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The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin, People's Republic of China Makes Its Segerstrom Center Debut in the Breathtaking Production *China Soul*



**September 30, 2017 in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall;
tickets on sale now**

COSTA MESA, CA – One of China's most acclaimed acrobatic troupes, **The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin, People's Republic of China** come to Segerstrom Center for the Arts for the first time with its company of more than 100 performers under the direction of Mrs. Guo Qingli. For their Center debut, the award-winning company will perform its stunning new production: *China Soul*. Certain to delight the whole family, the program is accompanied by traditional Chinese music and features incredible feats of balance, juggling, acrobatics, kung fu and more. *China Soul* will be performed on Saturday, September 30 at 2 and 8 p.m. in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall.

Single tickets start at \$19 and are now available online at www.SCFTA.org, at the Box Office at 600 Town Center Drive in Costa Mesa or by calling (714) 556-2787. For inquiries about group ticket savings for 10 or more, call the Group Services office at (714)755-0236.

The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin, People's Republic of China (Tianjin Acrobatic Troupe) is one of the most acclaimed acrobatic troupes in China, with more than one hundred acrobatic, magical and martial arts performers. With novelty and superior techniques, the acrobatic troupe is favored by the

audiences all over the world. The company was established in 1957 as a combination of the former China Circus & Acrobats that was founded in 1948. The troupe has more than 30 acts, many of which have won prizes in national and international festivals and competitions. *Leather Straps* won the Silver Clown Award and Circus Art Development Association Award at the 13th Monte Carlo International Circus Festival. Double Poles won the Silver Award at the 12th Cirque de Demain Festival held in Paris, France and the Silver Lion Award at the 4th China National Acrobatic Competition. *Air Acrobatics* won the Golden Prize of the 10th Spring of April Friendship Art Festival in North Korea. *One-Hand Handstand* seized the Golden Lion Award of the 4th China National Acrobatic Competition, the Golden Award - the first prize of the Republic President at the 19th Festival of Cirque de Demain in Paris, the Honorary Gold Lion Award and the Artistic Innovation Award at the 5th Wuqiao International Circus Festival. *Contortion with Cups by Three Girls* won the Golden Lion Award at the 4th China National Acrobatic Competition and the Silver Prize with Belgium Royal Circus Special Award at the 8th Belgium Road of Prospect International Young Acrobats Festival. At the First China National Comic Acrobatic Competition, the *Comic Swan Lake* and *Comic Music* received the Gold and Silver Award respectively. *The Jars' Head Juggling* won the Silver awards at the 5th Hungarian Budapest International Circus Festival (2005) and Russian International Circus Festival (2013). In 2015, the *Icarian Tumbling* and *Jumping by 18 acrobats* won the Silver Clown at the 39th Monte Carlo Circus Festival in Monaco and the First Golden Award at the 2nd China International Circus Festival in Zhuhai, China.

The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin, People's Republic of China has been highly praised and warmly welcomed. in France, Japan, Australia, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Iceland, Italy, Israel, South Korea, DPRK, Belgium, Russia and Hong Kong and the United States of America. Many of the company's acts have performed with Ringling and Barnum & Bailey Bros. Circus, Cirque du Soleil, Big Apple Circus, Swiss Knie Bros., National Circus and UniverSoul Circus.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts applauds its corporate partners including Kia Motors America, Official Automotive Partner; United Airlines, Official Airline; and Omaha Steaks International, Official Fine Food Retailer.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is an acclaimed arts institution as well as a beautiful multi-disciplinary cultural campus. It is committed to supporting artistic excellence, offering unsurpassed experiences and to engaging the entire community in new and exciting ways through the unique power of live performance and a diverse array of inspiring arts-based education and community engagement programs.

Previously called the Orange County Performing Arts Center, Segerstrom Center is Orange County's largest non-profit arts organization. In addition to its six performance venues, Segerstrom Center is also home to the American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School.

The Center presents a broad range of programming for audiences of all ages, including international ballet and dance, national tours of top Broadway shows, jazz and cabaret, contemporary artists, classical music performed by renowned chamber orchestras and ensembles, family-friendly programming, free

performances open to the public from outdoor movie screenings to dancing on the plaza and many other special events.

Seegerstrom Center is a leader among the nation's performing arts centers for providing education programs designed to inspire young people through the arts. The Center's programs reach hundreds of thousands of students each year in five Southern California counties. Community engagement programs developed through the Center for Dance and Innovation and Center Without Boundaries also connect the Center more comprehensively with Orange County's many diverse communities. The CDI supports flagship artistic programming and a wide range of projects that celebrate innovation, nurture creativity and engage audiences of the future. It is home to the ABT Gillespie School and the School of Dance and Music for Children with Disabilities. The Center Without Boundaries develops partnerships with non-cultural organizations to help them in their own efforts to respond the ever-changing needs of the community.

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts is also proud to serve as the artistic home to three of the region's major performing arts organizations: **Pacific Symphony**, **Philharmonic Society of Orange County** and **Pacific Chorale**, who contribute greatly to the artistic life of the region with annual seasons performed at Seegerstrom Center for the Arts.

In addition to Seegerstrom Center for the Arts as a presenting and producing institution, it also identifies the beautiful 14-acre campus that embraces the Center's own facilities as well as two independently acclaimed organizations: Tony Award®-winning **South Coast Repertory** and a site designated as the future home of the **Orange County Museum of Art**.



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Program:

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