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## ***ENCORE!* Hits High Marks Aboard Showboat Branson Belle**

(Branson, Missouri 5/2011) **The Showboat Branson Belle's new show *ENCORE!* is hitting high marks with rave reviews from guests following the 2011 season launch of the 700-seat paddle wheeler's all-new headliner production show. *Encore!* stars the world's only violin-playing aerialist, Janice Martin, and a new male vocal group, The ShowMen, presenting musical selections spanning decades from Gershwin to the Beatles to the Black Eyed Peas.**

The show brings a contemporary flair to Branson, noted by the entertainment community and by press who attended the opening. "Guests are amazed at the entertainment variety that Janice Martin offers, from her Juilliard-trained talent on piano and violin to her operatic soprano voice and her acrobatic skills as an aerialist – and she's a military veteran too," said Showboat General Manager Jim Moeskau. "Guests also rave about the improvisational humor of emcee Christopher James and the tight six-part harmonies of The ShowMen – one of the hottest new groups in Branson."

***Encore's* Martin brings her high-flying theatrics to the Showboat stage in a unique act showcasing her talents as a world-class violinist, vocalist, acrobat and multi-instrument musician. The ShowMen, six talented male vocalists and dancers from all across America, fill the stage with a powerful blend of contemporary harmonies and standout solos. Comedian and magician Christopher James is the ultra-sharp, uber-funny master of ceremonies and entertainer, and all are accompanied by the Showboat's signature live band Rockin' Dockers for a totally live entertainment experience.**

### ***New Funny Fiddle Show Debuts May 14***

**A second new show, FUNNY FIDDLE, debuts May 14, featured on Showboat Comedy Cruises. Funny Fiddle is headlined by comedian and musician Chris Pendleton, whose unique talent has been nationally showcased on Lifetime, Fox network, Showtime, VH-1, and A&E's "Evening at the Improv." She is joined by emcee Dean Church, along with the Showboat's live band The Castaways.**

**The ship features new menus for both shows from the Showboat's Chef Larry, including Beef Tenderloin, Mediterranean Chicken Kabobs and Chicken Focaccia, topped off with the chef's own Golden Brittle Lemon-Berry Torte. All meals are prepared onboard in the ship's galley and served in the three-story atrium dining theater. Specialty dining options include the Paddlewheel Club Room and Captain's Row.**

**With new shows, new performers, new costumes, new sets, plus a new menu, staging, lighting and décor, this year marks the biggest change year in the paddle wheeler's 15-year history. The Showboat Branson Belle cruises Table Rock Lake in Branson, Missouri, through December 31. Cruise information: [www.showboatbransonbelle.com](http://www.showboatbransonbelle.com) or 800-775-BOAT(2628).**