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## Silver Dollar City Soars in 2007 with The Giant Swing, New Shows and New Festival Features

*New Shows Include Polynesian FireKnife Dancing, Circus of the Century - On Ice, The Cowboy-themed Headin' West, and a New Christmas Light Spectacular*

(Branson, Mo. 2/07) **New for 2007, Silver Dollar City soars with the Giant Swing – a \$6 million ride that will launch riders more than seven stories in the air --** and nearly upside down -- at roller-coaster speeds for barn-bursting, high-flying, super-swooping thrills. Also new, flaming **Polynesian FireKnife dancing** is part of the hot island-style entertainment for *World-Fest, Circus of the Century -- On Ice* brings cool fun for *Kids' Fest*, the **all-new musical production Headin' West** presents the cowboy spirit of the American West during the *Festival of American Music & Crafts*, and a **Christmas Light Spectacular** lights up the Square during *An Old Time Christmas*.

From March through December, **the internationally-awarded 1880s-style theme park shows why it is the Home of American Craftsmanship**, featuring the fine artistry of 100 demonstrating craftsmen, along with music and entertainment, two dozen themed rides, and foods from festival specialties to home-cooked feasts.

**An all-new ride experience for the theme park, the Giant Swing** has two colossal arms that take riders 75 feet high in opposite directions and through the barn roof before powering them back toward the ground and past each other at speeds up to 45 miles per hour. The swings then soar 75 feet skyward, high above the trees on the other side, arcing almost 230 degrees so riders are nearly upside down. The tremendous acceleration produces back-to-back G-force kicks and sensations of weightlessness for a full-throttle, high-flying thrill ride. The Giant Swing is set within a massive hay barn in the new *Great Barn* area of the park, along with **two additional new rides, High-Low Silos**, interactive climbing towers where riders use rope-pulls to propel themselves over 30 feet in the air. The Giant Swing will open in Spring 2007.

**WORLD-FEST - APRIL 5 - MAY 6** (*Open Wednesdays through Sundays; closed April 8*)

The spring spectacular *World-Fest* showcases the astonishing artistry of the **Zunyi Acrobats of China**, returning from last year's "wow" performance with more acrobats in an even bigger show of balance, agility and strength. New for the festival is a show featuring island-style music and dance, with **Polynesian FireKnife dancers** twirling flaming ceremonial knives, colorful **Costa Rican drummers and dancers**, a new high-energy **Scottish Celtic band** and **Scottish Highland dancers**. Hundreds of singers, dancers and musicians from around the world perform.

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**BLUEGRASS & BBQ - MAY 12 – JUNE 3** (*Open Daily*)

**Bluegrass & BBQ**, the Midwest's biggest bluegrass and barbecue gathering, fires up the stages as well as the grills, bringing the hottest acts in American bluegrass music and an all-American barbecue feast in The House of BBQ. Performers include **seven-time IBMA\* Female Vocalist of the Year and Grammy nominee Rhonda Vincent, 2006 IBMA Entertainer of the Year and Grammy nominees The Grascals and 2005 IBMA Entertainer of the Year Cherryholmes**, with a special concert by **bluegrass legend and 12-time Grammy winner Ricky Skaggs** on May 27.

**NATIONAL KIDS' FEST - JUNE 9 - AUGUST 12** (*Open Daily*)

Along with showcasing the Giant Swing at the Great Barn and two dozen rides, **Kids' Fest presents an all-new show: Circus of the Century -- On Ice**, a circus-themed show with a cool twist for summer – acrobats and clowns on ice. Also new, a **Kid Concoctions creativity center** where kids can make their own Goopy Gunk or Spongée Balls, or learn to make a volcano, from the acclaimed Kid Concoctions books and television show. **Bounce – The All-American Basketball Show** mixes amazing stunts and comedy from a world-record holder, and young gymnasts match their skills against canine competitors in **All-Star Dogs & Gold Medal Kids**.

**SOUTHERN GOSPEL PICNIC - August 30 – September 9** (*Open Daily*)

The popular **Southern Gospel Picnic** returns with more glorious gospel music from some of the top names in Southern Gospel music, and a picnic feast of Chicken & Fixin's. **Performers include Dove Award winners The Isaacs and The Kingsmen, 2006 Southern Gospel News Male Group of the Year The Booth Brothers, 2006 IBMA Gospel Recording of the Year winners Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, and Southern Gospel Hall of Famers The Florida Boys**. Music continues under the stars as *Southern Gospel Nights* is presented each evening.

**FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN MUSIC & CRAFTS, with a Salute to the Great American Cowboy**  
**SEPTEMBER 13 - OCTOBER 27** (*Open Wednesdays - Sundays*)

**An all-new show debuts for the Festival of American Music & Crafts** with the popular *Salute to the Great American Cowboy*. **New this year, the festival debuts an original musical production *Headin' West***, presenting the adventure of Western expansion with special effects enhancing scenes from white water river travel to a buffalo stampede. **Michael Martin Murphey** performs in a special concert, headlining the Western entertainment; cowboy boot makers from around the country compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Best of American Boot Makers* competition; and an all-new arena show features trick riders and long-horned steers. The festival showcases over 125 visiting craftsmen demonstrating heritage crafts, with hundreds of musicians playing country, gospel and bluegrass.

**AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS - NOVEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 30**

(*Open Wednesdays - Sundays through Dec. 2, Thursdays - Sundays Dec. 6-23, daily Dec. 26-30*)

**A new Christmas Light Spectacular around the Square** debuts for *An Old Time Christmas*, ranked as one of the world's top holiday events by *CNN.com*, and one of the nation's top by *USA Today*, *America's Best* and *Southern Living*. The festival includes the Holiday Light Parade, the popular show *A Dickens' Christmas Carol*, the Five-Story Special Effects Christmas Tree and over 4 million holiday lights. The festival runs November 3 – December 30.

**Silver Dollar City opens for select days in March, then opens for the regular season with World-Fest on April 5. For festival and ticket information, call 1-800-831-4FUN. For season passes, call 1-800-888-PASS. Information is also available at [www.silverdollarcity.com](http://www.silverdollarcity.com).**

\* *International Bluegrass Music Association*

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