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THE PEKING ACROBATS®

2016 30th Anniversary North American Tour Family Show Program
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As this program represents our 75-minute Family show, there will be NO intermission.

*Actual program content for all performances will be selected from the above.
This program is subject to change without notice and at the discretion of management.*

The Management reserves the right to make alterations in the order of the program or in the cast and crew through illness or any other cause whatsoever. The use of cameras or recording devices of any kind during the performance is strictly prohibited. The Management also recommends that you advise children that what they see on stage takes years of practice and should not be tried at home!

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2016 30th Anniversary North American Tour Program Notes

For the last 30 years, **THE PEKING ACROBATS** have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs; they are experts at treacherous feats of daring, trick-cycling, precision tumbling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They defy gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control. They are masters of agility and grace. Accompanied by live musicians playing traditional Chinese instruments with modern flair, high-tech special effects that coalesce with the music, and all of this, in harmony with the Acrobat's awe-inspiring feats! An exuberant entertainment event appears before your eyes, featuring all the excitement and festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival infused with fresh, explosive energy! ***With their 2016 30th Anniversary North American Tour, THE PEKING ACROBATS celebrate 30 years of awesome entertainment with their fans, young and old, in this, the Year of the Monkey!***

Tradition demands that each generation of acrobats add their own improvements and embellishments to their acts. Generations of families have carried on this highly acclaimed and popular tradition. Children begin training at a young age and adhere to a rigorous training schedule which they follow over the length of their careers. Today the acrobat in China is considered an artist, similar to an opera singer here in the West.

Over the years, **THE PEKING ACROBATS** have been featured on numerous television shows and celebrity TV Specials including *The Wayne Brady Show*, *That's Incredible*, ABC's *Wide World Of Sports*, and NBC's *Ring In The New Year Holiday Special*. They appeared on NICKELODEON'S hit show *Unfabulous*, and *Ellen's Really Big Show*, hosted by comedian and talk show host, Ellen DeGeneres. They set the world record for the Human Chair Stack on FOX's *Guinness Book Primetime* TV show where they astounded audiences with their bravery and dexterity as they balanced six people precariously atop six chairs 21 feet up in the air without safety lines!

THE PEKING ACROBATS have also made the Hollywood scene on the silver screen as some company members were featured in director Stephen Soderbergh's hit film *Ocean's 11*, playing with Hollywood's elite such as Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt, and George Clooney. Qin Shaobo, a current member of **THE PEKING ACROBATS**, also appeared in that film's two blockbuster sequels, *Ocean's 12*, and *Ocean's 13*. **THE PEKING ACROBATS** were the featured performers at the glamorous Hollywood Premiere Party of *Ocean's 13* where they impressed the star-studded audience with their incredible acrobatic feats!

For the past seven years, **THE PEKING ACROBATS** have toured throughout Europe, visiting such countries as Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, and it is no surprise that they are asked to return there by popular demand. The warmth and appreciation of the European people makes **THE PEKING ACROBATS** feel right at home, and no doubt the future holds many more such successful tours for them, much to the delight of their growing numbers of European fans! They have also appeared in concert with many prestigious Symphony Orchestras across North America over the last 15 years, including the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Cincinnati Pops, the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Their Symphony Concerts are truly innovative theatrical events melding symphony orchestras playing classical music with Chinese acrobatics – its pure magic...and lots of FUN for the whole family!

Over the years, **THE PEKING ACROBATS** have released three distinctly different DVD's, and all of these quality DVD products are available at most public performances by **THE PEKING ACROBATS**, and always on the internet, at www.iaipresentations.com – they make great gifts for family and friends!

A performance by **THE PEKING ACROBATS**, therefore, brings with it the opportunity to view the epitome of a rich and ancient folk art tradition, highlighted by today's technology, melding the ancient and traditional with the modern wonders of the 21st Century. It is with much pride and pleasure that we embark on the 30th Anniversary 2016 North American Tour of **THE PEKING ACROBATS**, and our Year of the Monkey Celebrations! So, sit back, relax, and enjoy as our performers reveal to you their mastery of a fascinating and ancient art form, thousands of years in the making, and celebrate with us 30 years of awesome entertainment by **THE PEKING ACROBATS!**

(End of Program and Notes, See Next Page for Review Excerpts.)

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As the Seattle Times reports: "Nearly everything **THE PEKING ACROBATS** did last night was amazing - and stunning, and breathtaking and WOW!"

The New York Post sums it up thusly: "**THE PEKING ACROBATS** [are] pushing the envelope of human possibility...Pure artistry!"

Dance Insider raves: "The physical feats of **THE PEKING ACROBATS** seem almost...surreal, defying laws of body mechanics and physics. It's like watching 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' LIVE, without camera tricks creating special effects. 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!"

Marin News-Pointer of Berkeley, California exclaims: "**THE PEKING ACROBATS** rate a single word: Fabulous...Extraordinary, Inspired, Breathtaking...and...Fabulous! The acts are indescribably complex, to be believed, they must be seen. I'd say the crowd found The Peking Acrobats, well....Fabulous!"

The People's Critic of Houston, Texas stated: "The Houston Symphony Orchestra + **THE PEKING ACROBATS** = Pure Magic! [It was] a night of astoundingly athletic physical displays somewhere between the magical and the seemingly impossible...Allow me to use that most overworked word: AWESOME!"

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