



THE PEKING ACROBATS® ~ 2016 30th Anniversary North American Tour
YEAR OF THE MONKEY CELEBRATION
Press Release Overview

Daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs...trick cycling...a kaleidoscope of magnificent movement...powerful precision tumbling, somersaulting, and gymnastics...amazing displays of contortion, flexibility and control...astonishing foot juggling dexterity...incredible balancing feats showcasing tremendous skill and ability...extraordinary exhibitions of agility and grace...live musicians displaying their talents by skillfully playing exotic traditional Chinese instruments...high-tech special effects and all the excitement and festive pageantry creating an atmosphere like that of a Chinese Carnival!! All of this is just a part of the magnificent show offered by **THE PEKING ACROBATS** from the People's Republic of China. Last year, this engaging troupe marked its twenty-ninth North American Tour following sold-out headline Theatre Tours from 1986 - 2015. And now, **THE PEKING ACROBATS** return to North American soil for their **Gala 30th Anniversary North American Tour**, and Year of the Monkey Celebration, where they will continue to impress audiences with their unique brand of ancient artistry.

Those who have seen **THE PEKING ACROBATS** on their previous tours can be assured that they will see new, exciting acts and innovative twists on old favorites on this tour, celebrating thirty years of awesome entertainment in 2016, the Year of the Monkey! For their 30th Anniversary Tour, **THE PEKING ACROBATS** will be pulling out all the stops, and marking this incredible milestone with their most memorable production to date. Featuring the acrobats performing their unique brand of artistry in beautiful costumes, with dazzling special effects, our hallmark live musicians expertly playing exotic traditional Chinese instruments, for **THE PEKING ACROBATS'** 30th Anniversary North American Tour, audiences should prepare for a very special entertainment experience, indeed!

Because of the unusual and difficult nature of the feats involved, high honor is conferred upon those skilled enough to become acrobats; an acrobat can be considered the Chinese equivalent of an American opera star. In China there are over 100,000 acrobats studying at schools dedicated to the art. After ten or eleven years of extensive tutoring, often beginning as early as age 5 or 6, the student will join a professional troupe, usually a citywide organization that draws its members regionally. Only the best acrobats find themselves members of an elite world-touring troupe such as **THE PEKING ACROBATS**. For centuries, dating back to the Ch'in Dynasty (221 B.C. - 207 B.C.), Chinese acrobats have continued to perfect an evolving folk art form. Each new movement or action takes many years to practice and perfect, and tradition demands that each generation of acrobats add their own improvements and embellishments to their acts. 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.



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THE PEKING ACROBATS have built a tremendous reputation over the last twenty-nine years, performing not only on the world stage, but also on many popular television shows, including *NICKELODEON'S UNFABULOUS*, and *ELLEN'S REALLY BIG SHOW*, hosted by daytime talk show host, Ellen DeGeneres. They have performed with world-famous Symphony Orchestras including the San Francisco Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the San Diego Symphony, and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. They have performed for prestigious Corporations around the world, including Unisys, Ferrari/Maserati of Beverly Hills, Walmart, and for the International Monetary Convention. They have performed seven consecutive European tours in recent years, visiting such countries as Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Portugal. They have been featured in star-studded feature films, including Steven Soderbergh's *Ocean's 11*. They have been featured on High Definition Television, and presented on 3D Television. Their incredible popularity and longevity as a performing entity is a testament to the awesome power of their performances. Their renown continues to grow with each passing year, refining their unique brand of ancient artistry and inspiring crowds of all ages, from all walks of life, performance by performance.

A performance by **THE PEKING ACROBATS**, therefore, brings with it the opportunity to experience the epitome of a rich and ancient folk art tradition with the addition of the pageantry and spectacle of a modern Chinese Theatrical Circus. As the Seattle Times has reported: "*Nearly everything the Peking Acrobats did last night was amazing - and stunning, and breathtaking and WOW!*" and the Los Angeles Times stated: "*The Peking Acrobats regularly passed from the seemingly impossible to the virtually unbelievable!*" Dance Insider has said: "*It's like watching 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' LIVE! When a show can fill you with the wonder of a 10 year-old, you know you have had a good time...that's success!*"

THE PEKING ACROBATS have performed the world over for thirty years to standing ovations and packed houses, including such far-reaching corners of the globe as Australia, Europe, throughout the Americas, Israel, Africa, and numerous Asian countries. Now, over 2,000 years of tradition, perfection, spectacle, and awesome entertainment comes to _____ (city) _____ - are you ready to be amazed?

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