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MEDIA RELEASE

**Calgary Stampede and GlobalFest partner to present
International Pavilion
The Peking Acrobats headline in the Big Four Building**

Calgary – In just over a month, the Big Four Building will be transformed into the new International Pavilion at the 2016 Calgary Stampede. Together with new community partner, GlobalFest, the Stampede is celebrating the amazing ethno-cultural dynamic that our city has to offer.

The rich and diverse cultural make up of Calgary and the communities in which we live can be experienced through music, performances, cultural displays, food and drinks. Performances from the high-flying, breathtaking Peking Acrobats, shopping at the International Street Market, flavours from around the world at The Range International Food Market and entertainment at the Cultural Community Stage are all included with your Stampede Park admission.

“We are so excited for this new programming and international theme, along with the community partnership with GlobalFest, to bring a new vibrancy to Stampede,” says Allison Wright, midway programming manager with the Stampede.

“Over the past 20 years the face of Calgary has changed. Increasingly we’ve become a Global city with people from all over the world calling Calgary home; the western heritage, the new frontier,” says Ken Goosen, producer with GlobalFest.

Headlining at the International Theatre and celebrating their 30th Anniversary Tour, The Peking Acrobats travel the world and hold their reputation as world class performers. They have sold out crowds at some of North America’s most recognized venues. Over 44,000 tickets were sold in just three performances at the Hollywood Bowl. They also earned the Guinness World Record for tallest human chair stack when they balanced six people on seven chairs to reach 21 feet with no safety lines. The Calgary Herald named The Peking Acrobats the No. 1 attraction of the 2014 Stampede and are sure to wow again.

Performing in the upper level of the Big Four Building, The Peking Acrobats is free with Stampede Park admission. Show times for July 8, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17 are at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., while you can catch the Acrobats on July 9, 10, 13 and 16 at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Venture from The Peking Acrobats to the International Street Market, also located in the upper level of the Big Four Building, and discover unique treasures that reflect the essence of our city’s cultural infusion.

Fourteen of GlobalFest’s OneWorld cultural partners will be showcasing their artistry within the International Street Market and on the Cultural Community Stage. Cultural Community Stage performances will run alternating from The Peking Acrobats, allowing guests to marvel at talent from around the globe and within our own community.

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Families will catch a travel bug while playing in the Play-Port. In this new airport themed play area, imaginations will soar as kids reach cruising altitudes in the Plasma Cars and climb to new heights in the play structure. Also, parents can sit back and relax in the Play-Port lounge area.

The upper level of the Big Four Building is the place to be for play and spectacles, while the lower level is a cultural foodie's dream.

Arguably one of the best places to beat the heat during Stampede time, the food options in the lower level of the Big Four Building will make you feel like you can teleport to any part of the world. The Range International Food Market features 15 incredible concepts including local favourites Holy Smoke BBQ, Wonton King and Anejo Taco Shack. In addition, guests can quench their thirst at The Big Four Station, showcasing a lineup of 20 import and domestic beers, along with 20 globally-inspired flavours of wings.

International Pavilion Breakdown:

- Upper level:
 - International Theatre: featuring The Peking Acrobats
 - International Street Market
 - Cultural Community Stage: presented by our Community Partner, GlobalFest
 - Play-Port
 - Win! two tickets to any WestJet destination
- Lower Level:
 - The Range International Food Market
 - The Big Four Station (craft beer)
 - Win! railway travel experience
 - Palm Bay Tiki Hut

This year's Stampede is July 8-17, 2016. For more information please visit calgarystampede.com.

About the Calgary Stampede

The Calgary Stampede celebrates the people, the animals, the land, the traditions and the values that make up the unique spirit of the west. The Calgary Stampede contributes to the quality of life in Calgary and southern Alberta through our world-renowned Stampede, year-round facilities, western events and several youth and agriculture programs. Exemplifying the theme We're Greatest Together; we are a volunteer-supported, not-for-profit community organization that preserves and promotes western heritage and values. All revenue is reinvested into Calgary Stampede programs and facilities.

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