



The Peking Acrobats Return to the Florida Theatre on February 28, 2021

Jacksonville, Fla. (June 8, 2020) – The Florida Theatre is pleased to announce the return of The Peking Acrobats to the Florida Theatre on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

For the last thirty-one years, **The Peking Acrobats** have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at such arts as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They push the limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control.

Since their founding in 1986, The Peking Acrobats have been featured on numerous television shows and celebrity-studded TV specials. These include Nickelodeon's *Unfabulous*, *Ellen's Really Big Show* (hosted by Ellen DeGeneres), *The Wayne Brady Show*, *That's Incredible*, ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, and NBC's *Ring In The New Year Holiday Special*. The Peking Acrobats set the world record for the Human Chair Stack on FOX's *Guinness Book Primetime* show in 1999; they balanced six people precariously atop six chairs, 21 feet up in the air without safety lines.

The Peking Acrobats have also made their way onto the silver screen – company members were featured in Steven Soderbergh's hit film *Ocean's Eleven* playing alongside Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt and George Clooney. Peking Acrobats' alumnus Shaobo Qin also appeared in that film's two sequels, *Ocean's Twelve* and *Ocean's Thirteen*.

The Peking Acrobats are part of a time-honored Chinese tradition, rooted in centuries of Chinese history and folk art. Tradition demands that each generation of acrobats add its own improvements and embellishments; because of this, high honor is conferred upon those skilled enough to become acrobats. The Peking Acrobats seek to uphold this rich and ancient folk art tradition, bringing it to new technical heights while integrating twenty-first century technology. In the words of Clive Davis of the *New York Post*, "The Peking Acrobats [are] pushing the envelope of human possibility," combining agility and grace in remarkable feats of "pure artistry."

The historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre's official website, floridatheatre.com.

EVENT: The Peking Acrobats
DATE: Sunday, February 28, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
TICKET PRICE: \$29.00 - \$39.50
MEMBER PRESALE: Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.
E-CLUB PRESALE: Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9 a.m.
PUBLIC ON SALE: Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10 a.m.
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