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Circus of Light rolls into Derby's £48m venue for Christmas

Derby is putting a different twist altogether on traditional Christmas parties.

Drawing on its own history, and heritage, the city has added to that mix a spectacular "Circus of Light".

All of the best circuses are staged in the round. And there is arguably no better venue than Derby's recently refurbished railway Roundhouse to host a Christmas party like no other.

The £48-million transformation of the Roundhouse into a world class, state-of-the-art venue, can be seen on regular guided tours available from Derby Tourist Information Centre.

But for Christmas, it will also become the "home" of Cirque de Lumière - a spectacular event which pays tribute to the skill and innovative displays of a superbly talented cast, seamlessly supported by a spectacular light show.

Organisers are promising an "electric atmosphere", with bizarre stilt creatures standing next to the Christmas trees (lit-up in dramatic blues and greens) lining the entrance to the Roundhouse.

But then the venue will be plunged into darkness, before dancers in mesmerizing costumes make their appearance on raised platforms...

The night's entertainment includes contortionists, acrobats, magic, and light, with performances by Free-style Trapeze, Corde Lisse, Adagio Acro and Sensual Silks.

A Casino, and bars which sell everything from local ales through to Champagne, complete the festive picture.

Cirque de Lumière begins its run on Friday November 25th, and runs all the way through to Friday December 23rd. Ticket price start from £36.

For full details of all performances, and information on the Roundhouse, visit www.derbychristmasparties.co.uk.

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