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## **Royal Hanneford Family Circus Returns to Idlewild & SoakZone in 2010**

**LIGONIER, PA – December 16, 2009** – Christmas came early this year for guests and fans of Idlewild & SoakZone (<http://www.idlewild.com>). The Park announced today that the Royal Hanneford Family Circus (<http://www.hannefordcircus.com/>) will return to the award-winning amusement park during the park's 2010 season.

“The Royal Hanneford Family Circus last visited Idlewild & SoakZone back in 1997 and from the day they left, our guests have never stopped asking for the circus to return, “ said General Manager Brandon Leonatti. “We’re thrilled to bring the circus back to Idlewild – summer can’t come fast enough!”

The Circus will take place June 12, 2010 – August 22, 2010 with three shows running daily Friday through Monday and two shows daily Tuesday through Thursday. Guests will be able to enjoy the circus under a big top tent behind Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood of Make-Believe.

Family owned and operated, the Royal Hanneford Family Circus is sure to be a special treat for families and children of all ages. Tentative acts and performances include comical clowns, quick change artists, and daring acrobats such as the Flying Fernandes Family performing exciting, top of the tent, aerial acrobatics on a giant rotating Space Wheel and more.

### **ABOUT IDLEWILD & SOAKZONE**

Founded in 1878 as a simple picnic ground along the Ligonier Valley Rail Road, Idlewild & SoakZone ([www.idlewild.com](http://www.idlewild.com)) is the oldest amusement park in Pennsylvania, third-oldest in America and is rated the second best kid’s park in the world by *Amusement Today* magazine (<http://www.amusementtoday.com>) and one of the top five family amusement parks in the world by the National Amusement Park Historical Association (<http://www.napha.org/>). Idlewild features seven fun theme areas such as SoakZone Waterpark, Story Book Forest and Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Seasonal operations run from May 22 through Labor Day and “Hallowboo,” a Halloween-themed event, takes place in October. Idlewild is part of the Palace Entertainment family of parks that hosts over 14 million visitors annually at five theme parks, two animal parks, 10 waterparks, and 21 family entertainment centers. For more information, call 724.238.3666 or visit <http://www.idlewild.com> and <http://www.palaceentertainment.com>.