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THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

BOERNE, TX – February 5, 2015. Ladies and Gentlemen...Boys and Girls...Children of all Ages! The big top is coming to Boerne and the center ring will be filled to the brim with mind-boggling, eye-popping, one-of-a-kind circus acts, performed by one of China's most celebrated acrobatic companies...The New Shanghai Circus!



Founded in 1951, The New Shanghai Circus has won more Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in domestic and international circus competitions to date than any other Chinese acrobatic company. Breathtaking and polished to perfection, the singular skills performed by The New Shanghai Circus have their roots in everyday lives of the village peasants, farmers and craftsman of the Han Dynasty.

Animals you ask??? Particular to the Chinese circus is the dancing lions. The lion is a symbol of good fortune and rivals the dragon as the most auspicious animal to guard against evil. The lion dance is a display of balance, coordination and strength combined into one. The ease with which the two acrobats within the lion's costume perform as one belies the difficulty of the act.

The show will feature diabolo, rolling cups, ball juggling, hula hoop, hat juggling, fish net, and hoop diving...and that takes you only through the first half of the show. The excitement continues with plate spinning, contortion, rocker bowl, bike riding and rope

skipping. The three-ring circus of activity will be stage front and center at Boerne Champion Auditorium...where each seat in the house has a clear line of vision to the stage.

Bringing the circus to town is Boerne Performing Arts. This non-profit organization has been successfully bringing the world of professional performing arts to Boerne for the past three seasons. "Variety and quality are essential to each of our programs," explains Greg Talford, Artistic Director. "This will be our first group from China...and our audiences have enthusiastically supported our previous artists from Japan, Canada, Australia, Austria, Israel, Ireland and the U.S.A. We are looking forward to another energized evening in our small town...with BIG EVENTS!"

Go head over heels with this family show! Bring Grandma and Grandpa, along with all the kids, for an evening of lively entertainment and amazing feats! Celebrate the "Year of the Sheep" as you ring in the Chinese New Year on February 19...with an extended celebration at the show on February 26.

No costumes are necessary for the audience, but the artists will display their beautiful costumes, brilliant lighting, and spectacular backdrops.

So come one, come all! Showtime is at 7:30pm on Thursday, February 26. Print your tickets at home by visiting BoernePerformingArts.com. Or, step right up and get your tickets in person at Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce or the Boerne Convention and Visitors Bureau. If you prefer, phone orders can be placed at 830-331-9079. Student tickets are available at the discounted rate of \$20, and Adult tickets available at \$30-\$40-\$60.