



Eight *Cirque du Soleil* Productions Became ONE to Celebrate World Water Day at Second Annual *One Night for ONE DROP* in Las Vegas

Global Philanthropy Event Raised Awareness and Funds for Water-Related Issues

LAS VEGAS (March 22, 2014) — In celebration of World Water Day (March 22), eight *Cirque du Soleil* Las Vegas resident productions became ONE for the second annual *One Night for ONE DROP* Friday, March 21, at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. The one-night-only philanthropic event benefiting [ONE DROP](#) – the non-profit organization established by *Cirque du Soleil* founder Guy Laliberté – raised awareness and funds for water-related issues around the world.

“In 2014, there are still at least 780 million people around the world who do not have access to a safe and steady water supply,” said Laliberté. “It is one of our planet’s most urgent problems, but there are sustainable solutions to be had if we focus our efforts and our resources.”

Highlights included a heartfelt musical performance from vocal super group The Tenors, alongside more than 100 talented *Cirque du Soleil* performers, as they brought together the message of “ONE THOUGHT, ONE WORLD” as a metaphor of time and it’s effect on society. Violinist and YouTube sensation Lindsey Stirling, “America’s Best Dance Crew” Season 6 Champions laMmE Crew and award-winning spoken word artist IN-Q were also featured in the extraordinary extravaganza created and directed by Mukhtar O.S. Mukhtar.

Celebrities joining the night’s blue carpet event and after-party at Moorea Beach Club included *Cirque du Soleil* founder and CEO Guy Laliberté; ONE DROP CEO Catherine B. Bachand; Kyle Richards, Mauricio Umansky and Camille Grammer of “Real Housewives of Beverly Hills;” TV personality Holly Madison; contemporary rock band Blues Traveler; Mary Wilson of The Supremes; *New York Times* best-selling author and “Chelsea Lately” comedienne Heather McDonald; Brendan Fitzpatrick and Morgan Stewart of “Rich Kids of Beverly Hills;” world-famous dance crew Jabbawockeez; UFC Hall of Famer Forrest Griffin; The Ultimate Fighter Season 10 winner Roy “Big Country” Nelson; Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn

Goodman and Oscar Goodman; illusionist Criss Angel; USA Olympic rowing gold-medalist athletes Esther Lofgren and Susan Francia; renowned “kissing” artist and painter Natalie Irish; celebrity chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill); the men of *Thunder from Down Under*; the girls of *Fantasy*; DJ 88; and dancers from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre.

One Night for ONE DROP is a joint effort between *Cirque du Soleil* and MGM Resorts International, which includes Mandalay Bay among its resorts, with proceeds supporting ONE DROP’s worldwide critical safe water access and education programs. A portion of the proceeds raised during the evening will go to the Las Vegas Springs Preserve and its ongoing effort to support water conservation and sustainable living in the Las Vegas Valley.

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