand chandelier of glass bottles. The melody was played in harmony with exquisite chanting while dancers dressed as mystics moved across the stage. The elements of surprise, laughter and rhythm created an imaginative atmosphere. One scene would fluently segue into another. Graceful acrobatics took place in the meat locker of a butcher shop, on a trampoline as large as the stage, from suspended fabric and in dream-like settings.

There was continual momentum and the crowd responded to the exceptional technique and skill of the troupe with

enthusiastic applause. The actors moved with elegance and strength in remarkable ways while playing instruments, dancing with hula hoops and balancing on hanging objects. The ringmaster (who was mysteriously surrounded with smoke billowing from his sleeves) offered comic relief. He declared "acrobatics is intelligence and beauty" - so true; every moment was mesmerizing and deliciously sensual.

The expressive journey of *Nebbia* concluded with the waving of white handkerchiefs-on stage and from the audience-symbolizing peace and hope. The ringmaster reminded the audience (who offered an immediate standing ovation) to "Always look to the sky, for surely something good will come."

Can such fantasy be reality? Experience *Nebbia* and you will know.

Here's a taste of what you missed:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJiAXXqs854&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.saltlakemagazine.com%2FBlogs%2FLounge-Act%2FMay-2009%2FTheater-Review-Cirque-Eloize-Nebbia%2F&feature=player_embedded