



LONE STAR CIRCUS® Illuminates the
Imagination with **CIRQUE BANQUISTA!**

**All-New Circus Extravaganza Celebrates
the Arrival of the New Year**

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DALLAS, TX (DECEMBER 15, 2009) – Ooh-La-La, the holidays are here and what better way to celebrate with friends and family than with a French cirque, coming to The Rosewood Center for Family Arts, December 31-January 3. LONE STAR CIRCUS® presents **CIRQUE BANQUISTA!**, a breathtaking production that illuminates the imagination with performances from an international galaxy of circus superstars. Breathtakingly adorned in a montage of dazzling bejeweled costumes, acrobats, aerialists, hand balancers, jugglers, clowns perform together to create the most sensational circus extravaganza Dallas/Fort Worth has ever seen.

CIRQUE BANQUISTA!, a shimmering spectacular of awe-inspiring proportions, celebrates the end of 2009 and the dawn of the New Year. Directed by Fanny Kerwich, this dazzling new production features celebrated artists from all over the world including Mexico, Canada, France, Russia and the United States.

From the moment the curtain opens, you'll be swept away on an emotion-stirring, magical journey. Stars of this all-new LONE STAR CIRCUS production include...

- From Ukraine and Russia, the mind boggling, magical and elegant quick-change act of **Olga and Vladimir Smirnov**;
- From Argentina, the **Poema Family** with their astounding Risley act;
- From Mexico, the dynamic and electrifying juggling of **Dario Vazquez**;
- From Mexico, breathtaking hand balancing from **Adam Vazquez**;
- From the United States, the mesmerizing and beautiful aerial strap act of **Morgaine and Ryan**;
- From Russia, the amazing feline antics of **Mayya Panfilova** and her trained house cats;
- From the United States, fabulous funsters, the **Pi Clowns**,
- From Kazakhstan, the astounding and elegant **Olga Coronas** on aerial hoop;
- From Dallas, the energizing and beautiful **Raphael Daubois** on hula hoops;
- And, from Dallas, all-time favorite queen and king of laughter, **Slappy and Monday**, from Dallas' very own *Slappy's Puppet Playhouse*.

A perfect complement to the holidays, LONE STAR CIRCUS will hold six performances only from December 31 – January 3 at The Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman, in Dallas. Tickets for LONE STAR CIRCUS range from \$19-\$44. Tickets are available by calling 214/740-0051, or visiting online at www.lonestarcircus.org.

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About LONE STAR CIRCUS

LONE STAR CIRCUS is the performing arm of LONE STAR CIRCUS ARTS CENTER, a Dallas-based non-profit organization, whose purpose is to promote circus arts through training and performance. It is the brainchild of Fanny Kerwich, an 8th generation circus artist of French descent, who started teaching circus arts several years ago at Dallas International School, and in her own studio, *The Expressionists*. LONE STAR CIRCUS ARTS CENTER was incorporated in 2006. Its circus school, LONE STAR CIRCUS SCHOOL, organizes recreational and professional training in circus arts for children and adults. They also provide circus-themed entertainment for fundraisers and corporate and civic events. For more information, visit www.lonestarcircus.org or call 214/564-9259.

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