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Tommy Bartlett Show Takes Audiences on a Wild Ride with Extreme Sports

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. (April 23, 2013) – Action and thrills get top billing as the Tommy Bartlett Show begins its 61st season May 24, its traditional Friday night opening of Memorial Day weekend in Wisconsin Dells. The Show is a 90-minute live extravaganza on water, on stage and high in the sky. Always looking to raise the adrenaline, the Show takes audiences on a wild ride showing off a new-fangled water apparatus called the *FlyBoard* and brings back the *Nerveless Nocks*' heart-pounding motorcycle stunt racing team.

“Coming off our nostalgic 60th anniversary last year, we are really cranking up the action and showing fans that 61 is our new 20,” said Tom Diehl, general manager of Tommy Bartlett, Inc.

The longevity and success of the Show over six decades attracted NBC’s primetime program “Rock Center with Brian Williams” last summer for a feature segment on the more than 650 alumni who had gathered for a reunion. Another new decade of exploits begins this summer. “We’ve got a lot of gutsy stunts wrapped into our 90-minute live water-ski, sky and stage show,” Diehl said.

Sure to turn heads and spark a few “*how-do-they-do-that’s*,” the spectacular new FlyBoard premieres this summer. The new-age water feature is powered by a jet-ski and uses water propulsion to allow a rider to dive in and out of the water like a dolphin. FlyBoard performers strap into the jet-pack-like device which is tethered to the personal watercraft. Using hand controls and body movements, the rider can dive into the water and pop back out again, flying high into the air to perform flips and twists to the delight of audiences.

“The FlyBoard is a fantastic new addition to the Tommy Bartlett Water-Ski Show,” said Diehl. “This will be the first time most people in the Midwest are seeing this unique apparatus in action; it’s just awesome to watch!”

Drawing top water-ski talent from around the country, the Tommy Bartlett Water-skiers leave it all out on the lake with their multitude of fast-paced waterskiing. Audiences are wowed with a mix of trick skiing, including jumps and flips, barefooting, pyramids and more extreme water sports action with wakeboards, jet-skis and air-chair hydrofoil skis, in addition to the new FlyBoard.

On land, the Nerveless Nocks literally rev up the excitement on stage with high-speed motorcycle racing inside the *Globe of Thunder*. The 18-foot-tall steel globe provides the tight confines in which the Nocks race around in circles and even upside down. Among the stunt riders is 15-year-old Cyrus Nock who first debuted in the Globe act on the Bartlett stage nine years ago at age six. At the time, he was considered one of the youngest motorcycle stunt riders in the world. He joins his parents, Michelangelo and Carolina, as they race around inside the globe at up to 60 miles per hour.

“As a ninth generation thrill performer, Cyrus Nock has grown up on the Tommy Bartlett stage. He began as a pint-sized daredevil in the Globe nine years ago and is back now as a teenager showing off his stunt riding skills,” added Diehl.

In a style that may not be as fast or furious, but equally as entertaining, young performers Hunter and Carson Howell also show off their riding skills on the Bartlett stage: unicycle riding, that is. They too have grown up at the Show, featured along with their father, world-class juggler *T.J. Howell*. The boys, now ages 15 and 12, show off their latest tricks, while T.J. dazzles audiences with his spectacular juggling prowess and light-hearted humor.

The menagerie of thrill performers continues as *The Fausto Scorpions* take the stage to kick things up a notch with their fast-paced “risely” foot juggling routine. Using only the power of their legs, Toto, Ember, Stephanie and Sherry balance, spin and propel each other into the air to perform flips and twists, while adding in a bit of humor along the way.

The fun and antics continue each night at 8:30 p.m. with the appearance of classic comedic juggler *Dieter Tasso*. With his unique, subtle brand of humor and distinct juggling and balancing act, Dieter echoes, “You Like it, I Do it Again!” as he balances tea cups and top hats on his head, feet and nose. Dieter remains an audience favorite with more than 30 collective years on the Bartlett stage.

At night, all eyes turn to the sky for the spectacular flight of our lighted hang-glider kite. Our daring pilot is catapulted by speedboat from the stage to a height of 700 feet; the tow line is released and our performer skillfully glides back down to the very spot from which he launched.

The evening Show is capped off with a Grand Finale featuring a colorful Entrancing Waters fountain display set to a patriotic musical score.

The Tommy Bartlett Show is one of Wisconsin’s most-beloved classic attractions. Generations of families have enjoyed a visit to the Show each summer during their Wisconsin Dells vacations. The Tommy Bartlett Show runs daily, rain or shine, at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend (May 24 – Sept. 1; May 24, 8:30 p.m. Show only). General admission tickets (tax not included) are \$21 for adults, \$16.80 for seniors and \$11 for children ages 6 to 11. Children five and younger are free if they sit on an adult’s lap. Reserved seating for the 8:30 p.m. Show is available at an additional cost. For more information, please call (608) 254-2525 or visit tommybartlett.com.

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