



## **GENERAL PRESS RELEASE**

This attraction has been called "incredible," "breathtaking," "stunning," and "quite unbelievable," to quote but a few of the critics. **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS®** are rapidly taking the world by storm! A natural offshoot of the internationally recognized **PEKING ACROBATS**, this production features many performers from that major touring attraction. To allow a wider audience the opportunity to witness their incredible talents, IAI Presentations, the producers of **THE PEKING ACROBATS**, have selected specific acts to perform as **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS**. Thereby, offering smaller units that are suitable for playing arenas and concerts, fairs, theme parks, festivals, special and corporate events, and casinos, in North America and the world over.

**THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** offers more than a glimpse into the fascinating traditions of the Orient. It consists of sensational Chinese acrobatics, comedy, balancing feats and much more. A truly Oriental spectacular and a show for all ages, the grace and precision of the acrobats are the triumph of years of dedicated training and discipline. Chinese acrobatics are, in fact, more than just a series of stunts. Most of these acts clearly demonstrate the achievement of perfection through finding harmony between mind and body - an ancient concept in the Orient. The art form has been transformed from the simple "folk art" it started as, to the spectacular entertainment event we see today, by centuries of tradition.

Over the years, company members of **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** have toured throughout Europe, South and Central America, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Monte Carlo, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Israel and, of course, extensively in the United States. The tremendous response of the audience is a testament to the popularity of their unique brand of artistry, which transcends time to the delight of people of all ages!

The performers enjoy traveling the world, sharing their ancient art with audiences young and old. They have played many concert and arena-style venues over the years including Madison Square Garden in New York City; the Dodge City Arena in Texas; the Medora Musical Festival at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre in Medora, ND; the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, Canada, where they were the featured entertainment for six years; Edmonton's Capital Exhibition in Canada; the Calgary Stampede in Canada; the San Diego Sports Arena; Macky Hall at the University of Boulder, CO, the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, UT, the Columbia Festival for the Arts in Maryland, and the Santa Lucia Arts Festival in Monterrey, Mexico, among many others. Their fair credits include the Los Angeles County Fair in California; the Indiana State Fair; Cal Expo (California State Fair); the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo in Florida; the Western Idaho Fair; the Stanislaus County Fair in Turlock, CA; the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa, CA, the Tulsa State Fair in Oklahoma, the Erie County Fair in New York, the Big 'E' (Eastern States Exposition) in Massachusetts, The Florida Strawberry Festival®, and many more!

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**THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** have played numerous casinos over the years, including the Hard Rock Resort & Casino in Biloxi, MS; Chinook Winds Casino & Resort in Lincoln City, OR; Harrah's Horseshoe Casino in southern Indiana; the Sycuan Resort & Casino in San Diego, CA; the San Manuel Casino and Resort in Highland, CA; the Pechanga Casino and Resort in Temecula, CA; Casino Rama in Rama, Ontario, Canada; the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino in Coconut Creek, FL; and, the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV. They have also performed at the Bellagio in Las Vegas and at Harrah's Council Bluffs in Iowa for private events.

A few of the numerous theme parks this outstanding attraction has performed at include Six Flags Great America in Chicago; Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey; Six Flags St. Louis; Busch Gardens Williamsburg; Knott's Berry Farm; Wet 'n' Wild Waterworld in Texas; Sea World of Florida; Six Flags Fiesta Texas; Six Flags Over Georgia; and many more. **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** performed for a private event at the Ferrari/Maserati Beverly Hills Showroom, and they have been the featured halftime entertainment for the NBA's Golden State Warriors. **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** are also making the Hollywood scene, where they were the featured entertainment at the wrap party for the feature film, *Kung Fu Panda 2*, held at Universal Studios, in Hollywood, CA!

**THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** were featured performers at Dollywood theme park for five years. For this gala entertainment extravaganza, **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** were part of the most elaborate stage show ever produced by the theme park, *Dollywood's Babes in Toyland!* Dollywood is named for the famed country music singer Dolly Parton and is located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The skill and grace of the Acrobats in these performances left audiences of all ages mesmerized, and a testament to their success was that they returned there year after year, by popular demand, to celebrate an old-fashioned family Christmas with their many fans in the Great Smoky Mountains!

Training to become one of the members of **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** begins at an early age. It is a family affair, and begins almost before the child can walk. Those who watch their parents contort, leap, and sail through the air from the time they are able to see, obviously take it for granted that they will, in time, do the same - and they invariably do. Formal lessons and training begin at the age of five or six, when observation has already become a fantastic teacher.

There are three schools for the performing arts in China; the first specializes in Dance, the second in Chinese Opera, and the third in Acrobatics. Here, the children spend some four hours each day, six days a week, going through their paces, so that by the time they reach the age of 15 or 16, their art has become a part of their daily lives and is virtually second nature. *(Continued on Next Page...)*



Many Chinese acrobats begin their professional careers around this time in their lives as, in China, young people are considered adults when they reach 16 years of age. Some acrobats, who master their craft at even younger ages, are considered professional performers by the time they are 12 or 13 years old, much like younger singing stars or younger actors here in the West.

Second nature it is to the Hai Family (pronounced "hi") from China, whose expertise in directing and leading **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** has met with great success and standing ovations across North America. In acrobatic circles, the Hai family name is synonymous with physical feats of daring and skill across China. These directing skills, combined with production values from the show's producers, IAI Presentations, create a thrilling entertainment experience that Western audiences want to enjoy again and again!

Those who have seen **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** performing at any of their previous appearances can be assured that they will see new, exciting acts and innovative twists on their old favorites at every show! Each new movement or action takes many years to practice and perfect. It is telling that the Chinese Acrobatic tradition just gets stronger, due to the continued innovation of the artists and the endless enthusiasm from their adoring public.

**THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS** have performed the world over to standing ovations and packed houses. During a performance by **THE STARS OF THE PEKING ACROBATS**, over 2,000 years of tradition, perfection, and spectacle appears before your very eyes - are you ready to be amazed?

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