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**THE SHRINE CIRCUS HEADS TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER THIS SPRING**

***6 Spectacular Shows of Circus Excitement  
March 25-27, 2011 at the Special Events Center, Garland, Tx.***

(Dallas, TX) August 10, 2010 – World class circus fun and endless excitement will come to Garland, for one dazzling weekend as the Hella Shrine Circus performs an amazing show for families and children of all ages. The Special Events Center will be bursting with the dynamic sights, sounds, smells and family fun found only at the circus!

Roger Carney, Assistant Rabban of Hella Shriners and the 2011 Circus Chairman commented on the excitement of bringing the circus to the Special Events Center. "The Special Events Center is a magnificent facility and we think it's a perfect venue for our family entertainment event. We're neighbors with the Special Events Center and the Shriners are very excited about bringing our circus to Garland as a part of our 2011 Tour." According to Carney, the new circus is the "best Shrine Circus" to ever come to the Metroplex. "The Shrine Circus is a family tradition and we are happy to open a new chapter for the circus with the Special Events Center," said Carney.

The 2011 circus features performers from more than 15 countries alongside the most talented performing animals in the world today. The Shrine Circus will bring smiles and thrills to young and old alike as the most original form of family entertainment, the circus, comes to town.

"We are thrilled to be the host facility for the Shrine Circus this spring," said John Wilborn, General Manager of the Special Events Center. "This is a great event for a great cause and we know Garland and the surrounding suburbs will enjoy this production."

The Shrine Circus is organized and produced by the Hella Shriners, the well known fraternal organization whose members are easily recognized by their bright and noticeable red fezes. The Shrine Circus is a major fundraiser for the fraternal operations of the Hella Shriners. With the help of sponsors, thousands of children from throughout the Metroplex who would otherwise not be able to attend will be hosted at the event.

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All new lighting and sound will dazzle the audiences, putting the spotlight on some of the most amazing circus acts to ever come to Dallas, including:

- ❖ Brunon Blaszac's Bengal Tigers
- ❖ The Espana Motorcycle Madness – Daredevil, high wire act from Mexico City
- ❖ The Beautiful Mansi – Fabled Feminine Contortionist
- ❖ Lloyds Giant Sheepdogs
- ❖ And Broadway Bo! The largest performing elephant on the planet!

**The Shrine Circus is the only interactive circus in the world!** Audience members are allowed into the circus rings before, during intermission and after the show. Guests get to meet the performers up close, play games, and even get a chance to ride the elephants and ponies.

**About Our Hosts:** The Shrine Circus is organized as a non-profit fundraiser by Hella Shrine Temple, 2121 Rowlett Road, Garland, Tx 75043. Net proceeds are for the benefit of Hella Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions. The Shrine Circus is produced in cooperation with Agente Entertainment, Inc. and George Carden Circus International, Inc.

### **The Special Events Center**

Since opening in 2005, the Special Events Center brings together more than 500,000 people a year to enjoy events including graduations, concerts, performances, athletic competitions, tradeshows, corporate meetings, weddings, reunions, church services and other social and community gatherings. Owned by the Garland Independent School District, the center was built to host graduations and other school district events while providing the community of Garland a first-class facility which hosts a variety of events and has a significant economic impact for the area. Located off of State Highway 190, just east of Central Expressway, the facility is conveniently located for residents in Dallas and some of the largest suburbs in the Metroplex. *For additional information about the Special Events Center call (972) 487-4700 or visit our website at [www.specialeventscenter.com](http://www.specialeventscenter.com) .*

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