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THE PEKING ACROBATS: Masters of Agility and Grace

Defy Gravity at Tacoma's Pantages Theater on January 29

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TACOMA, WASH. – Known as masters of agility and grace, THE PEKING ACROBATS will return to Tacoma with their gravity defying show where they perform amazing displays of contortion, flexibility and control. Featuring daring maneuvers such as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, somersaulting, and gymnastics, THE PEKING ACROBATS push the envelope of human possibility at the historic Pantages Theater on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m., tickets are on sale now.

THE PEKING ACROBATS have been featured performers on numerous television shows and celebrity-studded TV specials, such as *The Wayne Brady Show* and *Ellen's Really Big Show* hosted by Ellen DeGeneres, as well as featured on director Steven Soderbergh's hit film *Ocean's Eleven*.

They set the world record for the Human Chair Stack on Fox's *Guinness Book Primetime*, astounding television audiences with their bravery and dexterity as they balanced six people precariously atop six chairs, 21 feet up in the air, without safety lines!

Records of acrobatics can be found as early as the Ch'in Dynasty (221 B.C. - 207 B.C.). During the Han Dynasty (207 B.C. - 220 A.D.), acrobatics flourished and the first acrobatic art was presented for diplomatic purposes at the Imperial Court. The foreign guests were so impressed that they agreed to enter into military and trade alliances with the Han Emperor.

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 uphold this rich and ancient folk art tradition, bringing it to new technical heights while integrating twenty-first century technology in an exuberant event with the festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival.

<u>Tickets for THE PEKING ACROBATS are on sale now, starting at \$19</u>. To purchase tickets call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, online at BroadwayCenter.org, or in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District.

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