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### For Immediate Release

## ***Imagine Christmas as You've Never Seen it Before***

Galveston, Texas – Moody Gardens and Island Star Performances invite you to relive the story of Christ's birth with ***Imagine Christmas***, a one-of-a-kind show that captures the wonder of God's miraculous gift to mankind.

Co-created by the renowned Willow Creek Community Church and Aerial Experience Productions, and under the direction of Mark Stonebarger, *Imagine Christmas* combines inspiring music, beautiful dance and imaginative aerial acrobatics to tell the story of Christ's birth in a way that evokes child-like wonder, awe and amazement. The moment the show begins, you know you are in for a special treat as musicians, dancers and acrobats take to the stage. What unfolds is a biblically-sound narrative that combines fast-paced scenes with fresh arrangements of traditional Christmas music into a contemporary and uniquely visual retelling of the birth of Jesus that is best described as somewhere between memory and imagination.

Mark Stonebarger is a stage veteran having appeared in or directed over 100 productions. Mark has been teaching for 17 years and recently was named the drama director at Clear Springs High School in the Clear Creek, Texas, school district. Mark's shows have received several nominations and awards in both musical theater and UIL One Act Play contests. Mark expects *Imagine Christmas* to become one of his all-time favorite productions. "This show is such a unique experience. We have a tremendous cast, including talents from the local Galveston and Clear Lake areas, and I'm particularly excited about the world-renowned acrobats and artists that will be featured in this production."

Aerial Experience Productions (AEP), the visionaries behind the shows aerial acrobatics and choreography, will lend their extraordinary creative touch to the Galveston production. Formed by the husband and wife team of Lee and Debbie Park, AEP is a leader in multi-dimensional presentation that integrates physical, visual and musical arts. With backgrounds as artistic gymnasts, Lee and Debbie have been featured in film and television roles as well as many of the largest ice, stage and cirque shows in the world. With the formation of AEP, the duo took their talents on the road touring worldwide producing and performing professional creative arts integrations for stage, print, television and film. Their collaboration with Mark for the production of *Imagine Christmas* has resulted in a visually stunning presentation that you not only see, you experience.

*Imagine Christmas* runs from **Dec. 16-26** with daily dinner show performances at 7 pm. Enjoy a sumptuous Holiday Buffet Dinner and then sit back in amazement as the story of Christ's birth is told in a way you've never seen before.

*Imagine Christmas* Dinner Show tickets are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. For groups of 20 or more, tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. In addition to the live show and buffet dinner, each *Imagine Christmas* ticket includes admission to Moody Gardens' Festival of Lights, all taxes and gratuities, and complimentary parking.

Tickets can be purchased online at [islandstarlive.com](http://islandstarlive.com), by phone at **409-683-4186** or toll free at **1-800-582-4673 ext 4186**, or through the Island Star Box Office located in the lobby of the Moody Gardens Hotel.

Special ***Imagine Christmas Hotel packages*** are also available from \$199 to \$275 per night. Packages include overnight accommodations in the beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel, tickets to Imagine Christmas Dinner & Show, tickets to the Festival of Lights, and a special holiday amenity. For reservations, call 888-388-8484.

Imagine Christmas, presented by AT&T the Real Yellow Pages, is made possible through the generous support of sponsors Coca Cola and Alex Rodriguez Mercedes Benz, and local hotel and motel tax dollars from the city of Galveston generated to encourage tourism and to further promote arts and entertainment on the Island.

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### **QUICK FACTS**

**WHAT: Imagine Christmas Dinner & Show**

**WHEN: December 16 - 26**

Nightly Performances at 7pm

**WHERE: Moody Gardens Convention Center**

**TICKETS: \$25/Child (12 and under) & \$45/Adult**

**Groups of 20 or more: \$15/Child (12 and under) & \$35/Adult**

- Ticket prices include:
- The Holiday Dinner Buffet and Performance
- A Ticket to Moody Garden's Festival of Lights
- All Taxes and Gratuities
- Complimentary Parking

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