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Ring in the New Year With Our Nation's Most Fabulous Fireworks Displays

Bethesda, MD, Dec. 29, 2004 –This New Year's eve will boast many spectacular fireworks displays from small town "First Night" celebrations to big city extravaganzas. The American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) has put together the following selection of "must see" fireworks displays to welcome in the New Year:

Boston, MA First Night Boston, home of the Nation's largest and oldest New Year's eve arts celebration, will host an ambitious and bombastic New Year's eve party, complete with an amazing fireworks display produced by **Zambelli Fireworks Internationale**. At midnight, over the Boston Harbor, there will be the traditional grand finale ringing in the New Year. The skies above the Harbor will be transformed into a brilliant tapestry of light.

Chicago, IL Welcome 2005 with a bang at the City of Chicago's Fireworks Spectacular in Grant Park. The celebration will begin at 11:40 pm and take place around Chicago's landmark, Buckingham Fountain. The incredible fireworks display, produced by **Melrose Pyrotechnics**, is choreographed to a variety of musical genres that will appeal to a wide range of spectators. Navy Pier will host a separate New Year's fireworks show, choreographed to the same music and it will fire simultaneously. Spectators throughout Chicago are in for a treat with a wide array of pastel colors and excitement lighting up the city's skyline to welcome in the New Year!

Denver, CO The Denver skyline will be dazzled with an amazing New Year's Eve spectacular launched from the rooftops along the 16th Street Mall. **Western Enterprises, Inc.**, will fire two amazing displays at 9:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight. Both productions will utilize close proximity products specially manufactured for the unique setting in Downtown Denver. There will be well over 2,000 close proximity props employed for these productions, and over 15,000 sky hits utilized for both shows. What makes these shows truly unique, aside from the brilliant aerials and special effects, is the combination of props. Production Props propel the hundreds of effects, and thousands of sky hits along a designated stage in the heavens: left, center, right.

Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas, home of America's Party 2005, will officially kick off Las Vegas' year-long 100th birthday celebration on New Year's eve. Billed as the biggest blowout the city has ever seen, the fireworks extravaganza will launch from 10 resort rooftops along the Vegas strip and will incorporate the firepower befitting this mega-glitzy metropolis. The rooftop fireworks spectacular is produced by **Fireworks By Grucci**, and will include a custom program creating myriad effects, illuminations, and some one of a kind effects designed in honor of the Las Vegas Centennial celebration.

New York City, NY The skies above New York City will boast amazing colors and light with a variety of pyrotechnic effects on New Year's eve! **Fireworks By Grucci** will light up the skies with breathtaking proximate pyrotechnics rising from the rooftops in Times Square. The Statue of Liberty will also be illuminated by **Fireworks By Grucci** to welcome 2005. And, if that's not enough sis-boom-ahhh! Central Park will also host an amazing aerial program produced by **Zambelli Fireworks Internationale**. The Big Apple will be rockin' in the New Year in grand fireworks style!

Philadelphia, PA 2004 will end in sparkling delight at Philadelphia's 14th Annual New Year's eve fireworks show at Penn's Landing. Billed as the nation's largest New Year's eve fireworks display, produced by **PPA Spectaculars**, there will be an arsenal of new effects to this year's display. Pyrotechnics from the U.S., Spain, China, Japan and Italy will dance across the sky with the Ben Franklin Bridge as a fitting backdrop. The theme of the display, "Dreams" weaves a tapestry of color precisely choreographed to an amazing soundtrack creating a texture of hope, anticipation and above all, fun!

Pittsburgh, PA Pittsburgh will continue its tradition in Grand Style firing from the 7th Street Bridge. The first display will begin at 6 pm and the second at midnight. These displays, produced and choreographed by **Zambelli Fireworks Internationale**, will illuminate the Allegheny River and the Three River historical area with majestic arches, vibrant colors and thunderous noise. These breathtaking exhibitions of artistry and modern computer technology will amaze and entertain thousands of spectators.

Seattle, WA The Space Needle will help the Northwest ring in the New Year with one of the most spectacular fireworks celebrations in the nation. More than 20,000 spectators are expected to gather below the Space Needle tower to watch the fireworks dance across the night sky and an estimated 400,000 people will be able to view the amazing show from surrounding neighborhoods. In addition to the phenomenal display of festive pyrotechnics, produced and choreographed by **Pyro Spectaculars**, the New Year's celebration will include a giant party atop the tower.

About the American Pyrotechnics Association

The APA is the leading trade association of the fireworks industry. The APA has a diverse membership including registered and licensed manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, importers, and suppliers of fireworks and professional public display firms. Additional information about the fireworks industry can be found on the APA's web site, www.americanpyro.com

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