



THE VENETIAN AND THE PALAZZO CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Ring in the Year of the Rat with an Authentic Dragon Dance and Eye Painting Ceremony

Las Vegas, Nevada (February 4, 2008) – The Venetian and The Palazzo will celebrate Chinese New Year with an authentic dragon dance complete with firecrackers and an eye painting ceremony. The colorful spectacle will feature a parade of dancers and musicians dressed in elaborate costumes playing authentic music. On **Thursday, February 7 at 3:00 pm**, the ceremonial dance will begin at The Venetian’s lavish Porte Cochere, make its way through The Venetian casino, into the atrium of The Shoppes at The Palazzo, through The Palazzo casino and end in the upper Palazzo Porte Cochere. The dragon dance is open to the public.

The dragon dance is an important ritual of Chinese culture. It symbolizes good luck and prosperity for the year to come. The Chinese consider dragons to be friendly and helpful creatures associated with strength, good fortune, wisdom and longevity.

“Over the years, it has become tradition for The Venetian to celebrate Chinese New Year with an authentic dragon dance and eye painting ceremony and this year we are happy to bring the tradition to our newest luxury resort, The Palazzo,” stated Ron Reese, vice president of communications for The Venetian and The Palazzo. “Paying tribute to the New Year and wishing good health and good fortune to all, The Venetian and The Palazzo will be adorned with ornate Chinese symbols and coins, oversized lanterns, red silk fabric dressings and traditional tangerine trees.”

Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day, of the first moon, of the lunar calendar and 2008 celebrates the Year of the Rat. Rats are the first animal in the sequence of twelve in the Chinese calendar and symbolize good luck and wealth and it is considered an honor to be born in the Year of the Rat.

To help ring in the New Year, The Venetian and The Palazzo will be decorated in the customary color scheme of red and gold, accented with cherry blossom flower accents and silk fabrics. Specifically, The Venetian and The Palazzo will celebrate the Year of the Rat with the following décor additions:

- Lamp posts in both front entrances will display two coins each, tied with red ribbons to greet all. The coins will be inscribed with “May You Live Well.”
- Both Porte Cocheres will feature oversized lanterns with coin displays and rich red silken fabric treatments.
- The Venetian’s Rialto Bridge (in the front of the property) will be transformed with 24 elaborate oversized lucky money coins and fabric swags.

- Both resort lobbies will be decorated with traditional tangerine trees, a Wishing Tree, silk fabric banners and custom-made lotus lanterns.
- 10 Banners will be hung in The Venetian Colonnade with Chinese greetings attached together with custom-made lanterns.
- The Shoppes at The Palazzo atrium (great waterfall) will be decorated with red silk rectangular lanterns.

A second dragon dance will be held on Saturday, February 9 at 6pm. Beginning in The Venetian Porte Cochere, the dragon dance will make its way through the casino ending just outside The Venetian Ballroom. Decorations celebrating Chinese New Year will be hung at The Venetian and The Palazzo February 4 through February 17.

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The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino, largest property in the country to receive AAA’s Five Diamond Award and Mobil Four-Star, is one of the world’s most luxurious resort and convention destinations. Re-creating Venice’s legendary landmarks, the resort offers unmatched service and quality for leisure and corporate guests. Located in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, The Venetian features The Grand Canal Shoppes, an indoor streetscape complete with gondolas and singing gondoliers, the Canyon Ranch SpaClub, world-class gaming, exquisite restaurants, the Guggenheim-Hermitage Museum, and a wide variety of entertainment such as Phantom-The Las Vegas Spectacular, Blue Man Group, Gordie Brown, and Wayne Brady on its premises, as well as extensive convention and corporate services. For additional information, visit The Venetian Web site at www.venetian.com.

About The Palazzo Resort-Hotel-Casino

With over 3,000 expansive suites, luxury shopping and world-class dining and entertainment, the \$1.9 billion, 50-story Palazzo Las Vegas literally takes luxury to new heights. Highlighted by a flagship, 85,000-square-foot Barneys New York, The Shoppes at The Palazzo features more than 60 luxury boutiques. In addition, 20 remarkable stores and luxury brands made their Las Vegas debuts at The Palazzo, including Chloe, Tory Burch, Christian Louboutin, Diane Von Furstenberg, Van Cleef & Arpels, Catherine Malandrino, Anya Hindmarch, and Michael Kors. Additionally, The Palazzo offers a variety of cuisines from a collection of award-winning chefs such as CarneVino by Mario Batali, CUT by Wolfgang Puck, Table 10 by Emeril Lagasse and Restaurant Charlie by Charlie Trotter. Other one-of-kind offerings include, Tony Award winning Broadway musical, JERSEY BOYS, the world’s largest Canyon Ranch SpaClub, Jay-Z’s signature 40/40 Club and the Strip’s first Lamborghini dealership.

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