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## POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATRE

# WELCOME to the historic Marion Palace Theatre and to this afternoon's performance of the World Famous POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATRE.

The unique and entertaining Gregory Popovich and his Comedy Pet Theatre have been featured in countless publications across the globe including People Magazine, The New York Times Sunday Magazine, The Vegas Dog, Las Vegas Magazine, Cat Fancy, and What's On to name a few. Author of the book titled. "You Can Train Your Cat," Popovich has also been a guest on The Late Show with David Letterman and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Other television appearances include The Penn and Teller Special: Live from Vegas, Thirty Seconds to Fame, and Animal Planet. Gregory and some of his star pets were finalists on America's Got Talent, Some of the adorable Popovich cats and dogs can also be seen on the Arm and Hammer Carpet Cleaner commercial.

A native of Kiev, Ukraine, Popovich has been a professional circus performer since age 12 and has presented thousands of shows in more than 20 countries. A former star of the Moscow Circus, he has won numerous circus competitions, awards, and recognition for his juggling and balancing abilities. The Circus Fans Association of America awarded Popovich with its Entertainer of the Year award for his "unique and most enjoyable performance."

But there's more than meets the eye with the Comedy Pet Theater. The Popovich show is inspired by a sincere love of animals and a lifelong commitment to helping rescued pets.

"The main idea of my show and of this tour is to raise awareness in our society about homeless pets," Popovich says. Popovich supports animal rescue shelters across the country and will be donating a percentage of the ticket sales to The Humane Society of America. "I have actually nicknamed my show 'A Second Chance' because that is what my cats and dogs have been given, a second chance at life."

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When asked how he trains dogs and cats for the show, Popovich explains, "Each animal has a special quirky thing they naturally like to do. I figure out what this trick or talent is, and then I just encourage them to do it in my show. When my pets are performing, they are showing off their favorite tricks!"

He goes on to illustrate an example. From a young age, one of his kittens always jumped on the back of his Wirehaired Fox Terrier when the dog would walk by. Popovich incorporated this natural trick into the show, and now the cat climbs on the shoulders of the dog for a piggy back ride across the stage.

Prepare to be delighted and amazed as you witness this act along with the Dog Classroom, the Amazing Housecats, and the Animal Train featuring more than 30 talented animals in today's show.



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