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Funtime Thrills Riders Across The Globe

Funtime is excited as it looks to 2015. This year saw the opening of record-setting vertical rides and next year looks just as busy.

“It certainly has been thrilling for us,” said Hannes Lackner, the company’s head engineer. “Our rides continue to pop up around the globe, which is certainly exciting. This year we opened our eighth StarFlyer with Six Flags at their New England property and it was another one of our massive 123-meter (403-foot) rides. Next year will see another StarFlyer at Six Flags Mexico, where it will be the second Funtime attraction at the park,” he continued.

“The Six Flags New England StarFlyer was certainly a feather in all of our caps,” said Adam Sandy, Chief Business Development Officer for the Ride Entertainment Group. “Our team members partnered with Funtime to install that tower attraction and, despite the harsh New England winter, it was ready to open early. Now you can see the New England Sky Screamer from all over western Massachusetts.”

The company has stayed busy with other attractions, also. They opened two Slingshots and debuted their newest ride, the Skyfall, at the 2013 Oktoberfest. Despite being a new ride, Funtime has sold four worldwide. The Skyfall was developed with the European showman in mind, but it is available as a park-model attraction, also. Although it stands an exhilarating 80 meters (262 feet) tall, it can be set up in less than one day with no cranes. The ride is a heart-pounding experience, 24 guests are whisked to the top of the tower and then dropped straight down into a set of magnetic brakes.

“We felt that even though there are several freefalls on the market, we could make it much more user-friendly,” said Lackner. “We came up with a unique way to erect a tall tower without a crane and did some other improvements to the ride system, such putting the winch at the bottom of the tower. Since we own and operate some of our attractions, we bring operations experience into our ride design.” Funtime offers the Skyfall in both park and trailer models in a variety of heights and with LED lighting packages.

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About Funtime:
The Austrian company, located in Dispatch, Austria, has produced some of the world’s most terrifying thrill rides. Inspired by the Alps that are in the company’s backyard, Funtime prides itself designing attractions that go taller than the competition and finding new ways to thrill riders.

About the Ride Entertainment Group:
The Ride Entertainment Group of Companies (www.RideEntertainment.com) is a world leader in providing thrilling attractions to the entertainment industry. From record-breaking roller coasters to world-renowned brands to award-winning family attractions, the Ride Entertainment Group has earned international recognition for their innovation and commitment to quality entertainment. The company is Funtime’s key sales and revenue share partner.

Photo List:
Mega King: Skyfall owned by Andreas Zinnecker, photo courtesy of Funtime
Skyfall 1-3: Skyfall owned by Michael Goetze, photo courtesy of Funtime
StarFlyer 1: 403-foot StarFlyer at Six Flags New England, photo courtesy of the Ride Entertainment Group
StarFlyer 2: 403-foot StarFlyer at Six Flags New England, photo courtesy of Six Flags New England