

Golden Dragon Acrobats present Theatrical Masterpiece CIRQUE ZIVA

“Human obstacles, which tumblers flip over, widen in person-size increments. The thrill is escalation. These touring acrobats from China know how to keep topping themselves.”

~The New York Times

MARKHAM, ON ~ March 30, 2015 – The spectacular Golden Dragon Acrobats will flip, tumble and catapult their way through six electrifying performances of their latest and most innovative show to date, *Cirque Ziva*. The troupe of Chinese acrobats, comprised of wildly talented athletes, actors and artists, will perform multiple shows at Flato Markham Theatre in the afternoons and evenings from **April 15 to the 18**.

The newest show from producer and Artistic Director **Danny Chang**, *Cirque Ziva* is a fast-paced, technically innovative and beautiful new show. The large cast and stunning set designs illustrate the best of Chang's brand of artistic merit, high production value, and solid commitment to cultural exchange. The show was created in 2011 for a 10-week engagement at Asbury Park Boardwalk's Paramount Theatre, where it earned critical acclaim and achieved instant success, bringing audiences to their feet every night and playing to packed houses. The show was so successful it embarked on a four-month US national tour in 2013, and again for an encore tour in 2014.

Since 1985, Danny Chang and his Golden Dragon Acrobats remain the only Chinese acrobatic company to tour year-round in the United States, and present over 200 performances annually. In 2005, their Broadway debut and seven-week run at the New Victory Theater earned two prestigious New York Drama Desk Awards nominations, one for Angela Chang for “Best Choreography”, and another for Danny Chang for “Most Unique Theatrical Experience”. The Golden Dragon Acrobats were established in 1967 and hail from Cangzhou, Hebei province, in the People's Republic of China.

Today, the group is recognized as the preeminent Chinese acrobatic company in the United States. As the director and producer, Danny Chang has built a solid reputation based on his talents as both an acrobatic performer and artistic director. Every year Chang, along with the group's choreographer, who is also his wife, Angela Chang, attend different acrobatic competitions to constantly select the most elite performers to join the Golden Dragon Acrobats.

The hotel partner for Cirque Ziva is The Best Western. Media partners include Asian Television Network, Today Commercial News, Ming Pao Canada and World Journal.

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Dates: April 15 & 16, 8 p.m.; April 17, 1p.m. & 8 p.m.; April 18, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

[Golden Dragon Acrobats Website](#) | [Photos](#) | [YouTube Video](#)

Visit www.markhamtheatre.ca or call 905-305-SHOW (7469)

Programme:

Act I

Opening > Spinning Ring > Thousand Hands

Group Contortion > Single Contortion

Head Balancing > Hat Juggling > Group Uni-Wheels

Intermission 15 minutes

Act II

Opening > Group Rope> Silk and/or Power Act

Umbrella Juggling > Jar/Table Juggling

Diabolo

Tower of Chairs

Flags > Bicycle Family > Finale

****Show order subject to change****

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