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### **Spectacular Fireworks Displays this Independence Day to Honor our Great Nation**

**Bethesda, MD -June 23, 2009** This Fourth of July season will boast thousands of fireworks displays nationwide from small towns to big city extravaganzas. In addition to the star spangled fireworks spectacles annually conducted in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, DC, the American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) has selected twelve additional and unique “must see” fireworks events that will light up the skies across the country this Independence Day that you won’t want to miss.

#### **Addison, TX, July 3**

Independence Day arrives early in the town of Addison, with its legendary Kaboom Town fireworks celebration. Hundreds of thousands of patriotic revelers join in the celebration, viewing the spectacular show from every square inch of this dynamic urban community and beyond. Each year Addison has teamed up with **Atlas Enterprises, Inc.** to fill the skies with a fan fare of “*rockets red glare and bombs bursting in air*”, dazzling spectators and leaving them breathless.

#### **Branson, MO, July 3**

America’s independence will be celebrated across the country and Branson is no exception...especially at the Branson Landing—located in Historic Downtown Branson on Lake Taneycomo. The local community and visitors are invited to “Light Up” their Independence Day weekend celebration on Friday evening, July 3rd with a fantastic outdoor concert extravaganza and an extraordinary fireworks event produced and presented by **Gateway Fireworks Displays**. Surrounded by the Landing’s signature fountains, this one-of-a-kind choreographed spectacle will culminate with an awe inspiring signature grand finale.

#### **Chicago, IL, July 3**

The City of Chicago, Mayor Daley’s Office of Special Events, Macy’s and **Melrose Pyrotechnics** are ready to salute our Nation’s Independence on the eve of America’s two hundred thirty third birthday. Always chosen as featured fireworks footage on the national news programs, Chicago’s fantastic lake front venue is the perfect stage for one of the boldest, brightest, and biggest patriotic fireworks spectacles of its kind. Don’t miss what Chicagoans have known for years. July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Monroe Harbor is the place to view a fireworks performance on par with the world’s most spectacular shows.

### **Columbus, OH, July 3**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Red, White & Boom! The biggest and best Independence Day fireworks celebration in the Ohio valley, produced by **Pyrotecnico**, will be fired near Veteran's Memorial in downtown Columbus, displaying a vibrant look with an expanded environment. This year's show will make you "Ohh and Ahh" from an awesome viewing location.

### **Mount Rushmore, SD, July 3**

**Zambelli Fireworks Internationale** will present one of the largest fireworks displays of pure pyrotechnic artistry over one of our most cherished national monuments. Located in the glorious Blackhills of South Dakota, this fireworks display will be unforgettable!

**Stone Mountain, GA, July 3-4-5** Stone Mountain Park just north east of Atlanta, has found a truly spectacular way to celebrate this Fourth of July weekend. It will feature three big nightly shows produced by **Pyro Shows**, with the Saturday, July 4th display being shot in combination with a spectacular laser show at the base of Stone Mountain and fireworks discharged from *both* the top and the base of the Mountain. This famous carved monument is not just the center piece to a world-class park, but will be the very heart of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for this region outside of Atlanta. With grand fireworks shows on all three nights of the Independence Day weekend, this provides a unique opportunity for a very special 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

### **Charlotte NC, July 4**

Charlotte Center City Partners and **Melrose Pyrotechnics** team up once again to produce "**Red, White and Boom**" in Uptown Charlotte on July 4. Clear Channel's five Charlotte radio stations will host viewing parties and simulcast the patriotic "Red, White and Boom" soundtrack throughout Uptown Charlotte. The 20 minute computer designed pyro-musical is the largest pyrotechnic exhibition of its kind in the region. This fireworks extravaganza promises a high tech, high flying, high energy celebration of America- "Red, White and Booming" over a gorgeous Charlotte Skyline.

### **Falmouth, MA, July 4**

**Atlas Fireworks** will ignite an awe inspiring fireworks display discharged from a barge 1200 feet off of Falmouth Heights. This display is featured as the honorary Independence Day fireworks in the heart of Cape Cod and the birth place of Katharine Lee Bates, author of *America the Beautiful*. This special display will illustrate a musical setting of Bate's vision of the natural beauty and noble ideals of America. This year Falmouth is celebrating 150 years of Katherine Lee Bates birth with a 28 minute pyromusical presentation opening with *America the Beautiful*. The display will also be one of the first to have Twitter updates (Atlas pyro-twitter including twit pics) during the entire display.

### **Las Vegas, NV, July 4**

Las Vegas is planning a fireworks extravaganza like only Las Vegas can do with never-before seen simultaneous display of 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks at nine different locations across Las Vegas at Station Casinos. **Fireworks by Grucci** will produce the nine integrated and simultaneous displays in the city and valley area of Las Vegas. The displays are designed to be a touching tribute to America and the men and women who have died for our country and our freedom. Las Vegas is in for a real treat this July 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Nashville, TN, July 4** - “Let Freedom Sing” returns to Music City along the Nashville Riverfront for its 25<sup>th</sup> year. This spectacular event is attended by over 120,000 spectators. The fireworks display, produced by **Pyro Shows**, will feature a stunning presentation of fireworks specially choreographed to a live performance by the Nashville Symphony. Fireworks shell sizes will range from 3-inch to 8-inch in diameter with aerial breaks of up to 800 feet above the river. Spectators will enjoy the a series of special low-level fireworks fired from 10 positions stretched out over a 1,000-foot front along the Riverfront; right in front of LP Stadium, home of the Tennessee Titans. The show will also feature special water fireworks that erupt from the surface of the Cumberland River. The grand finale will really pack a punch with over 25 shells launched per second, including over 1,500 of the loud titanium salutes, in the finale alone, which will be heard for miles around Nashville.

**Oahu, HI, July 4** Wave the Grand Old Flag, as **Fireworks by Grucci** lights up the evening skies with a proud tribute to honor the brave men and women in our country’s armed forces on the Island of Oahu at the Hickham Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor. This special display will uniquely feature a **Grucci** salute bursting of red, white and blue letters “U S A” high in the sky passionately accompanying our National Anthem.

**South Lake Tahoe, NV, July 4**, Tourists have joined the locals for years to enjoy the phenomenal “Lights on the Lake” fireworks event produced by **Pyro Spectaculars**. This high-quality multiple barge-based show is nestled amid the peaks of the Sierra Nevada in the largest alpine lake in North America, which makes for a most breathtaking visual experience. Viewing is along miles of beach, the surrounding Sierra, as well as by thousands of boats on the lake. The display will boast a wide variety of patterns, lights, designs and unique shapes ---a true pyrotechnic extravaganza in honor of Independence Day.

#### **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 manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, importers, suppliers and professional public display companies. Additional information about the fireworks industry, facts & figures, history of fireworks, state laws, and safety tips can be found on APA’s website at [www.americanpyro.com](http://www.americanpyro.com)

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