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## **Silver Dollar City Presents its BIGGEST Show Year Ever!** ***Monks, JEERK, Chicks & Flying Feathers -- Plus Feet of Fire, VeggieTales, Magic, Great American Country & More!***

(Branson, Mo. 2/09) **Silver Dollar City presents its biggest show year ever with more than a dozen blue-ribbon production shows, including two never before presented in the United States.** "From a show perspective, there isn't a time of year when we are not offering something spectacular," said Brad Schroeder, Director of Special Events. "Silver Dollar City is like a 50-acre performing arts hall, constantly presenting the best shows we can find worldwide, and those we create -- ever changing, always adding."

**The Branson, Missouri theme park's new production shows never before presented in the United States include the Zhejiang Balancing Monks of China for World-Fest and the Swedish Supergroup JEERK for KidsFest, featured shows within two of the six world-class festivals presented April - December.**

**Opening with World-Fest April 4, The Zhejiang Balancing Monks of China bring to Silver Dollar City an all-new show of incredible acrobatic proportions. An internationally-acclaimed troupe of two dozen acrobats and head-balancing monks demonstrate awe-inspiring mastery of body and mind.** This unique show is being created and co-produced by LOVE Productions of New York City and Silver Dollar City.

**Rhythm and dance artistry stomps to the stage for KidsFest as Silver Dollar City presents the Swedish Supergroup JEERK. Five spectacular performers use their percussion skills, rhythmic body movements and an array of novelty props to drum, dance and crash their way through this one-of-a-kind stage show, making its U.S. debut at the park June 6.**

**Major festival productions include the new 28-member Peruvian music and dance troupe Jallmay, the Feet of Fire Irish dance show, an original VeggieTales live stage show, the Magic of Peter Gossamer, the All American Cowgirl Chicks trick riders, Wings Over Missouri birds of flight, the Headin' West musical drama presenting the adventure of America's Western expansion, and the acclaimed original production A Dickens' Christmas Carol. Plus, Great American Country Nights in Echo Hollow, the nation's only live stage**

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version of the popular television show, presents contemporary country hits with a talented cast of singer/dancers, accompanied by a live band, April – October.

**Silver Dollar City's new *Culinary & Craft School* offers guests more behind-the-scenes experiences in 2009, presenting culinary techniques with festival flavor such as international specialties during World-Fest, and homemade sauces and side dishes during Bluegrass & BBQ, plus classes on legendary Silver Dollar City home-style cooking.** Classes are offered within the 3,000 square-foot timber frame building with its state-of-the-art kitchen showroom and Craftsmen's Showcase room furnished with the work of the park's expert craftsmen. Class schedules are available on the website, [www.silverdollarcity.com](http://www.silverdollarcity.com).

The internationally-awarded 1880s-style theme park features shows, six festivals,\* 100 demonstrating craftsmen, music and entertainment, 30 themed rides and attractions, and specialty foods throughout the season.

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

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\* Festivals open with *World-Fest* in Spring, presenting entertainers from around the world, April 4 – May 3; then it's *Bluegrass & BBQ*, celebrating Americana at its best with hundreds of award-winning bluegrass performances and a barbecue feast, May 13 – May 31; family adventures, rides and nationally-branded entertainment at the summer-long *Kids Fest*, **June 6 – August 9**; the top names in Southern Gospel music for *Southern Gospel Picnic*, August 27 – September 7; the largest gathering in America's Heartland of demonstrating craftsmen, harvest-time foods and musical performances for the *National Harvest Festival*, September 12 – October 31; and the nationally-acclaimed *An Old Time Christmas*, recognized by media from *USA Today* to *Good Morning America* and *Southern Living* as one of the best holiday light shows in America, November 7 – December 27.