



## **The Venetian and The Palazzo Las Vegas Celebrate Chinese New Year with Traditional Dragon Dance and Festive Décor**

**Las Vegas (January 15, 2009)** –The Venetian and The Palazzo will celebrate Chinese New Year and the Year of the Ox with an authentic dragon and lion dance and festive decorations mixing traditional and modern Asian décor accentuated by trendsetting floral displays.

### **Dragon Dance**

The dragon and lion dance symbolizes good luck and prosperity for the year to come and is an important ritual of Chinese culture. The Chinese consider dragons to be friendly and helpful creatures associated with strength, good fortune, wisdom and longevity. Lions are traditionally seen as guardians and are used to exorcise evil spirits and summon luck and fortune.

On **Saturday, January 24<sup>at</sup> 3 p.m.**, a ceremonial dragon and lion dance, complete with firecrackers and eye painting ceremony, will begin at The Venetian’s lavish Porte-Cochere, making 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 colorful spectacle will feature a parade of dancers and musicians dressed in elaborate costumes playing authentic music.

Two additional dragon dances, minus the eye painting ceremony, will be held on Monday, January 26 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. beginning in The Venetian Porte-Cochere, make its way through the casino into Atrium of The Shoppes at The Palazzo and ending in The Palazzo Porte-Cochere. All dragon dances will be open to the public.

### **Chinese New Year Décor**

Decorations in the customary color scheme of red and gold and traditional tangerine trees will help ring in the New Year at The Venetian and The Palazzo. More specifically, The Venetian and The Palazzo will celebrate the Year of the Ox with the following décor additions:

- Both resorts will feature more than 25 red satin banners with the phrases “Xin Nian Kuai Le” and “Gong Hei Fatt Choy” translating to “Happy New Year” and “Wishing you great happiness and prosperity.”
- The Venetian reception desk wall will feature an ornate red taffeta fabric treatment.
- The Venetian’s lobby will feature red, orange and yellow flora to compliment the banners and lotus lanterns hanging in The Venetian Colonnade.

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- The Venetian’s Campanile Tower will feature two 118-foot banners wishing Las Vegas Strip visitors a “Happy New Year.”

- The columns in lobby of The Palazzo surrounding the Aqua di Cristallo statue will feature a sophisticated red taffeta fabric treatment, tangerine trees and bundles of gold I Ching Coins representing an “abundance of wealth.”
- The Palazzo reception desk will feature a collection of eight-foot tall gold-leafed vases supporting 25-foot bamboo canes.
- The Atrium of The Shoppes at The Palazzo will have the most dramatic transformation with the following embellishments:
  - A 12-foot ox, custom-designed and featuring gold-leafing, will sit on a blanket of citrus fruit welcoming visitors in the first water pond.
  - Six-foot custom-made red, orange and yellow lanterns that will be hung to signify the lives of our guests will always be bright and full of lights.
  - The atrium gardens will be redesigned to feature 25-foot bamboo canes, citrus trees, red azaleas and orange bromeliads.
  - The waterfall wall will be decorated with moss, an array of orchids and football mums.

Decorations celebrating Chinese New Year will be available January 16 through the end of February.

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#### **About The Palazzo Resort-Hotel-Casino**

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