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Live Performers, Live Music and Live Talking Dogs!

Branson's Premier Lake Experience Sets Sail March 20

(Branson, Mo. 2/09) Combining a high-energy live show, a three-course meal and a cruise on picturesque Table Rock Lake, the Showboat Branson Belle is a one-of-a-kind experience in America's Heartland. The 700-seat authentic paddlewheeler takes passengers back in time to celebrate the beauty and grandeur of the 1890s paddlewheel riverboats. The cast of singers and dancers performs all-time favorites from Broadway to the Big Screen, along with Todd Oliver and his live talking dogs --- all setting sail March 20, 2009.

"The show *Showstoppers!* highlights some of the best music from the last six decades that has 'stopped' many a show," said Jim Moeskau, Showboat Branson Belle General Manager. "With a world-class orchestra and quartet of singers and dancers, you can't get this experience anywhere else in Branson."

Showstoppers! is featured on all lunch and dinner cruises. Throughout the Broadway-style show, nearly 50 of the world's most recognizable hits are performed from "Phantom of the Opera" to "Hairspray." Created, choreographed and arranged specifically for the Showboat Branson Belle, this show is unlike any other.

Evening cruises feature comedian and ventriloquist Todd Oliver and his cast of live talking dogs. Todd and his troupe have been featured on such national TV shows as *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Late Show with David Letterman* and most recently *The Today Show*. Lunch and Sunday cruises present the award-winning comedic magician, Christopher James.

The Showboat Branson Belle galley crew enhances the experience by preparing each of the 3-course meals onboard. The dinner menu includes a main course of Admiral's Choice Braised Beef in demi-glace sauce and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Both lunch and dinner are served with a house salad and the Showboat's own Lemon Raspberry Torte dessert.

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The Paddle Wheel Club Room offers a more private dining area for small groups or couples for a special occasion. With this premium dining experience, guests dine overlooking the ship's paddlewheels and select from a dinner menu including grilled Mahi Mahi with shrimp, Captain's special-cut rib-eye steak, Caribbean stuffed chicken and a choice of desserts. After dinner, guests are seated in prime seats in the main dining room for the show. Another option is the Captain's Row where first row balcony guests enjoy the Showboat Branson Belle main dining room atmosphere while choosing from menu selections.

Cruises sail from March 20 through New Year's Eve. All cruises run approximately two hours and 15 minutes, and begin at noon, 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, schedules, complete menus and reservations, call 1-800-775-BOAT. Information and ticketing are also available at www.showboatbransonbelle.com.

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