

Cal Performances Presents

Friday, November 3, 2006, 8pm
Saturday, November 4, 2006, 2pm
Saturday, November 4, 2006, 8pm
Sunday, November 5, 2006, 8pm
Zellerbach Hall

The Moscow Circus Internationale

Created by Sasha Vosk



with

Toropov Sergey Olga & Sergey Legenda Igor, Tatyana &
George Aristov Alexander Streltsov Natalya Tarabrina
Kateryna Kornyeva Irina & Vladimir Plugatar

The US Tour of The Moscow Circus Internationale™ was booked by Paul Lohr, New Frontier Touring.

*The Moscow Circus Internationale™ is produced by Global Entertainment Productions, Ltd.,
Sasha and Lena Vosk, producers.*

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ACT I

Folk Fair Overture

Music Folk tunes, remixed
Performers The Company

Snowy Romance

Music Compilation of Russian and English tunes
Performers Olga and Sergey Legenda

Juggling for Two

Music Circus tunes
Performers Igor and Tatyana Aristov

Peoples' Orchestra

Music Folk tunes
Performers Clowns: Irina and Vladimir Plugatar
Natalya Tarabrina

Czarina's Caprice

Music Buch, Daken
Performers Kateryna Kornyeva

Moon Keeper

Music Alexey Yakovel
Performers Sergey Toropov

Clowns' Egg-Basket

Music Compilation of Russian popular tunes
Performers Clowns: Irina and Vladimir Plugatar

Rugg Doll

Music Circus tunes
Performers Igor, Tatyana and George Aristov

Love's in the Air

Music Band "Era"
Performers Olga and Sergey Legenda

Movie Shoot

Music Compilation of Russian popular tunes
Performers Clowns: Irina and Vladimir Plugatar

INTERMISSION

ACT II

Murmaid

Music Alexey Yakovel
Performers Kateryna Kornyeva

Bells Rule

Performers Clowns: Irina and Vladimir Plugatar

Hula-Hoops

Music Alexey Yakovel
Performers Olga Legenda

Father and Son

Music Circus tunes
Performers Igor and George Aristov

Clowning Around

Music Folk tunes
Performers The Clowns: Irina and Vladimir Plugatar

Romancing Clouds

Music Doga
Performers Sasha Streltsov

Finale

Music Folk tunes, remixed
Performers The Company

Producer and Artistic Director Sasha Vosk
Co-Producer Lena Vosk
Executive Producer Daniel Miller
Costume Design Julia Jivoglazova
Music Composition and Recording Alexey Yakovel
Aerial Rigging Supervisor/Safety Inspector Natalya Tarabrina
Lighting Susan Rose
Set Design Sasha Vosk
Human Puppet Design and Construction Alexey and Nina Krutiporoch
Story Sasha Vosk
Production and Stage Manager David Horton
Head Rigger and Carpenter Sean S. Hulbert

About the Artists



Hand Balancing

Sergey Toropov was born in Arhangelsk and began his professional career with the Moscow Circus in 1995 after graduating from the State College of Circus in Moscow. He performed his gravity-defying hand-balancing act all over Russia, appearing at some of the best known Russian venues, such as St. Petersburg's Music Hall and Nikulin's Old Moscow Circus. His foreign engagements include a three-year contract with the Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and extended tours of South Korea, Belgium and Canada.

Acrobatic and Aerial Duo

Olga Legenda was born in Toroza, Ukraine. She began her circus training at age of seven; her mother, a director of the Circus Studio "Hope," introduced her to the art of Circus. The training she received there make her a very versatile performer, equally strong in three different genres: acrobatic duo, aerial silks and hula-hoops. She has earned gold and silver medals in major competitions in both Russia and Ukraine.

A native of city Snejnoe, Ukraine, **Sergey Legenda** has been involved in the circus since 1996, when he teamed up with Olga.

About the Artists

The couple's big break came in 2004 in Kiev, Ukraine, where they won a Grand Prize in the country's toughest competition, "Young Circus of Ukraine." Many international tours followed, including a very successful engagement in Dollywood, Tennessee.

Aerial Ring and Equilibrium

Katerina Kornyeva was born in Voznesenovka, Russia in 1989. In 1997, she started her circus education at a local circus studio. Her talent and drive paid off two years later, when she made the Ukraine State Circus's touring team and joined the Palduson Company. In 2001, she received a top award at Ukraine's Pontiy's Arena. Although very young, she matured as a performer with the Moscow Circus, joining them on international tours of China, Italy and the United States. In 2006, Katerina won gold prize at the all-Russian circus festival, "Young Talents."

Aerial Silks

Alexander Streltsov, better known as "Sasha," grew up in Moscow, Russia. His father, Andre, a circus performer himself, started Sasha in gymnastics at the age of five, followed by training in the aerial acrobatic "strap act." In 1991, at age 12, Sasha made his debut on the international stage in Paris, winning a gold medal from the prestigious Festival Mondial du Cirque de L'Avenir. Many tours in Europe and in North and South America followed. In the United States, Sasha performed with such companies as the Moscow Circus/Cirk Valentin and Neil Goldberg's Cirque, and appeared in numerous television specials, including ABC's *Christopher Reeve: A Celebration of Hope* and the PBS Valentine's Day special, *Love Is in the Air*, where his performance was accompanied by Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. Sasha's performance is characterized by a combination of natural strength, artistic expression and grace.

Juggling, Rug Doll, Hand-to-Hand

Igor Aristov was born in Chelyabinsk, Russia. In 1982, Igor graduated from the Moscow State Circus College. During his 12 years touring experience as an acrobat with the Moscow Circus, he entertained audiences in Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. In 1985, his act was awarded a rare trophy for the best circus act at the International Youth Festival in Moscow.

Tatiana Aristov, born in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. Tatiana joined Igor's act in 1992, when the couple moved to Toronto, Canada.

Along with their 13-year-old son **George**, who started his training at the age of three, this team is one of the busiest circus families performing in North America. Some of the circuses with which they have been involved include Garden Bros. Circus, Circus Maximus, the Giant Holiday Circus, Reid Bros. Circus, Yankee Doodle Circus, Cirque Leonardo and Famous Cole Indoor Circus.

Clowns

A native of Kursk, Russia, **Vladimir Plugatar** has been involved in the circus since the age of 12, learning the art of juggling, musical parody, equilibrium, magic and acrobatics. A graduate of the State College of Circus and Variety Arts, Moscow, he began his professional career in the Moscow Circus in 1986 as a clown and musical acrobat. He has participated in tours across England, Finland, Cypress, South Korea, the Czech Republic and Italy.

Born in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, Russia, **Irina Plugatar** joined her husband to create a circus team, Musical Eccentrics. Vladimir & Irina, a multi-genre clown team, has performed in front of audiences around the world, amusing children and adults alike.