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## New Shanghai Circus Brings Awe-Inspiring Acrobatics to Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

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Founded in 1951 as the Shanghai Acrobatic Theatre, the New Shanghai Circus to date has won more gold, silver and bronze medals in domestic and international circus competitions than any other Chinese acrobatic company. Polished to perfection, the troupe's singular skills are rooted in the everyday lives of the village peasants, farmers and craftsmen of the Han Dynasty, with traditions dating back to 700 B.C. Today, only a few descendants of the famous old acrobatics families remain, but there are more than 120 modern, professional acrobatic troupes across China.

## On stage at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, the New Shanghai Circus is:

- Presented as a full-length show on Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m., tickets are \$35 and \$40.
- Presented in an abbreviated version as a Smart Stage Matinee on Monday,
  February 29 at 10 and 11:30 a.m., tickets are \$12 for groups of 10 or more and
  \$13 for individual tickets, with \$3 lap seats for infants 12 months or younger.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>aventuracenter.org</u>; by phone at 877-311-7469; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation on Twitter at #aventuracenter.

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