

Silver Dollar City 2009 Festival Highlights

WORLD-FEST - April 4 - May 3 (*Open Wednesdays through Sundays*)

America's largest international festival presents incredible entertainment from around the globe, featuring performers from six continents:

- **New Featured Production: The Zhejiang Balancing Monks of China**, a troupe of two dozen acrobats and head-balancing monks demonstrating mastery of body and mind in **the first U.S. performance** of this show
- **New Featured Production: 28-member music and dance troupe Jallmay from Peru**
- **New Show: Dance group Los Pampas Gauchos from Argentina**
- **Featured Production:** The park's largest Irish production show ever, *Ireland's Feet of Fire*, featuring dramatic "fire dancing" along with championship step dancing and live music
- **Invaders, a steel drum band from Trinidad**, presents Caribbean rhythms Island-style
- **Russian Academic Band** presents brass band music with Russian and American influences
- **New: New Zealand musician Jenny Blackadder**
- **Australian entertainer Wayne Horsburgh**, plus international foods at *Tastes of the World*

BLUEGRASS & BBQ - May 13 – 31 (*Open Daily*)

Bluegrass & BBQ, America's premier bluegrass festival, presents a feast for the senses from the stages to the grills. Bluegrass headliners include:

- **Seven-time IBMA* Female Vocalist of the Year Rhonda Vincent & the Rage**
- **2008 IBMA Superstars Dailey & Vincent**, winners of Entertainer of the Year, Vocal Group, Album of the Year, Male Vocalist, Gospel Recorded Performance, Recorded Event of the Year and Emerging Artist of the Year
- **2006 & 2007 IBMA Entertainer of the Year The Grascals**
- **IBMA and Dove Award nominee Sierra Hull**
- **Special Events: Youth in Bluegrass Contest & National Single Mic Contest**
- **The House of BBQ** features an all-American barbecue feast from ribs to smoked chicken with hundreds of sauces

* *International Bluegrass Music Association*

NATIONAL KIDSFEST - June 6 - August 9 (*Open Daily*)

America's biggest *KidsFest* presents amazing entertainment and family adventures from the Swedish Supergroup *JEERK* to roller coasters soaring through the trees:

- **New Featured Production: The U.S. debut of Swedish Supergroup JEERK**, five spectacular performers using their percussion skills, rhythmic body movements and an array of novelty props drumming, dancing and crashing in a super-stomping, rhythm and dance show
- **Featured Production: *The Magic of Peter Gossamer*** with tricks, levitations, vanishings and comedy from the master illusionist
- **Featured Production: The original VeggieTales live stage show, "The Invention of Silliness,"** starring America's favorite talking vegetables in a musical adventure created exclusively for Silver Dollar City
- **Kid Concoctions Activity Center** where kids can make their own creations from the acclaimed Kid Concoctions books and television show
- **Moonlight Madness features nighttime fun July 27 – August 9**, with rides running until 10 p.m. for summer night thrills
- **Thirty themed rides and attractions** – high-speed coasters such as the explosive-launch coaster PowderKeg, mega-splashing American Plunge and the Silver Dollar Steam Train

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SOUTHERN GOSPEL PICNIC - August 27 – September 7 (Open Daily)

The top names in Southern Gospel fill stages throughout the park for the fan-favorite *Southern Gospel Picnic*, as the park serves up a picnic feast of Chicken & Fixin's. The festival features top groups from contemporary artists to the traditional, including:

- **Dove Award winners Jeff & Sheri Easter, Brian Free and Assurance, The Isaacs and Austin's Bridge**
- **Grammy nominees Karen Peck & New River**
- **Singing News Fan Award stars The Booth Brothers**, winners of Tenor of the Year, Lead Vocalist, Trio of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Favorite Artists
- **Southern Gospel Hall of Famers The Kingsmen and The Perrys**
- **Featured Show: *Southern Gospel Nights*** concerts bring top Southern Gospel performers together to fill the 4,000-seat Echo Hollow Amphitheatre each evening

NATIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL - September 12 - October 31 (Open Wed. - Sundays)

The largest gathering in America's Heartland of demonstrating craftsmen, authentic harvest-time foods and musical performances, featuring two special events: **a Salute to the Cowgirl in September and Missouri's Best in October:**

- **New Featured Production: All American Cowgirl Chicks** equestrian drill team brings precision trick riding, daring stunts and thrilling horsemanship to Silver Dollar City's arena
- **New Featured Production: Wings Over Missouri birds-of-flight show** presents the state's most majestic birds in soaring flight, from Bald and Golden Eagles to Great Horned Owls
- **Featured Production: *Headin' West***, an original musical production, presents the adventure of Western expansion with scenes from white water river travel to a buffalo stampede
- **Acclaimed artists including watercolorist and actor Buck Taylor**, weavers, jewelry makers and leather crafters, and **Best of Missouri Hands juried artists**
- Music groups including: **Belinda Gail & Curly Musgrave, the Quebe Sisters, Les Gilliam**

AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS - November 7 – December 30

(Open Thursdays – Sundays, plus November 25, closed Dec. 21-25, open Dec. 26-30)

Silver Dollar City's *An Old Time Christmas*, ranked as one of the world's top holiday events by CNN.com, *USA Today*, *Good Morning America* and *The Travel Channel*, dazzles with Christmas lights, shows, rides and foods.

- **Featured Show: The spectacular *Christmas on Main Street* featuring the five-story special effects Christmas Tree** and an encompassing light-and-sound show on the Square with over one million lights flashing in synchronization to Christmas music
- **Featured Production: *A Dickens' Christmas Carol***, an original adaptation of the classic story and one of the park's biggest production shows with elaborate sets, vanishing ghosts and flying spirits
- **Featured Production: The Living Nativity**, a musical retelling with talented actors, original music and elaborate sets in a dramatic presentation of the birth of Christ
- **Featured Show: *Frosty***, an interactive musical show where kids help bring the legendary snowman to life
- **The Holiday Light Parade** with colorful, musical floats winding through the city streets
- **The Silver Dollar Sing-Along Steam Train** and nighttime rides, plus holiday shows, specialty foods and **over 4 million holiday lights**

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