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Lazer Vaudeville Brings its Amazing Mix of Lasers, Juggling, Magic and Comedy to Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – Celebrate the last few days of Summer with a show full of dazzling lasers, mind-boggling illusions and magical wizardry when Lazer Vaudeville comes to Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse on Saturday, September 15th. Tickets are available for two engagements at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., priced at \$20, \$18 for seniors and \$16 for youth. (Ticket service fees apply).

"I can assure you this is like nothing you've ever seen," said Victoria Gardens Cultural Center Cultural Arts Supervisor Susan Sluka. "Not only is Lazer Vaudeville hilarious, you won't be able to take your eyes off the stage."

Lazer Vaudeville Troupe - With the aim of presenting "clean, classy fun for the entire family," the Colorado-based Lazer Vaudeville troupe was founded in 1987, offering a unique combination of high-tech special effects and traditional vaudeville. With a seven-foot tall fluorescent, fire-breathing dragon serving as master of ceremonies, a mystical cast of characters draws the audience through a journey filled with incredible juggling, black-light illusions, acrobatics, madcap comedy and audience participation. Throughout the show, troupe founder Carter Brown, along with Cindy Marvell and Nicholas Flair, showcase the art of indoor kite flying, juggling with chainsaws, pinwheel illusions and hoop rolling, in which ten rolling hoops

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circle the stage around the juggler's body. "The kind of juggling we do blows away everybody's concept of what juggling is about," Brown has said.

All three share circus roots. Born into a theatrical family, Brown graduated from Ringling Bros. Clown College and led the University of Vermont's mime troupe before perfecting his solo juggling act with Carden International Circus and the Monte Carlo Festival du Cirque. A native New Yorker and graduate of both Oberlin College and the Antic Arts Academy at SUNY Purchase, Marvell was the first woman ever to win the International Jugglers' Association Championships. She has toured with San Francisco's Pickle Family Circus, collaborated with modern dance companies in New York and performed on PBS specials, including *Sesame Street's 25th Anniversary* and *Children and the Bomb*. Renowned for his prowess with physical comedy, Nicholas Flair founded the Out of Hand Juggling Club at Brown University, trained at the National Circus School of Montreal, and has performed with the Metropolitan Opera, New York Theater Ballet and variety theater shows in Madison Square Garden and Times Square.

The trio's creative mix of skill and buffoonery is set to the music of composer Jesse Manno, who mixed electronic sound with the traditional tones of the Turkish guitar, Macedonian tambura, Greek bouzouki, Australian didjeridu and Irish fiddle. Together, Lazer Vaudeville has performed at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and was featured in the PBS special *Juggling Work and Family* and *Center Stage* at the Paramount Theatre in Austin, Texas. International tours have included theater festivals in England, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Bermuda and Saudi Arabia.

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the three-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex, at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, is conveniently located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Sunday through Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with free parking available. For the full season line-up or to purchase tickets on-line, patrons can visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com or call (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

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