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NICKELODEAN'S THE BACKYARDIGANS LIVE! TALE OF THE MIGHTY KNIGHTS

The Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY, MAY 19th at 9AM!

Joliet, IL: Nickelodeon and Broadway Across America announces a brand-new, national touring production of *THE BACKYARDIGANS LIVE! TALE OF THE MIGHTY KNIGHTS*. *The Backyardigans Live!* will come to the Rialto Square Theatre on August 19th & 20th for three performances. **Tickets go on sale MONDAY, MAY 19 AT 9AM.** Tickets are priced between \$15.50 - \$48.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Rialto Box office located at 102 N. Chicago Street, or ordered by calling 815/726-6600 between 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday or between 9am and 12 Noon on Saturdays. On performance days the box office remains open until the completion of intermission. Tickets may also be purchased through all Ticketmaster outlets or online at www.rialtosquare.com.

ABOUT THE BACKYARDIGANS

The Backyardigans Live! Tale of the Mighty Knights, based on the primetime Nickelodeon special which premiered Jan. 14, 2008, follows Nickelodeon's backyard friends, Uniqua and Tyrone, as they become Knights and embark on a quest to protect King Pablo's unpredictable egg. Along the way, Grabbing Goblin Austin and Flighty Fairy Tasha join the medieval mayhem as the runaway egg hatches feet and makes an unexpected dash all the way up to Dragon Mountain. The Backyardigans will need the audience's help to face a mighty dragon and return the egg to the king. *The Backyardigans Live!* will have the entire family singing, dancing and laughing along to songs of courage, friendship and the power of imagination.

The Backyardigans Live! includes some of the same creative team that produces *The Backyardigans* for Nick Jr. television, including Emmy-nominated writer, Adam Peltzman, and choreographer, Beth Bogush. Drama Desk Award-nominated director, Lou Jacob, has also signed on to direct the production. Since its debut on Nickelodeon's preschool weekday lineup, *The Backyardigans* has become the number-two-rated preschool show on all of commercial TV among the target audience of preschoolers.

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