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SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA DEBUTS THE WORLD'S FIRST 'HYPER-TWISTER' ROLLER COASTER IN '99

Park's 10th roller coaster is its tallest, fastest and longest

(Gurnee, Ill.) In keeping with Six Flags' reputation for leading the amusement industry in introducing state-of-the-art thrill ride technology, Six Flags Great America announces the opening of Raging Bull, the world's first steel "hyper-twister" roller coaster, in the Spring of 1999.

Featuring a towering 200-foot drop that plunges riders 65 degrees into an underground cavern at more than 70 miles per hour, Raging Bull is the first roller coaster in the world to combine the unparalleled thrill of a steel "hyper-coaster" with the tight, intense twists and turns common to a wooden "cyclone-style" roller coaster. The ride features six "inclined loops" – steep, high-speed turns banked as much as 50 degrees (or, loops lying horizontally) – plus a combination of towering hills and gut-wrenching drops that comprise nearly a mile of track.

The multi-million dollar attraction spans the entire length of the Park's Southwest Territory, wrapping behind the Stunt Show Arena, paralleling the guest parking lot and rising over the queue line for the Viper roller coaster. Featuring a bold orange track and wine-colored support structure, Raging Bull's lift dominates the Park's "skyline," dwarfing its neighboring roller coasters the Viper and the American Eagle, whose maximum heights are 100 and 127 feet, respectively. The next tallest roller coaster in the Park is ShockWave, the seven-looping mega-coaster that opened in 1988 at 170 feet. The addition of Raging Bull brings the Park's roller coaster tally to 10.

"Raging Bull is more than just another 'speed coaster' due to its unique design. The combination of speed and exhilarating track configurations will make this a must-ride experience for roller coaster enthusiasts worldwide," says Jim Wintrade, Vice President and General Manager of Six Flags Great America. "Raging Bull is the most exciting addition to the Park since we opened Batman The Ride, the first ride of its kind in the world, in 1992. This giant addition also represents the sizable commitment of Premier Parks toward building and expanding the entertainment product at this Park."

Raging Bull is named after a ferocious beast that terrorized the citizens of the old Southwest Territory until they fled the town and built the beautiful courtyards and mission seen today. The raging bull still lurks in the ruins of

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the old mission, which today serves as the loading station for this unpredictable, wild roller coaster.

Upon entering the old mission, riders are ushered into one of three unique, side-less, 36-passenger trains. Riders sit high up in these open-air trains, with their feet barely brushing the floor. A simple T-bar style restraint extends from the floor between each rider's feet, with the bar resting across the rider's lap.

"The Raging Bull train is very different from traditional roller coaster trains because these 'side-less' trains take away a feeling of protection around the passengers," comments Wintrode. "The sense of vulnerability make this ride even more thrilling for our Guests."

When the train leaves the station, it begins its 76-second ascent up the lift hill. From there, it plunges 200 feet at 73 miles per hour down a nearly straight drop into an underground cavern. The train roars out of this tunnel and soars, practically sideways, through an inclined loop 151 feet off the ground. This is followed by more soaring hills, steep drops and wildly banked turns before returning to the station. This non-looping, wild ride on 5,057 feet of track lasts more than 2½ minutes.

Raging Bull was designed and manufactured by Bolliger and Mabillard, the acclaimed Swiss roller coaster design firm that brought Iron Wolf to Six Flags Great America in 1990 and introduced the inverted outside-looping roller coaster to the world at Six Flags Great America with the opening of Batman The Ride in 1992.

In recent years, the pursuit of greater thrills and higher adrenaline rushes has resulted in the construction of roller coasters that deliver increasing speed. Often called "speed coasters" or "hyper coasters," these rides traditionally incorporate towering lifts and super-steep drops to achieve speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour. Typically, speed coasters feature long straight-aways of track and a series of small hills that gives riders exhilarating "air time." Raging Bull's design is unique even among speed coasters, due to the twists, switchbacks and "inclined loops" incorporated in a way that sustains speed and delivers a breathless ride.

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