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17th FINA World Championships closes with a contemporary circus and dance performance of great success

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The biggest sport event of Hungarian history, the 17th FINA World Championships was closed by a spectacular contemporary circus and dance show on Sunday, July 30th, 2017. The stunning closing ceremony that started at 10:00 p.m. celebrated the exceptional performance of our sportsmen and sportswomen, the work of volunteers and all those who contributed. The closing ceremony was attended by thousands of people who followed the event both on the spot and on screens.

Organized by the Müpa and directed by the Recirquel Company Budapest, "The Legend of the Golden Stag" came to life on the stage by using the breathtaking elements of contemporary circus, dance, puppetry and theatre. A giant golden stag puppet, aerial acrobats and contemporary dancers mesmerized the spectators of the 17th FINA World Championships Sunday night. "Although we have only won two gold medals on the World Championships the ceremony symbolically got the third one, where physical performance met the finest taste of art and highest level of implementation" - one of the critics wrote about the closing ceremony.

"It was astonishing to experience how the professionalism of more than 200 artists-acrobats and dancers of different genres and qualities from 18 different countries of the world added up in one show, enabling them to cooperate with one another at an exceptionally high level", said Bence Vági, the Director of the show, Art Director and Founder of the Recirquel Company Budapest. "It was a great honour that Urs Pilz, Vice-President of the Festival International du Cirque de Monte-Carlo and Stéphane Lavoie, Director of La TOHU, the public venue of the "Cité des arts du Cirque" in Montréal, which hosts also the Cirque du Soleil, The National Circus school of Québec and En Piste.

The two most important representatives of the international circus art followed the event on the spot and spoke of the event in high terms. They described the cooperation of the dancers and circus artists as a highly inspiring performance for the future of the circus art, highlighting the air image in the performance with 23 acrobats were working together, which was the biggest aerial scene what they have ever seen", said the director.

As part of the closing ceremony, Miklós Seszták, the President of the organizing committee handed the FINA-flag to dr. Julio C. Maglione, President, who passed it on to Yanghyun Yoon, the mayor of the Korean Gwangju, the next host of the 18th World Championships. Thanks to the famous Korean singer So Hyang Korean culture was also embodied in the performance as the South-Korean performance closed the night by presenting traditional elements. The President of the FINA, Julio C. Maglione called the event the best aquatic world championships of all times.

The show is available on the following link:

<http://www.mediaklikk.hu/video/vizes-vb-2017-zarounnepseg>