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**THE NATIONAL ACROBATS OF CHINA BRINGS MAGIC AND  
WONDER TO CAL PERFORMANCES' ZELLERBACH HALL  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 & 18**

*SchoolTime*: Special One-hour Performance for Students Tuesday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m.

**BERKELEY, December 2, 2008**—The award-winning **National Acrobats of China** takes the stage **Saturday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m.** at Zellerbach Hall. Direct from China, and under the direction of **Gui Zhongshan**, this troupe of thirty-five performers has dazzled audiences worldwide for more than fifty years. Objects of daily life—chairs, tables, poles, ladders, bowls, plates, bottles, and jars—are often used for props as the troupe performs mesmerizing acts of acrobatics, contortionism, martial arts, drumming, dance and all-out awe. The company's excellence has won twenty international awards, including the Silver Award at the Moscow International Circus Festival in August 2007.

The National Acrobats of China will give a *SchoolTime* performance for Bay Area students Tuesday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m. in Zellerbach Hall. Tickets available in advance only.

The National Acrobats of China was founded in 1956. Since the 1980s, the troupe has won numerous gold, silver and copper awards for juggling, cycling and acrobatics. In the 1990s, its "Benches Juggling with Feet" act won the Silver Award during the second China National Acrobatic Competition and the Copper Award at the Italy International Acrobatics Art Festival. Also during that time, "Clownish Straw Hats" won the Copper Lion Prize at the Wuqiao International Art Festival. The company has enthralled audiences in over thirty countries around the globe, touring for approximately seven months out of each year. Tours include performances in the Caribbean, Indonesia and Europe and cities from Amsterdam to Zurich. Other international circuses and troupes often adopt the company's acts, in particular, "Cycling Stunts," "Plates Spinning," "Aerial Silk" and "Icarian Boys."

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### TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the **National Acrobats of China** on **Saturday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m.** in **Zellerbach Hall** are priced at **\$24.00, \$34.00** and **\$46.00**; All National Acrobats of China 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](http://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](http://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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**CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

**CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS**

**Saturday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**      **Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus**  
**Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m.**                      Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

*World Stage*

**National Acrobats of China**

**Program:** Founded more than 50 years ago, the National Acrobats of China display virtuosic feats of gymnastics, contortionism, martial arts, drumming and dance.

**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](http://www.calperformances.org); and at the door. Children 16 and under receive a 50% discount on all performances.

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**Tuesday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**SCHOOLTIME PERFORMANCE**

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus**  
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

*World Stage*

**National Acrobats of China**

**Program:** The National Acrobats of China 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](mailto:eduprograms@calperfs.berkeley.edu) or by phone at (510) 642-0212.

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