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Amazing Fireworks Displays Across the Country Honoring our Great Nation

Bethesda, MD June 28, 2006 This Fourth of July season boasts many fireworks displays from small town shows to big city extravaganzas. Here is a sample of some “must see” events.

Chicago, IL, July 3 Independence Day arrives early in the City of Chicago with Macy's Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular on July 3, in Grant Park. The celebration begins at 9:30pm with a specially choreographed pyrotechnic display. More than one million people are expected to view the display. **Melrose Pyrotechnics** returns to provide the spark for this year's celebration. Fireworks are run by advanced computer technology capable of igniting fireworks within 1/30th of a second. The display will reach heights of 1,200 feet using more than 5,000 aerial devices and shells ranging from 2 inches to 10 inches in diameter. Melrose Pyrotechnics, which has won numerous pyrotechnic awards for previous fireworks shows in Chicago, will represent the United States at the renowned Montreal International Fireworks Competition later in July

Columbus, OH, July 3 The 26th annual Boom!, the mid-west's largest fireworks display, begins at 10 p.m. featuring an all-new 27 minute long display, produced by **Pyrotecnico**, one of America's largest and fastest growing fireworks companies, fired from Washington Boulevard just south of W. Broad Street.

Addison, TX, July 3 Every July 3, for 21 years, Independence Day celebrants have been gathering to enjoy the nationally-acclaimed free 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 the Town of Addison, has teamed with **Atlas Enterprises, Inc.** to fill the skies with “rockets’ red glare and bombs bursting in air”. “To achieve the best in musical accompaniment, Atlas has a complete sound studio to produce custom soundtracks precisely edited with the latest in computer electronics, says Atlas president Royce Trout.

Pasadena, CA, July 4 AmericaFest, at the Rose Bowl, will feature a thirty-minute fireworks show choreographed and produced by **Pyrospectaculars**, known throughout the world for extraordinary fireworks displays in New York, Boston, Thailand, and the Philippines, and at Super Bowls and Olympic Games.

Atlanta, GA, July 4 Lenox Square Mall is one of the longest-running Atlanta-area July 4th fireworks shows. Fireworks, produced by **Pyrotecnico**, begin at approximately 9:40 p.m. and are set to music.

Baltimore, MD, July 4 It is only fitting that Baltimore, birthplace of our nation's national anthem and home to the *USS Constellation*, also serve as home to the state's largest July 4th celebration. Come celebrate Baltimore's annual Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks display, by **Zambelli Internationale**, along its world-famous Inner Harbor on July 4th.

Houston, TX, July 4 Chevy's Freedom Over Texas, Houston's official Fourth of July celebration provides one of the largest fireworks spectacles in the state. Set along the banks of Buffalo Bayou, the family-friendly festivities also include four stages of music and entertainment. Produced by world-renown **Pyro Spectaculars by Souza**, spanning Buffalo Bayou west of Sabine Bridge, this spectacular fireworks display will combine specially choreographed music with unrivaled pyrotechnic artistry.

New York, NY, July 4 Each year Macy's kicks off the world's largest fireworks display at approximately 9pm on July 4th. Four barges stationed between 23rd and 42nd Streets in the East River set off 20,000 aerial shells and special effects. **Produced by Pyro Spectaculars, Inc.**, there are electric set pieces on the barges, and the New York Fire Department gets in on the act with fire boats shooting red, clear, and blue water 300 feet over the river. Designed by **Sousa Fireworks** in partnership with Macy's, each pyrotechnics show is more spectacular than the year before.

Washington, DC, July 4 Once again, **Pyro Shows** of LaFollette, Tennessee will produce an awe-inspiring show for the National Park Service on The Mall. Get ready to ooh and ahh for the 20 minute show beginning after dark. What better place to celebrate our country's birthday than on the National Mall for the most famous fireworks extravaganza of them all? Take part in a tradition that started more than 200 years ago when Thomas Jefferson hosted the first official Fourth of July celebration at the presidential mansion.

Tulsa, OK, July 4 . **Western Enterprises, Inc.** will provide a spectrum of pyrotechnic products including 5,500 aerial shells and special effects discharged from the 21st Street Bridge for Tulsa's largest pyrotechnic display. The 30-minute musical score, entitled *A Celebration of Liberty*, has been developed by Steve Linn of Western Enterprises, Incorporated. As in year's past, Gary P. Caimano, pyrotechnic designer for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1996 Centennial Ceremonies in Atlanta, and choreographer for Western Enterprises will be in charge of the design and choreography of the pyrotechnics for this special musical score. Special effect products featured in this year's show include plume fans that crescendo and announce the beginning color sequence, breath-taking coconut palms in gracious descent, a variety of color-changing mums and willows that will majestically paint the sky, brocade Kamuro's that have gold and silver reaching tendrils, and staged color-changing comets and mines that zipper across the Tulsa skies.

Albuquerque, NM, July 4 The City will celebrate its 300th birthday with a twenty-five minute choreographed fireworks display that will feature over 6,500 special effect products and tableaux of color and light representative of the Tricentennial Celebration. Specialty products manufactured for the City of Albuquerque by **Skyworks, LTD**, a subsidiary of **Western Enterprises** include: *Brocade to Color Willows, Color-Changing Coconuts, Flickering Strobe Lights, Color Column Comets, Color-Changing Crossettes, Spinning Tourbillions, Pattern Shells (Rings, Butterfly, Silver and Gold Stars, Red Hearts), and Palm Trees In Silver, Gold and Charcoal*. A special tribute to Albuquerque takes place prior to the finale with a series of ten-inch custom designed shells, illustrating the number "300" upon the New Mexico skies. Alan Johnson, master shell maker for Skyworks, LTD., designed these impressive shells. A 12' by 50' pyrotechnic set piece of the Tricentennial logo will be fired to a special musical tribute, as it announces the beginning of the Grand Finale, the largest in New Mexico history. Steve Frantz, Vice President of Western Enterprises is in charge of all aspects of show production and local artist Marisa Frantz, lead technician, will fire this show.

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 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

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