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***ENCORE!* Launches 2011 Season Aboard Showboat Branson Belle**

Two All-New Shows Bring Three New Acts to Branson!

(Branson, Missouri 2/2011) Internationally-awarded show producers with Silver Dollar City Attractions present ***ENCORE!***, an all-new world-class headliner production show aboard the Showboat Branson Belle, launching the 2011 season March 25. A second new show is **FUNNY FIDDLE**, featured on Showboat Comedy Cruises, beginning mid-May. These musical journeys aboard the grand 700-seat ship feature three headlining acts new to Branson's entertainment offering.

With new shows, new performers, new costumes, new sets, plus a new menu, staging, lighting and décor, 2011 marks the biggest change year in the paddlewheeler's 15-year history.

Bringing her high-flying theatrics to the Showboat stage for *Encore!* is Janice Martin, the world's only violin-playing aerialist. The artistry of this world-class violinist, vocalist, acrobat and multi-instrument musician has been heralded worldwide following performances on four continents, on stages from Carnegie Hall to the White House, and in concert halls in Tokyo, Prague and Paris. This multi-dimensional artist masters musical genres and styles from Streisand to Led Zeppelin in an original and extraordinary show. Janice has been dubbed by *the New York Times* as "A violinist with a strong personality," with *The Miami Herald* calling her "A stunning talent."

***Encore!* featuring musical selections spanning decades from Gershwin to the Beatles to the Black Eyed Peas, also introduces a new male vocal group, The ShowMen.** This group of six talented male vocalists and dancers, hailing from all across America, fills the stage with a powerful blend of contemporary harmonies and standout solos. A returning favorite is **comedian and magician Christopher James** as the ultra-sharp, uber-funny master of ceremonies, and the **Showboat's signature live band Rockin' Dockers** – all creating an all-too-rare *totally* live entertainment experience.

The all-new Funny Fiddle is featured on the Showboat's daytime Comedy Cruises, 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.**

New menus from the Showboat's Chef Larry include 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.

The Showboat Branson Belle cruises Table Rock Lake in Branson, Missouri, March 25 through December 31. **Cruise schedules and information: www.showboatbransonbelle.com or 800-775-BOAT(2628).**