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**EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BIG PURPLE DINOSAUR, BARNEY™, IS COMING TO NAVY PIER TO SING AND DANCE WITH ALL HIS FRIENDS ON MARCH 7th!**

Chicago, IL — March 7, 2009 — HIT Entertainment, a leading provider of quality preschool entertainment, and Navy Pier invite toddlers and children of all ages to come see **Barney**, along with his special guest **Angelina Ballerina** as they sing and dance to his favorite songs on **March 7, 2009 at Navy Pier's Family Pavilion Stage**. Everyone's favorite purple dinosaur will be performing for all his friends. **Show times are scheduled for 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

The theme of Barney's special Sing Along is **BARNEY'S FAVORITE SONGS** and features 12 of Barney's beloved songs, including *If All the Raindrops*, *Mr. Knickerbocker*, and more.

Barney's mouse-like, ballerina friend, **Angelina Ballerina**, who loves to dance and practice her pirouettes while solving problems in a creative and comical way, will make a special appearance to also entertain and encourage toddlers and children. **Barney** springs from a child's imagination and invites children to go and grow as they explore exciting places, always encouraging positive values and good manners along the way!

**Barney & Friends™** airs on PBS KIDS® and PBS KIDS Sprout<sup>SM</sup>. For more information about **Barney** and all his friends, please visit [www.barney.com](http://www.barney.com).

**About HIT Entertainment**

HIT Entertainment, owned by private equity investment group Apax Partners since June 2005, is one of the world's leading independent children's entertainment producers and rights-owners. HIT's portfolio includes properties, such as Bob the Builder™, Thomas & Friends™, Pingu™, Fireman Sam™, and Angelina Ballerina™. HIT acts as a representative for The Wiggles® in the UK, US and Canada and as worldwide representative for The Jim Henson Company's library of classic family brands. HIT also owns the Guinness World Records™ publishing and television property. Launched in 1989, HIT's lines of business span television and video production (including studios in the US and the UK), publishing, consumer products licensing and live events. With a catalogue of more than 1,000 hours of young children's programming, HIT sells its shows to more than 240 countries worldwide, in more than 40 different languages and has operations in the UK, US, Canada, Hong Kong and Japan. In 2005, the Company joined Comcast Corporation, PBS and Sesame Workshop to launch PBS KIDS Sprout<sup>SM</sup>, a 24-hour digital cable channel and VOD service for preschoolers. For more information, visit [www.hitentertainment.com](http://www.hitentertainment.com).

A Chicago Landmark since 1909, Navy Pier has evolved from a freight and passenger ship docking facility to the #1 tourist attraction in the Midwest, drawing more than eight million visitors annually. Navy Pier currently encompasses more than fifty acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and exhibit facilities, making it a tourists and visitors entertainment hub. For more information, visit our web sit at [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)

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