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MEDIA ADVISORY

Two Hemispheres Circus Bandwagon Arrives at the Fairgrounds in Preparation for the Indiana State Fair

Who: INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY - Peter Gorman, owner of the Two Hemispheres circus bandwagon. *Interviews with Mr. Gorman will be granted based on his availability. Contact Sharon Smith at 317-927-7577 if interested in requesting an interview.

What: The Two Hemispheres circus bandwagon has arrived at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center and will be featured as part of the Indiana State Fair's Celebrating Indiana's Circus history exhibit at the Ball State Harvest Pavilion, August 3-19.

Where: The Two Hemispheres circus bandwagon is on loan from the International Circus Hall of Fame in Peru, IN and has been installed at Ball State Harvest Pavilion located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, 1202 E 38th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46205. In partnership with the Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites, the International Circus Hall of Fame in Peru, IN, plus some of the State Fair's "Celebrating Indiana's Circus," the Circus history exhibit will feature pieces of The Children's Museum of Indianapolis exhibition, "Circus: starring YOU!" This free exhibit is a MUST-SEE at this year's fair.

How: The Two Hemispheres circus bandwagon was used during the Barnum & Bailey's street parades from 1903-1918 and later in the 1936-1938 in the Cole Brothers Circus, Rochester IN. It is nearly 30 feet long, weighs 13,000 pounds and is 116 years-old. During its heyday, it was transported by 40 horses. Today it is the largest circus bandwagon in existence. It was originally built in the winter of 1902 or 1903 by the Sebastian Wagon Co.

ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. The 2018 theme pays homage to Indiana's rich circus heritage by offering a world-class Big Top Circus presented by Bee Window. The new family-friendly Big Top Circus is FREE with paid State Fair admission and features acrobats, clowns, trapeze artists and more! For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

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