

CHINESE STATE CIRCUS

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Press Pack

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To say the Chinese State Circus is merely a show is grossly to underestimate it; it is the embodiment of a traditional art form which can trace its history back over 2000 years. The presentation lives and breathes with the enthusiasm of its acrobatic artistes whose whole lives centre in the performance. The result is the purest, honest, most abiding and exhilarating circus that is a true privilege to see.

Chinese acrobatics is a common form of art among the people. It has a long history with a distinct national style, evolving from the Chinese people's everyday life and work.

Historical records, ancient carvings and decorative patterns on utensils show the origin of Chinese acrobatics more than two thousands years ago in the period of the Warring States. During the Quin and Han Dynasties (221 B.C – 220 A.D.) acrobatic artistes developed a wide repertoire, and acrobatics was thus called "the show of a hundred tricks." It reached a high level as a performing art by the Han Dynasty.

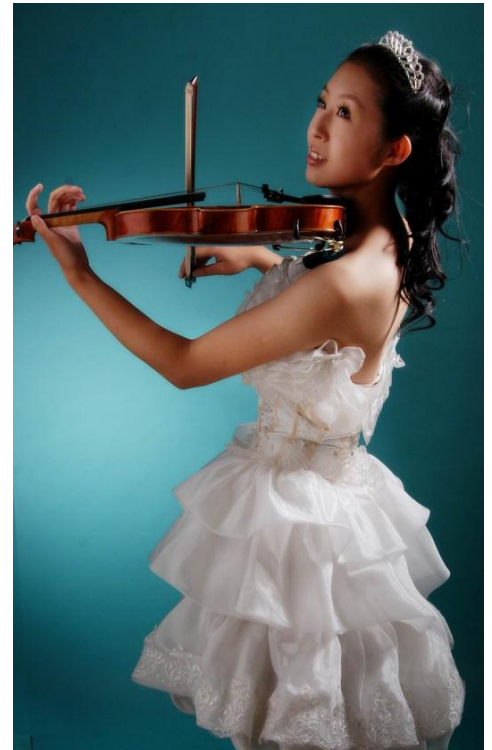
Acrobatics has played an important role in cultural exchanges between China and other nations. In the past 35 years, Chinese acrobatic troupes have toured more than 100 countries and regions throughout the world. Their excellent performances were warmly welcomed and highly appreciated by the people of various countries.

The Chinese State Circus was an idea started back in the 1990's after director Phillip Gandey witnessed a group of Oriental acrobats performing to great acclaim at the Monte Carlo Circus Festival. He was astounded at the quality, depth and sheer diversity of such Chinese Acrobatic Troupes. After working out the logistics of transporting 45 artistes, plus directors, interpreters and five tonnes of props half-way around the world – the rest as they say is history!

The Chinese State Circus returns with Yin Yang in its UK premiere – an opportunity not to miss!

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*“The most exhilarating circus
it has ever been my privilege to see”*

The Evening Standard

*“Never has such excitement been created in a
theatre... the whole audience hangs breathless...”*

M.E.N

*“Fantastic show, 9 1/2 out of 10 truly
sensational”*

The Liverpool Echo

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Yin Yang – *“The interaction of two energies in a dynamic system of balance”*

The incomparable Chinese State Circus™ proudly presents their UK premiere ‘Yin Yang’

The highly awaited return of China’s greatest circus featuring the first UK appearance of the formidable Shaolin Warrior known only as *“The One”* sourced specifically by Director Phillip Gandey.

This unique extravaganza showcases only the best in entertainment; witness acrobats defying gravity in an array of elaborate, explosive and highly choreographed presentations of power, poise and agility.

‘Yin Yang’ will not only keep the audience on the edge of their seats but show the more delicate and beautiful side of Chinese tradition with the silk aerial act, parasol juggling, eye catching Lion Dance and the amazing legendary ‘Bicycle Act’ in which 10 talented artistes manoeuvre onto a single bicycle.

Witness the unpredictable and exhilarating twists of foot juggling with drums, the famous Chinese poles, the sensational contortionist and the dynamic hoop divers with their amazing somersaults, leaps and jumps which all go towards completing this action packed programme.

Every sensational act flows into sensational act without narrative and accompanied by a captivating and atmospheric all girl group of live musicians.

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Closer to home, the Chinese State Circus™ brings part of that magic to a venue near you. Suitable for an audience of all ages, with evocative sets, soaring musical score and extravagant new costumes that will entertain the entire family long after the final curtain falls!

Don’t miss this stunning production that features the most daring, breath-taking and thrilling artistes to tour the UK.

Take a new look at the world’s greatest circus!

Editors Notes

Due to the hazardous nature of these acts, the management reserve the right to alter the programme without notice.



For 2012, the Chinese State Circus™ is proud to be sponsored by the UK's leading travel company to China, [Wendy Wu Tours](#), who offer the chance to discover the 'real China' on a number of inspiring fully inclusive itineraries, encompassing world famous sites, spectacular scenery, ancient monuments, fascinating history, lively culture, as well as many off-the-map hidden treasures.

Example tours include:

China Highlights: 27 days from only £2,390* per person

This ultimate Wendy Wu tour offers the chance to really get to grips with China, taking in eight ancient cities, the Buddhist sites at Leshan and Dazu, as well as the Chengdu Panda Reserve and the mesmerizing Stone Forest in Kunming.

A China Experience: 10 days from only £1,590* per person

For those with limited time, this ten day tour takes in China's three most famous cities Shanghai, Xian and Beijing as well as a trip to the historic canal town of Wuzhen, home to an intricate system of canals. Included are the must-see sights of the Terracotta Warriors, Forbidden City and Great Wall.

Majestic Yangtze: 14 days from only £2,190* per person

The highlight of this two week tour is a four night cruise on the Yangtze River. Guests will sail through the Three Gorges where the vertical cliffs rise directly from the water. Also included is a visit to the Chengdu Panda Reserve, plus the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai and the former ancient capital of Xian.

* Price includes international flights, current taxes, domestic transportation, accommodation, all meals, touring with guides and entrance fees as well as visas for UK passport holders. Terms and conditions apply

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Wendy Wu Tours offers guests of the Chinese State Circus™ the exclusive opportunity to win a fascinating tour to China for two people. For more information, please visit www.chinesestatecircus.com

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THEATRE DATES & DESTINATIONS OF 2012 TOUR

18th January	Wookey Hole Theatre	01749 672 243	www.wookee.co.uk
19th & 20th January	Oxford New Theatre	0844 871 3020	www.NewTheatreOxford.org.uk
21st & 22nd January	Ipswich Regent Theatre	01473 433100	www.ipswichregent.com
24th & 25th January	Wolverhampton Civic	0870 320 7000	www.wolvescivic.co.uk
26th & 27th January	Potter Bar Wylllyotts Theatre	01707 645005	www.wylllyottstheatre.co.uk
28th & 29th January	Cambridge Corn Exchange	01223 357851	www.cornex.co.uk
30th & 31st January	Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555	www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk
1st & 2nd February	Coventry Belgrade Theatre	024 7655 3055	www.belgrade.co.uk
3rd & 4th February	Truro Hall for Cornwall	01872 262466	www.hallforcornwall.co.uk
5th & 6th February	Ilfracombe Landmark Centre	01271 324242	www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
9th February	The Centaur, Cheltenham Racecourse	08454 579 3003	www.cheltenham.co.uk
10th February	The Hippodrome	01493 844 172	www.hippodromecircus.co.uk
11th & 12th February	Skegness Embassy Theatre	0845 674 0505	www.embassytheatre.co.uk
14th to 16th February	New Brighton Floral Hall	0151 666 0000	www.floralpavilion.com
17th to 19th February	Salford The Lowry	0843 208 6000	www.thelowry.com



20th to 22nd February	Bromley Churchill Theatre	08448 717 620	www.ambassadortickets.com/bromley
24th & 25th February	Kilmarnock Grand Hall	01563 554900	www.visiteatayrshire.com
26th & 27th February	Inverness eden Court	01463 234 234	www.eden-court.co.uk
28th & 29th February	Dundee Caird Hall	01382 434940	www.dundeebox.co.uk
2nd to 5th March	Kirkcaldy Adam Smith Theatre	01592 583302	www.onfife.com
6th & 7th March	Newcastle Tyne Theatre	0844 493 9999	www.thejournaltynetheatre.co.uk
9th to 10th March	Lichfield Garrick Theatre	01543 412121	www.lichfieldgarrick.com
12th to 14th March	Darlington Civic Theatre	01325 486555	www.darlingtonarts.co.uk
15th & 16th March	Barrow in Furness Forum 28	01229 820000	www.theforumbarrow.co.uk
17th & 18th March	Sunderland Empire Theatre	0844 871 3022	www.sunderlandempire.org.uk
20th to 22nd March	Crawley The Hawth	01293553636	www.hawth.co.uk
23rd to 25th March	Dunstable The Grove	01582 602080	www.grovetheatre.co.uk
26th & 27th March	Stoke Regent Theatre	0844 871 7649	www.ambassadortickets.com/stoke
28th & 29th March	Retford Majestic Theatre	01777 706866	www.majesticretford.com
30th March to 1st April	Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre	0844 576 3000	www.bic.co.uk
3rd to 5th April	Worthing Pavilion Theatre	01903 206 206	www.worthingtheatres.co.uk
6th & 7th April	Weymouth Pavilion Theatre	01305 783225	www.weymouthpavilion.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk
8th & 9th April	Birmingham Alexandra Theatre	0844 871 3011	www.NewAlexandraTheatre.co.uk

10th to 12th April	Torquay Princess Theatre	0844 871 3023	www.princesstheatre.org.uk
13th to 15th April	Scunthorpe Baths	0844 854 2776	www.bathshall.co.uk
16th to 18th April	Tunbridge Wells	01892 530613	www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk
20th to 22nd April	Salisbury City Hall	01722434434	www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk
23rd to 25th April	Wimbledon New Theatre	0844 871 7646	www.ambassadortickets.com/wimbledon
26th to 28th April	Fareham Ferneham Hall	01329 231942	www.fernehamhall.co.uk
30th Apr to 2nd May	Leicester Corve Theatre	0116 242 3595	www.curveonline.co.uk
3rd to 5th May	Wakefield Theatre Royal	01924 211311	www.theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk

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