

NITRO CIRCUS SET TO EXPLODE AT WELLINGTON'S SKY STADIUM ON SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY, 2022

Global Action Sports Brand to Debut All-New Show at First New Zealand Tour In Three Years

Tickets On Sale Friday 12 November Through Ticketek

(Auckland – Embargoed Until Monday 1 November, 2021) Nitro Circus will return to Wellington's Sky Stadium for the first time in three years on Saturday 19 February 2022 as part of an outdoor stadium tour across New Zealand and Australia. The 15-date run will also launch an all-new show theme that the thrill-loving crew will then take worldwide.

2022 is primed to be one of the biggest years in Nitro Circus' 12-year touring history, with its global show count set to increase more than 33% from 2019. The excitement kicks off in New Zealand, which has hosted some of Nitro Circus' biggest shows.

The face of Nitro Circus' 2022 world tour will be Sunshine Coast's **Ryan Williams**, one of action sports' biggest stars. The BMX and scooter champion, with seven titles to date from both Nitro World Games and X Games, is thrilled to ride in New Zealand once again.

Williams said, "It's crazy that after touring Australia and New Zealand every year since 2010, it will have been three years since we have gotten to do a show here. Now we are ready to send it for our New Zealand fans! We've used that time at home to work up a bunch of insane new tricks and trust me, you do not want to miss these shows!"

Williams is undoubtedly one of the most decorated athletes in Nitro Circus, but he will face stiff competition from a trio of New Zealand's finest: Kapiti Coast's BMX sensation **Ellie Chew**, Palmerston North's freestyle motocross world champion **Levi Sherwood** and Taupo's BMX quad-flip record holder **Jed Mildon**.

Chew said, "It's going to be awesome to finally get back on the road, and having the opportunity to ride in front of my hometown crowd will be amazing! Like the other athletes, I've been hard at work at EllieLand, pushing myself to create some big new tricks for this tour. I'm so stoked to throw down at Sky Stadium."

Mildon added, "I have toured the world with Nitro, but there is simply no crowd that goes as mad as my fellow Kiwis. It's always such a fun time showing the internationals our beautiful country and culture. Now, after three long years, we are all keen to put on a spectacular show for our New Zealand fans. I can't wait!" Since launching its touring business in Australia and New Zealand over a decade ago, Nitro Circus has gone on to perform on five continents and established itself as a major global live event property. To date, Nitro Circus has performed more than 360 shows in over 30 countries worldwide in stadiums, arenas and festivals with an exciting blend of action sports excitement, jaw-dropping stunts and outrageous fun.

Joe Carr, CEO of Thrill One Sports & Entertainment – Nitro Circus' parent company – said:

"After such a great response in North America we are thrilled to build on that momentum and bring Nitro Circus back to Australia and New Zealand. These are two of Nitro's most avid fan bases and also among the most passionate and sophisticated audiences in action sports. Now, with the excitement of live entertainment returning to venues worldwide, we can't wait for Australia and New Zealand to experience the high adrenaline fun of Nitro Circus once again."

Sky Stadium CEO Shane Harmon relishes the return of the popular act.

"We're delighted to welcome back Nitro Circus for a fifth time to Sky Stadium. Each show has pushed new boundaries in action sports, and we fully expect a thrilling and fun evening for fans."

Nitro Circus 2022 New Zealand Tour Dates:

Friday, 4 February // Whangarei // Semenoff Stadium Saturday, 5 February // Auckland // Mt Smart Stadium) Monday, 7 February (Waitangi Day Holiday) // Tauranga // Trustpower Stadium Friday, 11 February // Nelson // Trafalgar Park Saturday, 12 February // Christchurch // Orange Theory Stadium Friday, 18 February // Palmerston North // Arena Manawatu Saturday, 19 February // Wellington // Sky Stadium

For the latest Nitro Circus news, including tour updates, exclusive content and more, go to <u>nitrocircus.com</u> and follow Nitro Circus on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

About Nitro Circus:

Nitro Circus, a global sports entertainment leader, creates electrifying live events and unbelievable original content that at once exhilarates, captivates and inspires thrill-seeking fans worldwide. Co-founded in 2003 by iconic superstar Travis Pastrana, Nitro Circus has since grown into a multiplatform phenomenon creating spectacular live events, progressive competitions, hit television programming and innovative digital offerings. With over three million tickets sold to date, linear content that has aired in over 60 countries and a burgeoning consumer products business, Nitro Circus is at the forefront of sports and entertainment. For more information visit www.nitrocircus.com.

Nitro Circus is part of Thrill One Sports & Entertainment, a next-generation content company that lives at the nexus of sports, entertainment and lifestyle, combining the resources of Nitro Circus, Street League Skateboarding (SLS) Nitro Rallycross and Thrill One Media. A multimedia platform founded in 2020, Thrill One is dedicated to creating mind-blowing action sports events and original content, fueled by the most daring athletes, talent and brands in thrill-based entertainment. Thrill One Sports & Entertainment also boasts one of the largest aggregate social audience in action sports, with over 40 million followers across its multiple brand pages and channels. Go to <u>thrillone.com</u> for additional information.

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- File Nitro Circus tour photos available here

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