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Brooks: Nothing but net, on and off the court

Acrobatic troupe coming to perform at GPAC

By Elizabeth Locklear

The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China will perform at Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

The show will consist of 16 different numbers. These numbers include plate spinning, umbrella juggling, balancing on ladders, contortionists, ballet, hand-to-hand balancing and much more.

“There have been many requests for this type of show,” said Patricia Fields, GPAC executive director. Fields said the show will be a fun family event and offer an opportunity for people to experience another culture.

Direct from Beijing, the National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China is an awarding winning and world renowned troupe. It was the first National Performing Arts Troupe established by the government of the People's Republic of China in 1950. The company owns its own school in Beijing where students are taught acrobatic schooling, training and repertoire. The school has 150 acrobatic residents and over 500 students of all ages.

The troupe has traveled to 40 different countries and started its debut tour of the United States and Canada in the beginning of 2011.

The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China is the third show in GPAC's Broadway and More Series.

By Charley Heller

Growing up the son of a Marine and having to leave friends constantly, 21-year-old Curtis Brooks learned to say goodbye to the homes he grew accustomed to.

But, with the quick snap of a finger, he realized his passion and love of basketball; the one thing he could turn to when nothing else was there.

Born in New Jersey, Brooks was quickly taken from his home to travel with his family to places such as Japan, Hawaii and Camp Lejeune.

He didn’t always take full advantage of the places that he went to and says “I would like to travel to Paris. No particular reason. I just always thought France would be a cool place to visit.”

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