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## Cirque du Soleil By: Mark Shumate

On approach to the Charlotte motor speedway Sunday April 14, 2002 the dominate feature was not the massive speedway itself but a bright blue and yellow swirled big top. This swirl of color belongs to Cirque du Soleil and the show to be presented within Quidam, one of five shows touring at present. This is no ordinary circus of lion tamers and shady characters, but a well choreographed piece of performance art combining a worldly collection of dancers, singers, actors, along with a talented collection of acrobats displaying their talents to live music of various styles. The set-up inside the tent which holds 2,500 people left no one out of the show with all seats being within excellent viewing distance from the stage, so whether purchasing a cheap seat or a vip pass no part of the performance will be missed. Currently two shows per day are offered, each running one hour of performance with a twenty-five minute intermission followed by a second hour of performance. If something different is craved any of the touring shows by Cirque du Soleil will leave you amazed as well as firing your emotions and fueling the imagination. If unable to catch a touring show two in-residence shows are offered in Las Vegas and one in Walt Disney World in Florida. Show locations, times, and ticket availability are offered on their website (<http://www.cirquedusoleil.com>) this site also offers a history of Cirque du Soleil along with pictures and descriptions of the various shows offered.

"Quidam: a nameless passer-by, a solitary figure lingering on a street corner, a person rushing past. It could be anyone, anybody. Someone coming, going, living in our anonymous society. A member of the crowd, one of the silent majority. One who cries out, sings and dreams within us all. This is the Quidam that Cirque du Soleil is celebrating.

The characters: a young girl fumes, she has already seen everything there is to see, and her world has lost all meaning. Her anger shatters her little world, and she find herself in the universe of Quidam. She is joined by a joyful companion as well as another character, more mysterious, who will attempt to seduce her with the marvelous, the unsettling, and the terrifying.

The story that unfolds during the show explores the dramatic new world a young girl is introduced to by a faceless stranger. The story unfolds as the young girl comes out of her state of depression with a renewed love of life sparked by new wonders of Quidam. If any of this has sparked an interest in you attend the show, and see all

## "The Time Machine" By: Kyle Godwin

"The Time Machine" is one of those suspense filled movies that will raise the question "what if?" It has a lot of moral symbolism that shows us a possible fate of the earth due to the ambitions of man. This movie gives the point-of-view of what the future looked like in the late 1800's. It starts off with Alexander (Guy Pearce), a professor rushing to be on time for a date. When he meets up with his girlfriend Emma (Sienna Guillory) they begin walking, and before Alexander can admit his feelings a tragedy befalls them both. Four years later, Alexander is seen obsessed in working on a project in hopes to answer the question "can the past be changed"? After one failed attempt to change the past with his new time machine Alexander ends up in the far future and befriends Vox (Orlando Jones), a computer generated librarian. They talk about the true possibility of time travel and different authors who wrote about it. Then Alexander goes even further into the future to witness the result of one of mans mistakes. As he gets back into the time machine he gets knocked out and with those few minutes that he's out, he travels thousands of years in the future. Eventually ending up into a very primitive future with no technology and no longer one human species, but two. After befriendng Mara (Samantha Mumba), he begins to understand what happened. He eventually meets Uber (Jeremy Irons), the leader of the nocturnal creatures that live underground, and after a brief battle with him Alexander continues into the future and ends up seeing the earth as a wasteland ruled by the creatures. So he goes back to rescue Mara and Reset the time machine to change the future. However the consequences included trapping him in the primitive future. And so Alexander has the question answered that the future can be changed, however the past cannot.

## "Super Troopers" By: Kyle Godwin

"Super Troopers" is a comedy that shows what really goes on at a police station. It starts off with a group of state police who are low on budget, own only 50 miles of highway, and have nothing better to do than to play jokes on each other and the people they pull over. After uncovering a drug smuggling operation, they must race against the local police in order to gain a better budget and to save their jobs. However on the way, they keep running into the locals, getting in each other's way, and eventually one of their own turn against them. So they develop a plan to get the proof they need to uncover the smuggling case. Unfortunately, the local police are ahead of them and they all end up without jobs. However to their advantage, a female on the locals side help them see how they can get back at them, and they expose the truth behind the local police. After breaking the smuggling case, the group ends up having to change jobs but that doesn't mean that they can't go back to their prankster ways.