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Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey ® Hometown Edition Plays at the Florence Civic Center July 7-11

Florence, SC. June 25 – A spectacular circus experience is coming to the Florence Civic Center for seven great performances! The all new Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey ® Hometown Edition will open on Wednesday, July 7 and play through Sunday, July 11. From the producers of the Greatest Show On Earth ®, the Hometown Edition is a third touring unit of the famous 134-year-old circus and is designed to bring the audience closer to the entertainment action than ever before.

Each performance features an All-Access Preshow, where ticket holders can arrive one hour prior to the main performance and meet the performers, up close and personal. For no additional charge, anyone with a ticket to that day's show can pose for pictures with the extreme Espana family next to the skywheel, arm-wrestle with Hungarian strongman, Herkules and his 26-inch biceps, and wander through the circus' backstage animal habitat. The Preshow is sponsored by WDAR-FM, WEGX-FM and WPDE-TV Channel 15.

During the show, you'll thrill to the wonderful performing elephants and horses jumping through fire rings, hold your breath as the thrilling Espana brothers defy gravity with their airborne acrobatics and cheat death on speeding motor-cycles! Your perception of reality will be twisted by the extraordinary contortions of the mesmerizing Sapo! You'll marvel at the aerial artistry of Vivien Espana and the high-flying Tabares family. It's truly "A Legend in your own Backyard" at the Florence Civic Center.

You'll also want to see the famous "Elephant Brunch" on Thursday, July 8 at 10 am. Watch as the circus elephants enjoy a fun-filled meal of lettuce, carrots and other fresh favorites at the Florence Civic Center.

Regular performances are: **Opening Night, Wednesday, July 7** – 7 pm, all tickets \$11.00 (except front row and VIP seats), courtesy of WBTW-News Channel 13; **Kid's Discount Night, Thursday, July 8** – 7 pm, all tickets for kids 2-12 years \$7.00 (except front row and VIP seats), courtesy of WHLZ-FM, WMXT-FM and Sonic Drive In; **Friday, July 9** – 7 pm; **Saturday, July 10** - 11 am, 3 pm and 7 pm; and **Sunday, July 11** – 2 pm.

Tickets are \$12.00-\$27.00 and VIP floor seats are available. All seats are reserved and available at www.Ringling.com, the Florence Civic Center box office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone call 843-679-9333. Special discounts are available for groups of 15 or more persons. Call the Civic Center for information.

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Photo Attachment: Elephants from "The Greatest Show On Earth!"

