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**CIRQUE SHANGHAI SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF  
"CIRQUE SHANGHAI: CLOUD 9"  
AT NAVY PIER'S PEPSI® SKYLINE STAGE®  
MAY 28 – SEP. 6, 2010**

CHICAGO – Cirque Shanghai returns to Chicago's Navy Pier® to delight and astonish audiences of all ages for a fifth straight summer season with a new world premiere production, "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9.**" Embraced by Chicagoans and visitors alike as "Chicago's Summer Circus," Cirque Shanghai will perform May 28 – Sep. 6, 2010 (Labor Day), rain or shine, at the Pepsi® Skyline Stage®, the 1,500-seat, canopied, open-air theater on Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9**" is presented in this exclusive U.S. engagement by Chicago's Navy Pier in conjunction with International Special Attractions, Ltd. production headquarters in Shanghai, China.

Chinese folklore tells the story of the sky having nine levels, each possessing ascending levels of wonder. "This was our inspiration," according to Haiping Ge, president of ISA, "and the driving force in creating "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9**" as a new spectacle production that will take Pepsi® Skyline Stage® audiences to the very top of that 9th level." Daring spectacle, breathtaking artistry and the sheer joy of its dazzling young cast make "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9**" a brand new theatrical experience for audiences of all ages, with acrobats careening from sway poles suspending high above the stage, gravity-defying ladder balances, a unicyclist riding atop a spinning umbrella, the fun and skill of "hat juggling," and featuring "Imperial Thunder," China's finest daredevil motorcycle troupe riding precariously in steel globe center stage at Pepsi® Skyline Stage®

Due to popular demand, for the first time "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9**" will begin on Memorial Day weekend with performances Friday, May 28 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, May 29 at 2 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m., Sunday, May 30 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Monday, May 31 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The performance schedule will continue beginning June 2 as follows: Wednesdays at 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Press opening is Tuesday, June 8 at 8 p.m.

A special pre-fireworks 8 p.m. performance has been added on Sunday, July 4, and there will be performances on Monday, July 5 (Independence Day observed) and Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day) at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. There

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will also be additional performances Thursday, Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. in conjunction with the Pepsi® Tall Ships® Chicago 2010 celebration at Navy Pier.

Located on Lake Michigan, just east of Chicago's downtown, Navy Pier is the most-visited tourist and leisure destination in the Midwest, welcoming more than 8 million visitors annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, it is now one of the country's preeminent recreation and exposition facilities, showcasing 50 acres of parks, gardens, restaurants, shops, attractions, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exhibition facilities and more.

Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more are on-sale now. For information and reservations call GroupTix at 877.4GRP.TIX (877.447.7849) or visit [www.grouptix.net](http://www.grouptix.net). Single tickets will go on-sale Friday, April 30 and will be available by calling 800-745-3000 or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com/shanghai](http://www.ticketmaster.com/shanghai).

Recognized as a wonderful family entertainment value, "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9**" ticket prices for 2010 will remain unchanged from previous years: \$14.50 – \$19.50 for adults and \$12.50 – \$14.50 for children ages 3 – 12. "Imperial Circle" seating is priced for all performances at \$29.50 for adults and children. Children 2 and under are welcome and admitted free of charge.

For more information on "**Cirque Shanghai: Cloud 9**" visit [www.navy pier.com/cirqueshanghai](http://www.navy pier.com/cirqueshanghai).

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