



***Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey*<sup>®</sup>  
Goes *OVER THE TOP*<sup>SM</sup> in the Bay  
With its Outrageous and Wacky 138<sup>th</sup> Edition!**

**Coming to Oakland Aug 14- 17 & San Jose Aug 20-24**

San Francisco, CA, (May 1, 2008) – *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey*<sup>®</sup> will return to the Bay Area with the 138<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Greatest Show On Earth*<sup>™</sup>, this year presenting *Over The Top*<sup>SM</sup>, a wacky and whimsical circus spectacular where audiences will experience maniacal mayhem as the Ringmaster Chuck Wagner and clown eccentric Tom Dougherty compete for control of a magic top hat that brings to life whatever wonders they can imagine. From the zany mishaps devised by the clown to the stupendous spectacle conjured by the Ringmaster, *Over the Top* creates a world where dogs fly, Asian elephants skip, hop, and groove, and even a porcupine can steal the spotlight.

**Tickets are on sale for both Bay Area engagements.** For an extra special circus experience, Ringling Bros. offers **Circus Celebrity**<sup>SM</sup> seats, which include an exciting opportunity to become part of the show and jump directly into the fun on the arena floor. The show plays in Oakland at the ORACLE Arena **Aug. 14-17** and at HP Pavilion at San Jose **Aug. 20-24**. At both locations the shows are preceded by free Animal Open Houses where ticket holders can view the magnificent animals that call Ringling Bros. home, and the All-Access Pre-Show where everyone is invited to interact with the performers before the lights go down and the show begins.

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Also featured in the 138<sup>th</sup> edition of *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey*<sup>®</sup> are the Bombastic Bouncers, a team never before seen in America combining gigantic intertubes and awe-inspiring acrobatics; the courageous Daniel Raffo standing eye to eye with a pack of powerful Bengal tigers; Motor Cycle Mania racing seven motorcycles at speeds of 65 miles per hour in a globe of steel and even taking one across the high wire; The Flying Caceres in America's only indoor double decker trapeze act; the world-famous Ringling Bros. clowns; and many other acts, all summoned and manipulated by the dueling clown and ringmaster in the *Greatest Show On Earth*<sup>®</sup>.

Circus-goers' favorite perennial pachyderm presentation, the majestic Asian elephants once again make their grand appearance underscoring Ringling Bros.' unwavering commitment to educate children of all ages about this endangered species. Since 1995, the millions of people who attend our circuses each year support Asian elephant preservation efforts as five percent of tickets purchased funds conservation programs at the *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Center for Elephant Conservation*<sup>®</sup> in Florida. At Ringling Bros., Asian elephants serve as educational ambassadors, allowing *The Greatest Show On Earth* to fund programs that save the species, educate millions and instill a passion for the largest land mammal in generations to come.

**ANIMAL OPEN HOUSE**<sup>SM</sup>  
(90 minutes prior to each show)

Ringling Bros. invites ticket holders to join in the circus experience by getting acquainted with the amazing animals at the **Animal Open House**. Beginning 90 minutes before show time, audience members are invited to get up close to the magnificent multi-ton Asian elephants, marvel at the beautiful Bengal tigers, and see eye-to-eye with the entrancing Andalusian, Arabian, and American Quarter horses featured in the show. The **Animal Open House** is an exceptional opportunity to get close enough for pictures of these extraordinary animals. Visitors can ask questions of the experts who care for the menagerie 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and witness the special bonds that exist between animals and trainers.

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This event is free to all ticket holders, runs for one hour and ends 30 minutes before show time. When the lights go down and the performance starts, audiences will thrill to see the animals they have just met showcasing their power and poise in routines based on their natural skills.

**ALL ACCESS PRE-SHOW**  
(60 minutes prior to each show)

After visiting with the animals behind-the-scenes, ticket holders are invited to jump into the sensational and educational **All Access Pre-show**. Free of charge, ticket holders can mix and mingle with an amalgam of performers—two-legged and four—and attempt the awe-inspiring activities that make the circus come alive. Fabulous photo opportunities abound as family members mingle with Ringling Bros. clowns, glamorous dancers, and acclaimed acrobats. Audience members may also enter a raffle for a chance to win a “mammoth masterpiece” painted by the Picasso of Pachyderms.

The 138<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Greatest Show On Earth* criss-crosses North America on a mile-long train – the longest privately-owned train in the world. This production is one of three *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey* circus units currently touring North America.

For more information on dates and tickets to the 138<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Ringling Bros.*, go to [www.Ringling.com](http://www.Ringling.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:**

**WHAT:** *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey*<sup>®</sup> proudly presents *Over The Top*, an all-new live entertainment extravaganza featuring the ultimate tug of war between Ringmaster Chuck Wagner and clown eccentric Tom Dougherty over a magical top hat that controls the circus. Audiences will see nearly 100 animals including

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flying dogs, Asian Elephants that skip, hop, and groove, miniature horses, llamas, pigs, and even a performing porcupine. In a daring feat, the courageous Daniel Raffo stands eye to eye with a pack of powerful Bengal tigers. Circus celebrities help rev-up the motorcycle madness featuring one cycle on a high wire and seven speeding riders in a Globe of Steel. Extraordinary aerial acts fill the arena sky with a rare double-decker trapeze and the Bombastic Bouncers who combine gigantic inner tubes and awe-inspiring acrobatics in a high-energy performance never before seen in America. And with the audience's participation, this circus really goes *Over the Top!*

### **OAKLAND**

**WHEN:** **Thurs., Aug. 14 – Sun., Aug. 17, 2007**  
Thursday and Friday at 7:30 pm  
Saturday at 11:30 am, 3:30 pm, and 7:30 pm  
Sunday at 1:30pm and 5:30pm

**WHERE:** ORACLE Arena (off I-880 at 66<sup>th</sup> Ave)

**TICKETS:** Tickets (\$15 - upper level; \$25 - lower level; \$40 - VIP; \$60 - Front Row; \$95 - **Circus Celebrity<sup>SM</sup>**) can be obtained by calling **510-625-TIXS (-8497), 707-528-TIXS (-8497), 415-421-TIXS (-8497), 408-998-TIXS (-8497)**; may be purchased online at **[ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)**; or may be purchased in person at the arena box office. Prices do not include ORACLE Arena's 5% facility fee or \$3 club seat charge. Groups of 20 or more can be purchase tickets via **[groupsales@coliseum.com](mailto:groupsales@coliseum.com)** or by phoning **510-383-4581**.

### **SAN JOSE**

**WHEN:** **Wed, Aug. 20 – Sun., Aug. 24, 2007**  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 pm.  
Saturday at 11:30 am, 3:30 pm, and 7:30pm  
Sunday at 1:30pm and 5:30pm

**WHERE:** HP Pavilion at San Jose, 525 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose

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