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Ten Amazing Fireworks Displays Across the Country Honoring our Great Nation

Bethesda, MD, July 1 –This Fourth of July there are five (5) premier fireworks displays that are “must see” if you live near these cities or your travel plans take you near by:

1. New York City, NY - Macy’s 4th of July Spectacular

The 27th Annual Macy’s Fireworks Spectacular will dazzle the nation with patriotic spirit as the 30-minute pyrotechnic extravaganza illuminates the New York skyline and once again earns the title of the nation’s largest Independence Day fireworks display.

Over 30,000 perfectly synchronized aerial shells will burst into vibrant colors and patterns from six barges located at two primary firing sites: the traditional East River and South Street Seaport, just south of the Brooklyn Bridge. Breathtaking pyrotechnic choreography, coupled with an original and sweeping musical soundtrack that will create an emotional and patriotic display that will also be reflective and celebratory. The display will showcase the Macy’s decade long tradition of the *Golden Mile* along with the never-before-seen *Souza Sequencia*, a “digitally-dancing” comet that features glittering, swirling stars fired in rapid succession from the barges. This display will please firework traditionalists and out right amaze the most discerning of fireworks connoisseurs!

2. America’s Freedom Festival at Provo, UT

The Stadium of Fire fireworks extravaganza in Provo, UT, is the largest Independence Day stadium event. The fireworks discharged at Brigham Young University (BYU) will be witnessed up close and personally by over 50,000 attendees within the stadium. The lucky spectators will experience “close proximity” pyrotechnics at its very best and enjoy the beauty of more than 20 handcrafted specialty set pieces that will be illuminated as a celebration of our freedoms and in special recognition of our nation’s military service men and women.

This incredible salute to America will be televised and broadcast for all our U.S. troops abroad. What an amazing event for the Stadium of Fire spectators to experience and for all our troops still abroad who proudly serve our great nation.

3. Chicago's Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular (July 3), Chicago, IL

The City of Chicago will proudly present a fireworks extravaganza with a million glimmers of light, illuminating the skyline from Navy Pier to the Adler Planetarium. More than 5,000 aerial devices will be discharged to altitudes of 1,200 feet. The pyrotechnic production will dance in sync with the movements of the Grant Park Orchestra.

The grand finale will boast approximately 1,800 aerial shells beautifully choreographed and accompanied by the "Stars and Stripes Forever". Once again this year the fireworks finale will incorporate the "American Tribute" honoring the "Colors of America". Watch the finale for this special segment filling the sky with red comets followed by white comets and then blue comets. Chicagoans are in for one amazing patriotic display honoring the home of the free and the brave!

4. South Lake Tahoe, "Lights on the Lake 2003", Lake Tahoe, NV

Beautiful Lake Tahoe on the South Shore will celebrate Independence Day with one of the largest fireworks displays west of the Mississippi. The incredible patriotic pyromusical will be discharged from three barges on Lake Tahoe, just down from the Stateline Casinos off Stateline Beach. This pyrotechnic production will feature elegant choreography and breathtaking artistry certain to mesmerize all spectators.

5. New Orleans, LA, Go 4th on the River, Independence Day Celebration

New Orleans Riverfront will celebrate nation's freedom like never before! Featuring the "Dueling Barge" fireworks display in downtown New Orleans that attracts hundreds of thousands of spectators along both sides of the Mississippi River. Almost 1,800 aerial fireworks shells will be launched from two barges in a battling duel fashion choreographed to a moving soundtrack symbolizing America's true pride and patriotism.

The fireworks extravaganza will start with the "American Tribute": a reflective moment beginning with a silent sky that will illuminate the sky with a solitary burst of red, signifying the blood shed by America's heroes; a solitary burst of white, signifying the light of freedom; and finally, a solitary burst of blue, signifying courage. This tribute to the "Colors of America" will be most memorable due to the simultaneous firing from two barges. The fireworks display will then launch into a powerful, emotional and extremely patriotic rendition of "America the Beautiful" followed by an amazing choreographed pyrotechnic production certain to dazzle every spectator. Go 4th on the River!

Five other outstanding patriotic picks for this Independence Day include:

1. Washington, DC – West lawn of U.S. Capitol

This amazing pyrotechnic production, with its picturesque backdrop of the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument, will boast a vivid tribute to our great nation and the most powerful city in the world.

2. Dallas, TX, Trinity Fest 2003 – Downtown Dallas

Trinity Fest, the biggest fireworks spectacle ever held in Texas, will grace the skies of downtown Dallas on Independence Day. This patriotic extravaganza is certain to generate the oohs and aahs by all spectators!

3. St. Paul, MN – Taste of Minnesota Festival

The largest fireworks display in Minnesota on July 4 will take place along the Mississippi River in downtown St. Paul. This incredible fireworks presentation will open with the “American Tribute” to honor the indomitable American spirit. This patriotic display is certain to warm the hearts of all spectators and reaffirm our pride of living in the USA.

4. Southport, NC – Waterfront near Cape Fear

The historical community of Southport will have the entire crowd feeling like true patriots. The fireworks spectacular will marry the best of the reds, whites, and blues for an overwhelming extravaganza and tribute to the spirit of America. North Carolina, home to the creation of the new “American Tribute” will be roaring when the tribute is executed in Southport.

5. San Francisco, California – Fisherman’s Wharf

This sky concert is the largest show in California with over 6,000 aerial devices, roman candles and special effects discharged from two locations near Aquatic Park and Pier 39 in the famous Fisherman’s Wharf area. The entire extravaganza will be one awesome production for America’s birthday!

About the American Pyrotechnics Association

The APA is the leading trade association of the fireworks industry. The APA supports and promotes safety standards for all aspects of fireworks. The APA has a diverse membership including regulated and licensed manufactures, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, importers and suppliers of fireworks and professional public display firms. Additional information about the fireworks industry, facts & figures, history of fireworks, and state laws, can be found on APA’s web site at www.americanpyro.com

For more information about the American Tribute please see <http://www.theamericantribute.org>

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