

Press release 2006
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Chantilly's Living Museum of the Horse

22nd "Christmas, the Horse and the Child"



Cinderella in the Grand Stables

From 2nd December 2006 to 7th January 2007

The magic of the Christmas show produced by Chantilly's Living Museum of the Horse each year attracts an increasingly faithful family audience: more than 25,000 spectators attended the adventures of "The Eagle and the Vagabond" in 2005. This winter, Cinderella is set in a play tailored to this unique site and the museum's horses.

Following the success of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Princes' kitchen garden last September, **Virginie Bienaimé**, a specialist in the field, will adapt **Charles Perrault's** story and transform it into an equestrian event, as rich and colourful as the Museum's Christmas shows always are. Children will recognize all the elements of a story they know by heart, but at the same time, they will be astounded by the equestrian mise-en-scène, accompanied by music and lighting. Cinderella's step-mother and step-sisters are particularly horrible and the tasks which they inflict on her appear even more insurmountable, given the countless windows to be cleaned in the Grand Stables. But the horses are her accomplices and help her to gallop to happiness and justice. All the ingredients of the story will be present: the carriage, the ball (on horseback), the handsome prince...



For five weeks starting from 2nd December, the museum's horses, ponies and donkey will enliven this story with their caprioles and other show figures, but also with some High school movements and equestrian choreographies which have made the museum's reputation. A fun,



light-hearted show, with enough drama to keep the children on the edges of their seats and enough equestrian feats to enthuse their parents and grand parents. The Grand Stables will be transformed into a fairy-tale castle, a role which, after all, fits this sumptuous horse palace, built by a prince in the 18th century, like a glove.

Practical information for the public

Christmas, the Horse and the Child 2006: "Cinderella"

One hour show

From two years old and for all the big children among us

Eight riders, one aerial acrobat, twenty horses and ponies, one donkey and a selection of farmyard animals

A total of 45 shows over a period of a month

From 2nd December, every Wednesday and weekend up until the school holidays.

During the holidays, every day until 7th January 2007, at 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., except 24th and 31st December.

Prices: €15 to €18

Information: www.museevivantducheval.fr or +33 (0)3 44 57 40 40

Reservations: +33 (0) 892 700 144 for individuals, and +33 (0)3 44 57 40 40 for groups

Before the holidays			During the holidays		
2006 dates	2.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	Dates	2.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.
Sat 2 Dec	X	X	Sat 23 Dec	X	X
Sun 3 Dec	X	X	Sun 24 Dec	Rest day	
Wed 6 Dec	X		Mon 25 Dec		X
Sat 9 Dec	X	X	Mar 26 Dec	X	X
Sun 10 Dec	X	X	Wed 27 Dec	X	X
Wed 13 Dec	X		Thurs 28 Dec	X	X
Sat 16 Dec	X	X	Fri 29 Dec	X	X
Sun 17 Dec	X		Sat 30 Dec	X	X
			Sun 31 Dec	Rest day	
'X': Show '-': no show and demonstration at 3.45 p.m.			Mon 1 Jan		X
			Mar 2 Jan	X	
			Wed 3 Jan	X	
			Thurs 4 Jan	X	
			Fri 5 Jan	Rest day	
			Sat 6 Jan	X	X
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Will attend the Christmas show

On **at 2.30 p.m.** **or at 4.30 p.m.**

Adults attending:

One adult Two adults

Accompanied by:

One child Two children

(For parties larger than 2 adults and 2 children, a group rate is available)

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