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NEWS RELEASE

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**ENJOY A MEET AND GREET OF CHARACTERS FROM *VAREKAI* BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL
AT TROKE LIBRARY**

Select characters from the world called *Varekai* will be available, in costume, to meet and greet with the public and answer questions about the performance at Troke Library on Tuesday, April 14 at 4:00pm.

The event is free and will provide a glimpse of behind the scenes information that make the full production of *Varekai* by Cirque du Soleil so incredibly amazing and visually stunning. Arrive early to Troke Library and take time to peruse our book display inspired by *Varekai*. Learn more about the story behind the show by reading up on the Greek mythology of Icarus. This event is family friendly and all ages are welcome. Coloring sheets will be displayed on tables for the little ones to be entertained.

In addition to the meet and greet, library goers will have two chances to win a family four-pack to *Varekai*'s opening night on April 15th at 7:30pm. Winners will be randomly selected and notified the morning of April 15th. For complete show and ticket information, please visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/varekai. We are pleased to have the show performed at the Stockton Arena from April 15th through the 19th, 2015 for all people to enjoy. Ticket prices begin at \$35; \$25 for children.

About Varekai

Deep within a forest, at the summit of a volcano, exists an extraordinary world—a world where something else is possible. A world called *Varekai*.

The sky lets go a solitary young man, and the story of *Varekai* begins. Parachuted into the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world imbued with fantastical creatures, a young

man takes flight in an adventure both absurd and extraordinary. On this day at the edge of time, in this place of pure and undiluted possibility, begins an inspired incantation to a life rediscovered and to a newly found wonder in the mysteries of the world and the mind.

The word *Varekai* (pronounced ver-ay-'kie) means “*wherever*” in the Romany language of the gypsies—the universal wanderers. Directed by Dominic Champagne, this production pays tribute to the nomadic soul, to the spirit and art of the circus tradition, and to those who quest with infinite passion along the path that leads to *Varekai*.

For information for the media specific to the *Varekai* performance, please contact Julie Richter, Senior Account Executive, at (415) 296-0677.

The Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library is a library system comprised of 12 branch libraries and two mobile vehicles that serve residents throughout Stockton and San Joaquin County. For more information about the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library call (209) 937-8221 (Stockton), or countywide toll-free at (866) 805-7323. Visit the Library’s website at www.ssjcpl.org. Find SSJCPL on Twitter (twitter.com/ssjcpl) or Facebook (facebook.com/ssjcpl), and join in conversations celebrating literacy.

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