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Plaza Hotel and Casino to welcome “Avant Garde” to its classic showroom
Collection of music, mirth, magic and mayhem to open on Feb. 14

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 6, 2012) – An intense entertainment experience is coming to the showroom of the Plaza Hotel & Casino. “Avant Garde,” a collection of “music, mirth, magic and mayhem” will open in the historic showroom on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

The new show, created specifically for Las Vegas, is directed by Juliana Chen, the only woman to win the World Championship of Magic in the last 50 years. With veteran producer Jon Fondy, who has produced more than 600 television shows and more than 400 live shows, the production brings together award-winning acts in one unforgettable entertainment experience.

The show’s name reflects its modern and innovative collection of creative acts. While cutting-edge, the show is family-friendly and appeals to all nationalities since talking is minimal. Fondy said the show “mesmerizes the audience through its music, performances, video, graphics and imagery.”

From a hip-hop violinist, thrilling special effects, to world champion magicians, “Avant Garde” cast members hail from around the world, including China, Belgium, Spain, France, and the United States. The rotating stars of “Avant Garde” include:

- Juliana Chen (China), world champion magician and juggler
- Ed Alanzo (U.S.), “The Misfit of Magic” and performer in Britney Spears’ “Circus” tour
- Michael Finney (U.S.), comedian/emcee;
- Rudy Colby (U.S.), “The Labman,” a comedic magician
- Aaron Crow (Belgium), suspenseful stunt artistry
- Jerome Murat (France), “The Living Statue,” a pantomime artist
- Kevin James (U.S.), comedic illusionist
- Lindsey Stirling (U.S.), hip-hop violinist
- Sonny Fontana (Venezuela), hand shadow creations

“Avant Garde” will debut in the Plaza’s historic 600-seat showroom that has retained its retro Vegas format. The show will be live six nights a week at 7 p.m., and dark on Friday nights.

Ticket prices start at \$34.95 for general admission. Tickets will be available at the Plaza Hotel & Casino box office next to the showroom or by phone at 702-946-8934 or 800-793-9332. For more information about the show, please visit: www.AvantGardeLasVegas.com.

About the Plaza Hotel & Casino

The Plaza Hotel & Casino opened in 1971 at 1 Main Street, at the intersection of Main and Fremont Street, and was a fashionable stop on the first train service through Las Vegas. Anchoring the Fremont Street Experience, the Plaza has been an iconic hotel in the heart of downtown Las Vegas for more than 40 years. It sits on 16.5 acres of land and has more than 1,000 rooms and suites, making it one of the largest hotel-casinos in downtown Las Vegas. Recent renovations have updated and improved the Plaza’s ambiance throughout, creating a stylish and comfortable new experience for its guests. www.plazahotelcasino.com.