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TOP TEN REASONS TO CHOOSE THE FAIR FOR ENTERTAINMENT

MIAMI, FL – February 27, 2009 - A spectacular ice show, European style circus and a sensational dance production featuring local performers, these are just some of the reasons why The Fair is more than just rides and food. Here are the top ten reasons to choose The Fair for entertainment:

Reason #1: *A Night at the Movies on Ice (E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion)*

Feel the chill, as this all new ice show, takes the audience across the ice rink into some classic moments in Hollywood films and features remarkable choreography and stunning performances.

Reason #2: *¡Baile! A Tour Of Latin America Through Dance (Main Street Stage)*

From Salsa to Merengue, and anywhere in between, these local performers will strut their Latin stuff on the Main Street Stage in a new unforgettable 30 minute dance spectacular that highlights the best of Latin dance and South Florida talent.

Reason #3: *The Royal Hanneford Circus (By the Fountain)*

Back by popular demand and with all new acts, The *Royal Hanneford Circus* is always a crowd favorite. This family run, European style circus offers acts of the caliber of the best circuses in the world. These include: *Johnny Peers' Muttville Follies* – This mess of mutts - all rescued from shelters – will leave the audience rolling in the aisles with their comedic antics; *The Smirnov Duo's* Quick Change act - Olga and Vladymir Smirnov, from Russia, will astound guests as they magically change costumes before your eyes; The *Poema Family Risley Act*- or foot juggling - features a multi generation family of acrobats from Buenos Aires, Argentina who combine acrobatic agility and comedy in this unforgettable act; The *Seyranyan Sisters* – A unique presentation of contortion by two sisters from Armenia; the *Isavette Duo* – Masters of aerial artistry, these sisters from Mexico City perform various awe inspiring feats on the double trapeze and finally the *Duo Fusion* - Partners Perez and Virginia bring the passion of the Tango to the circus ring in a unique presentation.

Reason #4: *ShaeLaurel (Entrance Plaza)*

ShaeLaurel, a nationally recognized touring family show band, was such a hit last year when they performed at The Fair for the first time, that they are returning for an encore presentation. The family band will showcase all new high energy performances that integrate dance with traditional, contemporary and original music.

Reason #5: The Marcan Tiger Preserve (Adventure Zone)

An awe inspiring and educational show that presents magnificent Bengal Tigers in an action packed natural behavior display that brings attention to the plight of these endangered animals.

Reason #6: Show-Me Safari Petting Zoo, Pig Races and Pony Rides (By the Fountain)

A variety of exotic and domestic animals provide hands-on educational fun for everyone. Three different species of little porkers race around the track to the finish line for a treat several times a day. Audience members may win an award by cheering on their favorite little “ham.”

Reason #7: Mardi Gras Parade (Throughout the Fairgrounds)

At 6:30 p.m. daily (weather permitting) fairgoers will be treated to a parade that features free beads, a different celebrity Grand Marshal each night, floats direct from New Orleans, strolling entertainment, the Samba drummers and dancers from “Paulo Gualano Samba Group.”

Reason #8: Strolling Entertainers (Throughout the Fairgrounds)

Fun for all ages, characters like *Tadpole the Clown, the BC Characters, Lisa Lou and Charlie Stron (stiltwalkers), Fairmingo and Rock-It the Robot* will be strolling throughout the fairgrounds providing entertainment and comic relief for fairgoers.

Reason #9: Exhibits (Arnold Hall)

Close to 50,000 student and adult exhibits are featured at The Fair each year. From cooking demonstrations, student kitchen cook-offs, robotics testing, animal fitting and grooming competitions to student fashion shows, dance performances, pie eating contests and more, fairgoers who visit Arnold Hall during this year’s Fair are in for an entertaining surprise.

Reason #10: It’s Free

The best deal in town, shows are free with the price of admission.

Show times vary. Check Fair Program Book for schedules.

Presented by Miami-Dade Volkswagen Dealers, the 2009 Miami-Dade County Fair will be celebrating its 58th year beginning March 26th through April 12, 2009. Ranked the largest fair in Florida, The Fair is an 18-day event which includes rides, games, food and live entertainment. Close to 50,000 student and adult exhibits are showcased during The Fair. Admission to The Fair is \$9 for adults and children, free for children five years of age and younger. The Fair is located at Coral Way (SW 24th Street) and 112th Avenue in Southwest Miami. Gates are open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 10 p.m. on weekends with special early noon openings on Friday, March 27 and April 10, 2009. Rides are open until midnight. For more information, call (305) 223-7060 or visit www.fairexpo.com.

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