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**THE AUDACIOUS GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS RETURN
TO ZELLERBACH HALL FOR A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
ENGAGEMENT FRIDAY–SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28–30**

SchoolTime: Special one-hour performance for students Monday, December 1 at 11:00 a.m.

BERKELEY, October 15, 2008—Celebrating 30 years of touring in the United States, the award-winning **Golden Dragon Acrobats** return to Zellerbach Hall **Friday, November 28 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m.** Founder and director **Danny Chang**, along with choreographer/costume designer **Angela Chang**, creates “colorful ways to use [the troupe’s] skills and take advantage of their apparent total lack of fear” says *The New York Times*. The Golden Dragon Acrobats combine astounding acrobatics with theatrical techniques and Chinese traditional dance featuring contortionists, tumblers and jugglers in breathtaking acts like the bicycle pagoda and the traditional Chinese Lion Dance. “Accompanied by a musical score of traditional Chinese music filtered through a New Age sensibility” (*The New York Post*), the engagement promises to be a tasty holiday treat for the eyes, ears and nerves.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will give a *SchoolTime* performance for Bay Area students Monday, December 1 at 11:00 a.m. in Zellerbach Hall. Tickets available in advance only.

Touring the United States continuously since 1978, the Golden Dragon Acrobats hail from Cangzhou, Hebei province, in the People’s Republic of China. Its 25 members are athletes, actors and artists who have studied and trained for their craft since early childhood. The group has performed in all 50 states and in over 65 countries around the world. The Golden Dragon Acrobat troupe had its Broadway debut at the New Victory Theater in 2005, and was nominated for two Drama Desk Awards for the performance. Danny Chang is one of the world’s leading promoters of Chinese acrobatics. He began his training at the age of eight with his family’s acrobatic school in Taipei, and began performing with the Golden Dragon Acrobats at age ten.

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He is the recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Medal for International Faith and Goodwill by the Republic of China's Coordination Council for North American Affairs.

The longest-running folk art form in history, the Chinese acrobatic tradition dates back more than two thousand years. Chinese acrobatics originated from movements and props common in the everyday life of working people, which later evolved into a form of performance. Eventually, acrobatic performances caught the attention of emperors, leading to the popularization of the art form. Thousands of years later, this ancient art lives on as an example of the rich cultural traditions of China.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for **Golden Dragon Acrobats** at Cal Performances, **Friday, November 28 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m.** in Zellerbach Hall are priced at **\$24.00, \$34.00 and \$46.00**; All Golden Dragon Acrobats performances are *Family Fare* events: children 16 and under receive a 50% discount. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5 discount (Special Events excluded). For more information, call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988 or visit the Cal Performances web site at www.calperformances.org.

For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior and community rush tickets. Rush tickets are announced two hours prior to a performance and are available in person only at the Ticket Office beginning one hour before the performance; quantities may be limited. Rush ticket sales are limited to one ticket per person; all sales are cash only. Rush ticket prices are \$10.00 for UCB students; \$15.00 for UCB faculty and staff (UCB ID required) and seniors age 65 or older; and \$20 for all other community members. Information is available at (510) 642-9988, press 2 for the rush hotline, two hours prior to a performance only.

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CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

Friday, November 28 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus

Bancroft Way at Telegraph, Berkeley

World Stage

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Program: Just in time for the Thanksgiving weekend, the Golden Dragon Acrobats return to Zellerbach Hall with award-winning Chinese acrobatics, traditional dance, ancient and contemporary music and vibrant costumes.

Tickets: \$24.00, \$34.00 and \$46.00, available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Children 16 and under receive a 50% discount on all performances.

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Monday, December 1 at 11:00 a.m.

SCHOOLTIME PERFORMANCE

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley

Bancroft Way at Telegraph, Berkeley

World Stage

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Program: The Golden Dragon Acrobats presents a special one-hour performance for school children.

Tickets: \$4.00 per student or adult chaperone, available in advance only through Cal Performances at (510) 642-1082. *SchoolTime* performances are open to students in kindergarten through grade 12 in Bay Area public and private schools. Supplemental study guides for the classroom are provided. For more information about the *SchoolTime* program, contact the *SchoolTime* coordinator at Cal Performances by email at eduprograms@calperfs.berkeley.edu or by phone at (510) 642-0212.

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