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## Silver Dollar City's 2012 Festival Highlights *Biggest Festival & Show Year Ever!*

### **WORLD-FEST (April 12 – May 6)**

America's largest international festival presents top entertainers from around the world:

- **NEW: La Bella Musica showcasing tenor Aaron Caruso**, trained by Rome's Maestro Veccia and who recently sold out at Carnegie Hall, plus Italian-style soprano Melanie Goerlitz and world accordian champion Cory Pesaturo
- **NEW: Viva Italia, a "Little Italy" plaza alive with true Italian entertainment** including acrobatic flag throwers, living statues, stilt walkers and a colorful costume parade
- **NEW: The Mariachi Divas, a Grammy Award-winning all-female music ensemble** with members from Mexico, Cuba, Samoa, Argentina, Colombia, Honduras and more
- **NEW: Hawaiian Country Music**, a show featuring Hawaii's traditional country music starring four-time Grammy winner George Kahumoku along with native musicians and dancers
- **NEW: Peru's Yawar Chicchi folk music and dance troupe**
- **NEW: Kenyan Sarakasi Acrobats**, world-renowned acrobats from Nairobi, Kenya
- Returning favorites: Russian Academic Band, Ireland's premier harpist Dearbhail Finnegan, Ecuador Manta and a Slovenian Polka Party (May 4-6), plus international food

### **BLUEGRASS & BBQ (May 10 – June 3)**

The **International Bluegrass Music Association's reigning Bluegrass Event of the Year** features:

- **Bluegrass music's top artists and award-winning performers including Rhonda Vincent & the Rage, the Grascals, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, and the Kruger Brothers**
- **The top up-and-coming bands in bluegrass including the Gibson Brothers, Balsam Range, Little Roy & Lizzy and Jerry Butler and the Blu-J's**
- **Two National Bluegrass Competitions** - The National Single Mic Championship (May 19 & 20) & The Youth In Bluegrass Band Contest (May 26 & 27)
- **A Barbecue Feast with grills filled with over 40,000 pounds of barbecue:** Memphis dry rubs, Carolina vinegars, smoky Texas eats and sweet KC-style, plus hundreds of sauces to sample

### **NATIONAL KIDSFEST (June 9 – July 22)**

The Ultimate Summer Vacation destination for families presents:

- **The Fabulous Wallendas! Famous Family Circus returns**, featuring Guinness World Record High Wire-Walker and Discovery Channel star Nik Wallenda
- **NEW: LUMA, using high-tech illumination techniques for a three-dimensional show of light, color and motion**, bringing to life a story, created exclusively for Silver Dollar City, centered around the park's Marvel Cave
- **NEW: Gazillion Bubbles, an interactive show taking bubble artistry to amazing levels** with lasers, lighting effects and sheer bubble mastery
- **Cartoon Character Meet & Greet**s with kid-favorite cartoon superstars

**NEW: An Independence Day Celebration July 4 turns the park Red, White & Blue, with fireworks and all!**

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### **MOONLIGHT MADNESS (July 21– August 5)**

It's all about summer night thrills and family adventure from night rides to street dances:

- **Ride into the night with extended time on over 30 rides and attractions**
- **Nightly Street Dances** on the park Square
- **The Fabulous Wallendas! Famous Family Circus continues for high-wire fun**

### **SOUTHERN GOSPEL PICNIC (August 24 – September 3)**

America's largest Southern Gospel Picnic presents hundreds of performances from Dove Award winners and top gospel acts, including:

- **The Booth Brothers, Jeff & Sheri Easter, The Hoppers, The Isaacs, the Triumphant Quartet, and the Collingsworth Family**
- **2-hour Southern Gospel Nights Concerts each evening**
- **Mouthwatering picnic-style foods** including the park's famous chicken: double-battered and golden fried, apple-glazed, orange-glazed and hickory smoked

### **COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND (September 8-9)**

**An ALL-NEW Music Event – A weekend featuring country music legends Diamond Rio and Pam Tillis in concert**

### **NATIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL (September 13 – October 27)**

The nation's largest festival of demonstrating craftsmen features the return of the **Salute to the Great American Cowboy**:

- **NEW: Western Stunt Show features professional stunt men and women** performing amazing feats in a light-hearted, Western-themed presentation
- **Over 125 visiting craftsmen** from around the country demonstrate their art in the nation's largest festival of demonstrating craftsmen
- **Best of Missouri Hands Juried Artists** in a special showcase
- **Western music featuring Riders In The Sky, the Sons of the San Joaquin, Red Steagall and the Quebe Sisters Band**
- **Legendary Western star and water color artist Buck Taylor returns, with guest appearances by fellow stars of classic Westerns**
- **Cowboy Poets including Waddie Mitchell**, plus wild mustangs, trick horse stunts, trick roping and bull whip demonstrations

### **AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS (November 3 – December 30)**

**The park's biggest finale to date** -- Heralded "The Most Illuminated Park on Earth" by the Travel Channel and "One of the most sparkly, lively holiday celebrations anywhere" by Midwest Living with:

- **NEW: *It's a Wonderful Life*, an all-new musical production adapted from the Frank Capra classic**, from Silver Dollar City's award-winning show producers
- **The *Christmas on Main Street* light & sound show featuring the 5-Story Special Effects Christmas Tree**
- **The acclaimed production *A Dickens' Christmas Carol***
- **The colorful Holiday Light Parade**
- **A musical Living Nativity**
- **4 million lights, holiday shows, rides, shopping and Silver Dollar City legendary dining**

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