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Fred Garbo's Inflatable Theater Glides into the Mondavi Center

Davis, Calif.—The **Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.** brings its energetic program of **physical comedy, dance, juggling** and, of course, **inflatable creations** to **Jackson Hall** of the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**, UC Davis, on **Sunday, April 5**, at the family-friendly start time of **3 p.m.**

Say **Jeremy Ganter**, Mondavi Center associate executive director, “Fred’s work falls solidly into the see-it-to-believe-it category, and his shows continue to delight. This will be a wonderful afternoon for the whole family, and a great opportunity to engage young children with the live arts experience for the first time.”

Pricing is \$30/25/20 for regular tickets and \$15/12.50/10 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at MondaviArts.org, through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center’s **Children’s Stage Family Series**.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program also presents the **Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.** as part of the **2008–09 School Matinee Series** in Jackson Hall on **Monday, April 6**, at **11 a.m.** The School Matinee Series is made available for teachers and students, including homeschoolers. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Educators interested in purchasing tickets should call 530-754-4689.

Starring **pneumatic wizard Fred Garbo** and **Brazilian ballerina Daielma Santos**, the **Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.** has won the praise and affection of audiences worldwide. Transcending barriers of age and language in a fast-paced, energetic program that includes physical comedy, dance and juggling, the show features creative inventions that inflate—blow-up shapes that shimmer, expand, deflate and bounce in a rainbow of colors. Abounding with imaginative imagery, acrobatic brilliance and artistic foolishness, the company is sure to delight.

Fred Garbo has been a professional performer since 1974 (when someone gave him real money for doing card tricks). He has been the man inside Sesame Street's Barkley the Dog and on Broadway was the chief juggler in the hit musical Barnum. He performed in the high-flying, torch twirling, Obie Award-winning Foolsfire (with partners Michael Moschen and Bob Berky), which toured Europe, Hong Kong and Australia after a successful off-Broadway run. He even tumbled at Lincoln Center with the New York Opera's Turandot, and he worked with the MOMIX dance company in Brazil. For the past 19 years, he has been inventing inflatables with artist/builder George York. In recognition of excellence in the art of juggling through professional performance, the International Jugglers' Association presented Fred Garbo with the Award of Excellence last summer.

Daielma Santos was born in São Paulo, Brazil. She graduated from the Royal Academy of Dance of London and has extensive training in dance/choreography, mime and theater. She has been working and touring around the world with Fred Garbo for more than 18 years. As a ballerina, she brings grace and fantasy with her whimsical dance and amazing rhythm. Santos has been the principal dancer with the Opera Paulista Company of São Paulo and has performed with several companies in Brazil, including the Cisne-Negro Ballet. Her performances span Brazil and Uruguay, and she is acclaimed as a talented choreographer and teacher. For many years she worked as a teacher/ resident choreographer and principal dancer with the Portland Ballet Company in Maine.

- **Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.**
- **Sun., April 5, 3 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$30/25/20 regular; \$15/12.50/10 students, children**
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