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Ten Amazing Fireworks Displays Across the Country Honoring our Great Nation

Bethesda, MD June 29, 2005 This Fourth of July season boasts many fireworks displays from small town shows to big city extravaganzas. Here is a sample of 10 of the largest "must see" events.

Chicago, IL, July 2 Three nights of incredible fireworks entertainment are in the works for Chicago's lake front spectators. Chicago's most visited attraction, beautiful Navy Pier will host two fantastic Patriotic themed pyrotechnic displays on July 2nd and 4th. Both shows are produced by **Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc.** Navy Pier also provides a fabulous seat for one of the nations biggest, baddest, pyrotechnic spectacles the 25th Annual Taste of Chicago Fireworks Spectacular. More than one million spectators convene each year along Chicago's Lake shore to view one of the nations largest musically choreographed computer fired displays.

Las Vegas, NV, July 2. As Las Vegas continues its year long Centennial Celebration they have organized the "party of the year". To highlight the 100th year anniversary celebration, the City of Las Vegas has once again commissioned **Fireworks by Grucci** to produce a world class fireworks production fired from multiple rooftop positions, and aerial positions in Las Vegas. Additionally, many close proximity pyrotechnic effects have been custom designed to support the main-stage concert featuring the Red Hot Chile Peppers.

Philadelphia, PA, July 2 Four Days of the Fourth Fireworks Extravaganza The 18-minute fireworks spectacular will be produced by **Pyrotecnico**, one of America's largest and fastest growing fireworks companies, located in the "Fireworks Capital of America," New Castle, Pennsylvania. The fireworks will be accompanied by a patriotic soundtrack which will be carried LIVE.

Addison, TX, July 3 Every July 3rd, for 20 years, Independence Day celebrants have been gathering in Addison, Texas to enjoy a variety of global cuisine while waiting for the nationally-acclaimed free Kaboom Town![®] fireworks celebration. Throughout Addison's 4.5 square miles and beyond, more than 100,000 north Texans will enjoy the dazzling and stunningly beautiful fireworks show choreographed and executed by **Atlas Enterprises, Inc.**

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 Internationnale**, along its world-famous Inner Harbor on July 4th.

Houston, TX, July 4 Houston's Official July 4th Celebration, will celebrate America's Birthday with a live concert featuring Clint Black and LeAnn Rimes. The crowning highlight of Chevy's Freedom Over Texas 2005, Texas' largest July 4th Fireworks Spectacular, presented by Southwest Airlines and 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.

Nashville, TN, July 4 Nashville, Music City will feature a spectacular 4th of July celebration downtown at Riverfront Park. The Grammy nominated Nashville Symphony Orchestra will provide the LIVE music choreographed to the fireworks display. This year's fireworks are set to be the biggest in the city's history with many new special displays and features provided by **Pyro Shows** of Tennessee.

New York, NY, July 4 The nation's biggest and most incredible birthday bash lights up the night sky with over 120,000 bursts of color, light, and breathtaking pyrotechnics from around the world! Watch in amazement as our stirring fireworks soundtrack featuring Skitch Henderson and the New York Pops take center stage with enchanting explosions bursting 1,000 feet in the air. 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.

New York, NY July 5 From the Statue of Liberty. **Fireworks by Grucci** will collaborate with FOX to release the action packed movie, The Fantastic 4, with a 4 theatre (barge positions) performance from New York City Harbor to silhouette the Statue of Liberty. As VIPs watch the outdoor world premiere of the Fantastic 4 from Liberty Island, fireworks will display from the multiple theatre locations as the finale to this spectacular evening.

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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