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**Summer Fun Takes Center Stage with Iconic Tommy Bartlett Ski Show**

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. (May 3, 2018) – As warmer weather arrives, outdoor activities abound, and the Memorial Day weekend launch of the venerable Tommy Bartlett Show on Lake Delton signals that summer has officially arrived. The 90-minute live show of fast-paced waterskiing and breathtaking thrill acts, kicks off Friday, May 25 at 8:30 p.m. and runs two shows daily through Labor Day weekend, in Wisconsin Dells.

“We have a mix of world-class daredevil performers, who along with our top-notch Tommy Bartlett Ski Team, bring a lot of high energy to Lake Delton each summer,” said Tom Diehl, owner and general manager of the Tommy Bartlett Show, marking its 66<sup>th</sup> season this year.

The time-honored Tommy Bartlett skiers rev up the action with their daring water-ski stunts and high-performance speed boats. In a salute to “Summer Vacation,” the ski show takes audiences on a tour of classic vacation destinations. Skiers perform flips and jumps, show off graceful waterski lifts and speed across the water barefoot. The ski action is topped off with the signature three-tier human pyramid.

Adding to the action are stunts on a variety of watersports apparatus. The new-fangled FlyBoard continues to turn heads. The wakeboard-type deck uses water propulsion powered by a jet-ski, allowing a rider to hover over the water and shoot high into the air to perform flips and twists. It’s all accentuated by a spectacular spray of water gushing from the bottom of the FlyBoard. Using body movements, precision and balance, the performer can dive in and out of the water like a dolphin.

Extreme jet ski rider Evan Krefski returns to the water this summer. A leading world competitor in freestyle jet ski riding, Krefski wows audiences as he launches over the wake and out of the water, performing back flips, barrel rolls and 540-degree spins with his jet ski. Other extreme water sports action includes tricks with wakeboards and the Sky Ski, a special hydrofoil chair ski.

The thrills continue on shore with a line-up of daredevil acts and family-friendly comedy. Returning with the *Wheel of Destiny*, the *Nerveless Nocks* get the adrenaline pumping on the 65-foot-tall apparatus. The towering double wheel swings end-over-end, while the Nocks perform breathtaking stunts both inside and outside of the rotating wheel. It's a family affair, featuring Michelangelo and Carolina Nock and their 20-year-old son Cyrus, performing tricks high above the crowd with no net below.

New to the Bartlett stage this summer, acrobatic artist *Ruslan Khusinov* shows off his extraordinary hand-balancing act upon a rotating platform. With skill and precision, Ruslan performs controlled moves, starting with a handstand on balancing sticks, then releasing his grasp to pose on just one arm as he contorts his body with amazing strength. Ruslan is a third-generation circus artist, who has performed in 14 countries and with a variety of shows in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and beyond.

The term "work-life balance" is all too familiar for the *Faustos Scorpions*. The family trio wows audiences with their "risely" foot-juggling act. It's a light-hearted routine of dad vs. daughters, as Toto Fausto uses his legs to propel daughters Stephanie and Sherry into the air to perform flips and twists.

Comedic antics continue on stage with world-class performer *T.J. Howell*, who dazzles audiences with his spectacular juggling skill and unicycle riding. T.J. juggles an assortment of items, from ping pong balls to chain saws. His 17-year-old son Carson joins him to show off his latest unicycle riding tricks and more light-hearted humor.

Nighttime show goers are treated to one of the most spectacular sights – the launch of the lighted hang-glider kite. Our adventurous pilot takes off from the Tommy Bartlett stage, towed by a speedboat to a height of 700 feet above the crowd. The tow line is released, and our performer skillfully glides back down to the very spot from which he launched

"The lighted kite is a real unexpected treat for our guests," said Diehl. "To see our kite pilot take off from our stage, soar high above the crowd and then glide down to the same spot – it's one of the most breathtaking highlights of the night."

Evening shows also include a Grand Finale featuring a colorful Entrancing Waters fountain display set to a patriotic musical score.

The Tommy Bartlett Show is one of Wisconsin's most-beloved classic attractions. Generations of families have enjoyed a visit to the Show each summer during their Wisconsin Dells vacations. The Tommy Bartlett Show runs daily, rain or shine, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend (May 25 – September 2, 2018). Shows are offered at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. (8:30 p.m. Show only on May 25). General admission tickets (tax not included) are \$21.50 for adults, \$17.20 for seniors and \$12.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children four and younger are free if they sit on an adult's lap. Reserved seating for the 8:30 p.m. Show is available at an additional cost. For more information, please call (608) 254-2525 or visit [tommybartlett.com](http://tommybartlett.com).

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