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The Colorful Hat Brings the Magic of Cirque to Pike Performing Arts Center

Trading the Big top for the Theatre, the Colorful Hat brings Cirque style aerialists and acrobats, juggling, live music and comedy in a dazzling new production that the whole family will love. As a classic theatre sits empty, a curious lone cleaning lady prepares it for a new production. As she wanders backstage she recalls the glory days of theatre when stars like Judy Garland, Mae West and others graced our country's great stages. Little does she know that a magical colorful hat is about to take her on an exciting journey filled with adventure and fun!

Stars of the show are identical twins Elsie Smith and Serenity Smith Forchion who specialize in aerial acrobatics. Their performing career has included a 4-year tour with Cirque du Soleil's production "Saltimbanco." During the Colorful Hat they will present their newest creation; a double trapeze act entitled "Dos Chicas." This act was featured in the juried Wuqiao International Circus Festival in China in October of 2007 and again in May of 2008 at the International Circus Festival in Barcelona Spain where it won a bronze medal! Serenity's Husband Bill Forchion, also formerly with Cirque du Soleil, is a stunt man whose work has appeared in a number of films including The Polar Express. Serenity and Bill perform a partner acrobatics act during the Colorful Hat where they attempt to illustrate the many ups and downs of love (including a wife who stands on her husband's head!).

The show also stars actress, singer, impressionist and comedienne Connie Freeman Prince. Starting in 2004, Connie became "Miss Lillian" at Miss Lillian's Chicken House in Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN where she entertains thousands of "Chickenettes" each week! She "flew the coop" just for these unique engagements with the "Colorful Hat," to live everyone's childhood dream to 'run away and join the circus' through the theatrical fun of these special shows! From the female lead in the Ray Stevens movie, 'Get Serious', to playing a 'Judy' look-alike in the film "Finding Graceland" with Harvey Keitel and Bridget Fonda, to numerous TV and radio commercials, her growing career has taken her from headlining in Tokyo, Japan, to Walt Disney World and Opryland Productions, including "The Game Show" with Bob Eubanks.

The Colorful Hat lasts approximately 2 hours including intermission and is enjoyed by members of the entire family. The show will be presented one night only on Friday July 25th at 7:00p.m. at the Pike Performing Arts Center located on 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis IN. The Center is fully handicap accessible. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors, and All Kids Tickets are only \$5! Tickets may be purchased online at www.pikepac.org or by calling (317) 216-5455. For more information please visit: www.colorfulhat.com