



**THE 2009 EDITION OF
THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
RETURNS TO ATLANTA'S FABULOUS FOX THEATRE
NOVEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 6, 2009**

**The World Famous Radio City Rockettes to star in
35 performances of America's favorite holiday show!**

Atlanta – The World Famous Radio City Rockettes will star in *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* as the beloved holiday production returns to Atlanta's Fabulous Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree Street NE, this year. In 2001, *The Christmas Spectacular* debuted at the Fabulous Fox Theatre to rave reviews and box office sales records and then returned in 2005 due to popular demand. Now the theatrical classic is making a return engagement for this year's 2009 holiday season and will play the Fox Theatre from November 19 through December 6, 2009 for 35 dazzling performances. *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* is also part of the Theater of the Stars 2008-2009 subscription series and replaces *TARZAN*.

The Christmas Spectacular is exactly that...a spectacular. A cast and crew of nearly 100 people will return to Atlanta this season to deliver a holiday show experience like never before. *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* is sure to give audiences holiday memories to last a lifetime. Children of all ages will be enchanted by live holiday entertainment as teddy bears dance, wooden soldiers come to life, reindeer fly, Santa and his elves prepare for their biggest night of the year, and the Radio City Rockettes perform their fancy footwork and eye-high kicks.

The New York Times says, "BRILLIANT! It lifts the spirit and spreads warmth, joy and good will!"

The Atlanta Journal Constitution says "This production is the supreme manifestation of every sugar-plum fantasy you could ever imagine...A slice of pure Americana!"

“*The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* is a holiday tradition for millions of families across the country,” said Jonathan Hochwald, EVP Productions, MSG Entertainment. “We realize that not everyone can come to New York for Christmas, so we’ll bring Christmas to you.”

Those who may have glowing memories of the famed New York production of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* will be thrilled to see the energy and excitement of this holiday tradition as it returns to Atlanta. Famed dance numbers featured in this production include “The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers” and “The Living Nativity,” both of which have been performed in *The Christmas Spectacular* since it debuted in 1933. In addition to the traditional favorites, the stage will come alive with newer scenes that will amaze audiences including “The 12 Days of Christmas,” a sizzling Rockette tap number, and “Christmas in New York,” a high-kicking Rockette number direct from the stage of New York City. *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* offers audiences non-stop excitement from the first notes of the overture until the curtain falls.

“We are delighted to partner with the Fabulous Fox Theatre to bring back this dazzling extravaganza cherished by audiences of all ages,” states Christopher B. Manos, Producer of Theater of the Stars. “If you have not seen this incredible show live, I encourage you to bring your family this year and experience the magic and the majesty of the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* starring the world famous Rockettes!”

“The Fox Theatre is one of Atlanta’s favorite holiday traditions and we can’t think of a better way to kick off the season than with the amazing *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*,” said Allan C. Vella, General Manager of the Fox Theatre. “This production is made for the Fox since it takes full advantage of our wonderful historic theatre.”

In 1994, due to popular demand, MSG Entertainment (MSGE) broadened the beloved holiday theatrical production’s schedule for the first time to encompass markets outside of New York, while running simultaneously with the New York production. Since then, *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* has been performed in many cities across North America including Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Ft. Lauderdale, Denver, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Seattle, Nashville, Phoenix and many more. In 2008 alone, *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* was enjoyed by

more than 2 million people. In its 15-year combined history outside of New York, as well as the production at Radio City Music Hall, the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* has played to more than 67 million people in 42 different cities. In 2008, MSGE debuted the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* Arena Tour to critical acclaim, visiting 18 cities nationwide including Austin, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Houston, Oklahoma City, Little Rock and many more.

For more than three quarters of a century, the Radio City Rockettes have entertained millions of families with their eye-high kicks and unparalleled precision dance. The Rockettes are an American treasure and their performances feature unparalleled glamour and thrilling and complex choreography. The world's most famous precision dance troupe has been a legendary force in entertainment, with a history rich in skill and dedication to their craft. The dance troupe first kicked to life in 1925 as the "Missouri Rockets" and made their show business debut in St. Louis, the realization of a long-time dream of their creator, Russell Markert. Since their inception, the Rockettes have strutted their way into the hearts of millions and have made *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* a staple of holiday magic.

The Radio City Rockettes perform with a signature precision that perpetually delights every new audience. Indeed, these "dancing daughters" – as their founder, Russell Markert always referred to them – have not only persevered for more than 80 years, but are thriving now more than ever.

Ticket Information

Individual tickets are on sale now by calling Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000, or visiting the Fox Theatre Box Office, or on line @ www.ticketmaster.com for 35 performances of *the Radio City Christmas Spectacular*, returning to Atlanta this holiday season at the Fox Theatre, November 19 – December 6, 2009. Groups of 15 or more will receive a 10% discount and may also reserve tickets by contacting the Fox Theatre at (404) 881-2000. Single ticket prices will range from \$25.50 to \$65.50.

MSG Entertainment (MSGE), the live entertainment arm of Cablevision Systems Corporations, is a worldwide entertainment company recognized for its signature combination of event production and entertainment marketing. In addition to the nearly 700 entertainment concerts and events that take place each year at Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden, The WaMu Theater at Madison Square Garden, The Beacon Theatre and The Chicago Theatre, MSGE has recently signed an exclusive co-booking agreement with Boston's Citi Performing Arts Center/ Wang Theatre. MSG Entertainment's live events include *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*, which includes the national arena tour and the theatrical tour, which has played to more than 67 million people in 42 cities. More than five and a half million people attend MSG Entertainment branded events annually including concerts, special events, and family attractions.

The Fox Theatre is one of Atlanta's premiere venues for live entertainment. The Fox's 4,674 seat theatre is booked more than 300 performances out of the year. An impressive range of events from Broadway to concerts to operas, ballets and movies continue to attract over 750,000 visitors per year. In addition, The Fox is host to wedding receptions, trade shows, corporate meetings and association functions in its fabulous ballrooms, lounge and outdoor terrace. As a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit arts organization, the Fox Theatre stands today as a fiercely protected National Historic Landmark and a nationally acclaimed theater, and it proudly celebrates its 80th year in 2009. Tickets for all events are available at The Fox Theatre box office or for group sales information contact The Fox Theatre at (404) 881-2000, or visit The Fox Theatre website at www.foxtheatre.org. The Fox Theatre is located at 660 Peachtree Street NE.

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