



## ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES NAMING OF OASIS OF THE SEAS

*Seven Celebrity Godmothers Inaugurate the World's Largest and Most Revolutionary Cruise Ship*

MIAMI, Dec. 1, 2009 – Royal Caribbean International officially named its newest cruise ship, *Oasis of the Seas*, yesterday, during an elaborate maritime celebration designed especially for the world's largest and most revolutionary cruise ship. Putting a new twist on one of maritime's longest standing traditions, the global cruise line was honored to have not one, but seven celebrity godmothers – **Gloria Estefan, Daisy Fuentes, Shawn Johnson, Keshia Knight Pulliam, Michelle Kwan, Jane Seymour and Dara Torres** – preside over the festivities. The celebration took place throughout the seven signature neighborhoods onboard *Oasis of the Seas*, culminating with the traditional Champagne bottle breaking ceremony followed by a fireworks display in the AquaTheater, the ship's dazzling oceanfront theater. Video of the event is available on the ship's dedicated website, [www.OasisOfTheSeas.com](http://www.OasisOfTheSeas.com).

Marking the finale of 10 days of preview sailings, the naming ceremony provided Royal Caribbean the opportunity to give back to the community, doubling as a one-night inaugural celebration-fundraiser to benefit the non-profit Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Celebrities including NBA legend **Michael Jordan**, **Corbin Bleu** of *High School Musical* and Olympic gymnast, *Oasis* godmother **Shawn Johnson** and *Dancing With the Stars* professional dancer, **Karina Smirnoff** were in attendance, granting the wishes of several children that wanted to meet them. Royal Caribbean has enjoyed a long relationship with Make-A-Wish. Since 2000, the cruise line has hosted more than 1,300 children who wished to go on a cruise to destinations around the world and has contributed more than \$2.8 million in in-kind services and \$372,000 in discount savings through its *Wishes at Sea* program. Through employee and guest fundraising efforts, Royal Caribbean has also raised more than \$480,000 and 460,000 frequent flier miles, used to secure airline tickets for children's wish travel and help the Make-A-Wish Foundation conserve critical financial resources. The cruise line donated 1,000 staterooms for this inaugural, once-in-a-lifetime event to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with all proceeds benefiting the nonprofit organization.

As the ultimate expression of Royal Caribbean's legacy of imagination and innovation, *Oasis of the Seas* introduces unique industry "firsts" including a neighborhood concept – seven main themed areas providing guests with the opportunity to seek out relevant experiences based on their personal style, preference or mood. Within these seven neighborhoods – Central Park, Boardwalk, the Royal Promenade, Pool & Sports Zone, Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center, Entertainment Place and Youth Zone – are extraordinary elements such as the first living park at sea; a thrilling zip line that races diagonally nine-decks above an open-air atrium; an original handcrafted carousel; 28 multilevel urban-style loft suites boasting floor-to-ceiling windows; an amphitheater-style theater that serves as a pool by day and a dazzling ocean front theater by night; and an array of epicurean innovations that allow for new culinary experiences each day of a guest's cruise vacation.

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*Oasis of the Seas* is the largest and most revolutionary cruise ship in the world. An architectural marvel at sea, she spans 16 decks, encompasses 225,282 gross registered tons, carries 5,400 guests at double occupancy, and features 2,700 staterooms. *Oasis of the Seas* is the first ship to tout the cruise line's new neighborhood concept of seven distinct themed areas, which includes Central Park, Boardwalk, the Royal Promenade, the Pool and Sports Zone, Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center, Entertainment Place and Youth Zone. The ship will sail from her home port of Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Additional information is available at [www.oasisoftheseas.com](http://www.oasisoftheseas.com).

Royal Caribbean International is a global cruise brand with 21 ships currently in service and one under construction. The line also offers unique cruise tour land packages in Alaska, Canada, Dubai, Europe, and Australia and New Zealand. For additional information or to make reservations, call your travel agent, visit [www.royalcaribbean.com](http://www.royalcaribbean.com) or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN. Travel professionals should go [www.cruisingpower.com](http://www.cruisingpower.com) or call (800) 327-2056.

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