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## **Elitch Gardens Adds New Live Entertainment and Extends Free Concert Series**

*Three new shows and 14 concerts included with admission*

### **2009 Season Starts April 25th**

Denver --- Elitch Gardens Theme Park is setting the stage, you be the star! Living up to the long-standing tradition of presenting world-class live entertainment, Elitch Gardens will be bringing its guests new live stage shows that are sure to please every member of the family. In its second season, the Summer Concert Series will be extended to include Saturdays in May, making it fourteen Saturdays of rockin' good times! The 2009 season at Elitch Gardens will make 'staycations' into a summer long event, providing affordable family fun right in Denver's own backyard!

#### **Bob the Builder, Live at Elitch Gardens!**

New in Startoon Studios! Join *Bob the Builder* and two members of his *Can-Do* crew as they call on the assistance of the builders in the audience for a very special project! With a little singing, dancing, building, and a whole lot of fun, this team is sure to get the job done! Can we build it? YES WE CAN! Show runs multiple times daily May 2<sup>nd</sup>-August 16th.

#### **Sea Lion Splash**

New in the Elitch Arena! Get into the silly, splashy fun with Sea Lion Splash. Watch as these cute and charismatic creatures splish splash their way into your hearts. Learn about sea lions while enjoying their crazy antics in this interactive live show that crowds of all ages are sure to love! Show runs multiple times daily Monday-Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>- August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Extended Concert Series**

Not only is Elitch Gardens bringing exciting, live stage entertainment to Colorado, but we are extending our Summer Concert Series by adding four more concerts. Join us Saturdays May 9th through August 1st at 7 p.m. in the Elitch Arena as we showcase stars like the Charlie Daniels Band May 9<sup>th</sup>, Lee Ann Womack June 20<sup>th</sup> and Raven Symone July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Currently Elitch Gardens is offering a March Madness deal that allows guests to purchase season passes for as low as \$54.99 when you purchase four or more AND if they purchase online, they receive a FREE season parking pass with every four passes purchased. A season pass provides unlimited visits all season long and free admission to the entire summer concert series.

"We're definitely giving our guests even more bang for their buck in 2009," said John Riggleman, Elitch Gardens' general manager. "We want to provide an escape for our

guests by making every visit to the park feel like a new and different experience, and I believe our new entertainment line-up accomplishes that goal.”

Located in the heart of downtown Denver, Elitch Gardens offers two parks in one – a family theme park and the Island Kingdom Water Park as well as award-winning shows. With over 65 attractions, Elitch Gardens continues to be the top destination in a five-state region for family fun and entertainment. Elitch Gardens is the oldest existing theme park west of the Mississippi and will celebrate its 119<sup>th</sup> season in 2009.

Elitch Gardens opens for the 2009 season Saturday, April 25. Island Kingdom Water Park opens May 16. For park hours and more information, visit [elitchgardens.com](http://elitchgardens.com) or call 303.595.4FUN.

Summer Concert Series Schedule

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Charlie Daniels Band

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Grand Funk Railroad

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Conjunto Atardecer

May 30 – Little Big Town

June 6 – Relient K

June 13 – TBD

June 20 – Lee Ann Womack

June 27 – Disney’s High School Musical Summer Celebration

July 4 – Sara Evans

July 11 – La Fiesta de Elitch Gardens

July 12 – La Fiesta de Elitch Gardens

July 18 – TBD

July 25 – Raven Symone

Aug. 1 - TBD

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