NATIONAL CIRCUS AND ACROBATS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BRINGS PEKING DREAMS TO JORGENSEN CABARET

Sat, Nov 7, 2015 at 8 pm / Doors open at 7 pm

The National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China will challenge the laws of physics and gravity with their sensational presentation, *Peking Dreams*, at UConn's Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday evening, November 7th. The internationally acclaimed production will showcase some of the Far East’s most skilled acrobats, jugglers, and gymnasts as they thrill audiences, young and old, with displays of breath-taking athleticism, world-class tumbling, precision juggling, spine-bending contortion, and death-defying balancing. Featuring a mix of traditional and modern Chinese music and a procession of colorful, imaginative sets and costumes, the dazzling performance will take place in Jorgensen’s intimate cabaret setting, which allows perfect viewing for even the smallest audience member. Cabaret fare, dessert, alcohol, and other beverages will be available from a cash bar when doors open at 7:00 pm. Show begins at 8:00 pm.

Incorporating elements of modern acrobatics, Chinese circus, and Peking Opera, *Peking Dreams* was first performed for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, and since its debut has been performed more than 600 times in front of more than 400,000 people in China, Europe, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The production features many impressive feats of skill, strength, timing, and agility including hat juggling, diving through stationary and moving hoops, bicycle stunts, juggling with feet, unicycle riding, spinning plates, and grand martial arts. The program also includes traditional circus acts like hula hoops, balancing on a tower of stacked chairs, aerial acrobatics, solo trapeze, and artful rope tricks (lasso).

The National Circus and Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China is one of the longest running and most distinguished circus troupes in China. Founded in 1958, the company has visited and performed in more than 50 countries and regions including Japan, the United States of America, Romania, Hungary, Germany, Russia, Brazil, Singapore, Pakistan, Britain, France, Spain, South and North Korea, Indonesia, Colombia, Hong Kong and Taiwan, among many others, making great contributions to the role of China's national acrobatic and circus art on the international scene. The inventive company of performers has influenced circuses around the world, including Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey.

The company has been the recipient of many medals and international awards since its inception nearly six decades ago. Recently, in 2012, the company won the Gold Medal at the 2nd International Circus Festival in Spain and the Silver Medal at the 6th International Festival of Circus Art in Russia. Many other acts of the troupe were also rewarded gold medals, silver medals and other prizes at the National Acrobatics and Magic Competitions in China. In recent years, the show productions of Peking Dreams have been highly praised by both domestic and international audiences. Many of the company's acrobats were employed by Cirque du Soleil to perform the Lasso in Tokyo Disney's Cirque du Soleil Theater for more than two years, and by the French Cirque's Arlette Gruss national tour in 2014.

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This year the University of Connecticut’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts proudly celebrates its 60th anniversary. Established in December of 1955, Jorgensen has grown to become the largest college-based presenting program in New England. Each season Jorgensen enriches the lives of students, faculty, staff, and area residents with 30 to 35 diverse performances from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming, and contemporary entertainment. Dedicated to University of Connecticut president Albert N. Jorgensen, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts continues to follow his vision of the University as the state’s educational and cultural leader.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. Tickets are available now online. Prices are: Floor table seats $47; Floor riser seats $42; Mezzanine $37; Balcony $32.

For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events, or order online at jorgensen.uconn.edu. Convenient $5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is available in Lots 9, F, and L. For a detailed parking map, go to park.uconn.edu.

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UConn campus, Storrs, CT

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The Box Office window is also open for walk-up ticket sales 90 minutes before showtime.