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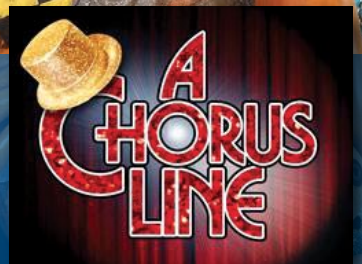
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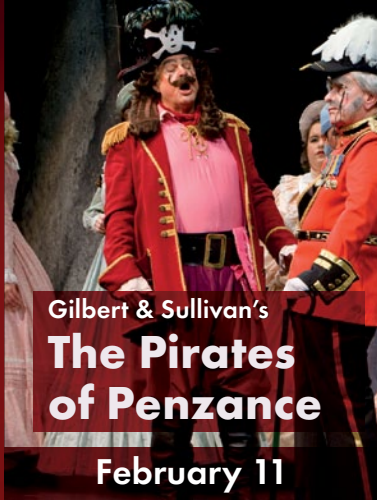
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Riverside, California

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with Special Guest
Chante Moore
February 10



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February 11



Natalie Cole
with Full Symphony Orchestra

February 24

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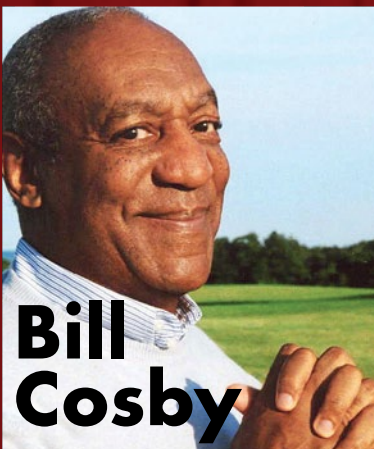


Journey into the world of
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February 17-18



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Bill Cosby

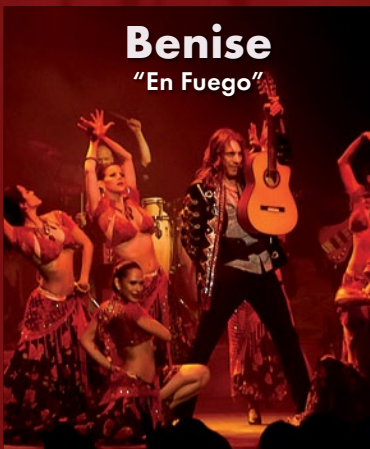
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Special Guests:
Big Papa and the TCB

March 24



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FRIDAY, FEB 24TH



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SATURDAY, FEB 25TH

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ABOUT THE COVER: VENTRILOQUIST TERRY FATOR is all about dummies at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. Read about his show on page 20.

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Headliner entertainment in the Fantasy Springs Concert Pavilion this year includes LeAnn Rimes, Banda Los Recoditos, Hot Chelle Rae, Uncle Kracker, and the ever popular Super Fiesta featuring Lorenzo de Monteclaro. There’s no need to buy a separate ticket for these acts because all headliner entertainment is included with the price of admission.

The Grandstand Arena features exhilarating shows that are a must see including Fiesta Del Charro, Bull-O-Rama, Monster Trucks and Freestyle Motorcross, Demolition Derby and the hilarious Camel and Ostrich Races that continue to captivate audiences with their crazy riders and unexpected animal behavior.

Don’t miss the special promotions at the Fair this year:

- Opening Friday, February 17 – FIRST FIVE HOURS FREE - from 10am-3pm, all Fairgoers will be able to walk through the gates at no cost.

- Kids’ Day – Wednesday, February 22 - with each paid adult admission, one child can get into the fair at no charge
- Fantasy \$5 Friday – Friday, February 24 – As the presenting sponsor of the Fair, Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is giving back to the community by creating an entire day for all Fairgoers to get into the Fair for only \$5. **IER**



Riverside County Fair & Date Festival

The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival is presented by Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. Gates open at 10am and close at 10pm. General admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for group bus tours, \$6 for youth, and no cost for children under 5 years of age.

For more information, call 1-800-811-FAIR or visit www.datefest.org.



Headliner entertainment at the Fair includes LeAnn Rimes

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Tickets on sale now for Soboba Golf Classic

The 2012 Soboba Golf Classic is one of the "Premier" events on the PGA TOUR Nationwide Tour Schedule. The \$750,000 carries the distinction of being the second largest full field event prize purse on the tour.




Join the fun as The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians and The Country Club at Soboba Springs play host to the biggest event in the Inland Empire. This is your chance to come out and see current and future stars of the PGA TOUR. Former contestants include Rickie Fowler, Brendan Steele, Jhonattan Vegas and last year's PGA Champion Keegan Bradley.

The Soboba Golf Classic has become known for all of the activities available besides simply watching golf. There is something for everyone during the tournament week of April 2-8 this year, so bring your family and enjoy.

Noted as the "best on any tour," the Tuesday afternoon Jr. Clinic (4:30pm) is free to attend as kids of all ages are treated to a show of skill by 10 PGA TOUR Professionals and even a lucky few receive golf instruction from the players. After the clinic, the Kidzcorner opens for a "freeview" for everyone to enjoy. Sure to return to Kidzcorner this year are a petting zoo, jumpers, climbing rock wall, games and prizes, the SCPGA Learning Center ... all free. This year, children under the age of 17 get in free all week.

The Beer and Wine Garden is always a fan favorite with beer and wine specials, specialty brews and music following play. The Patio area, located adjacent to the clubhouse, offers vendor booths, an outdoor bar and snack bar.

Each year, the Soboba Golf Classic utilizes the help of hundreds of volunteers. Volunteering for the event gets you as close to the action as possible with an "inside the ropes" opportunity like no other.

Tickets start at \$10 for a Weekly Clubhouse/Grounds pass. For more information, call (951) 654-4300 or visit www.sobobaclassic.net. 

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ACTIVITIES DURING THE
WINTERNATIONALS,
FEB. 9-12

- ◆ NHRA Museum Memorabilia Silent Auction at the track, Feb. 9-12
- ◆ Night of Champions, the semi-annual Auto Club Question and Answer session with NHRA professional racers, Feb. 10
- ◆ Racing Collectible Show with racing apparel, pins, die cast and more, Feb. 11
- ◆ Free Museum admission and extended hours, Feb. 9-12

The Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum, presented by the Automobile Club of Southern California, is hosting some fun and free activities for race fans during the 52nd annual O'Reilly Auto Parts NHRA Winternationals, Thursday, Feb. 9 – Sunday, Feb. 12.

Entrance to the museum is free all weekend and a free tram runs between the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona (Gate J) and the museum all weekend.

The Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum is located at Fairplex Gate 1, 1101 W. McKinley Ave. in Pomona. For further information on special exhibits, museum events or directions, call (909) 622-2133 or visit museum.nhra.com.



SPECIAL GUESTS NHRA Announcer Bob Frey entertains fans and drivers during the semi-annual Auto Club Q&A at the NHRA Museum.

ENGINES ROARING NHRA drag races at the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

9am to 6pm – Museum is open, admission is free. Tram runs from 9am to 6:30pm

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

9am to 10pm: Museum is open to the public and admission is free. Free parking at the Museum after 5pm. Tram runs from 9am to 10:30pm

6 – 7pm: Night of Champions featuring the Auto Club Q&A. Meet NHRA's professional drivers Antron Brown, Erica Enders, Morgan Lucas and Brandon Bernstein. NHRA An-

nouncer Bob Frey moderates the wildly popular question and answer session with autographs and photo opportunities afterward. Admission is free and open to all.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

8am – 10pm: Museum is open, admission is free. Tram service available, 8am-8pm

Noon – 9pm: Racing Collectible Show. Check out old and new racing collectibles for sale including diecast, posters, artwork and memorabilia. \$5, children 12 and under free. A \$2 off coupon is available on the Museum website, museum.nhra.com.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

8:30am - 5pm: Museum is open all day and admission is free. Tram service available, 8am – 6:30pm

At the track and throughout the weekend, there will also be a display of nostalgia Cacklefest cars, and a display of all the 2011 Twilight Cruise winners from the Parks NHRA Museum. There will also be a silent auction at the track featuring unique NHRA Museum memorabilia. All proceeds raised will benefit the Museum's future education programs and exhibits.

Love

Comes to Riverside This Valentine's Day

Get ready for *Love in Riverside*. The Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP) in conjunction with the Culver Center of the Arts is creating a weeklong celebration of Valentine's Day that gives everyone a unique way to say they care. Surprise your sweetheart by creating your own free romantic video Valentine at the Culver Center of the Arts located at 3834 Main St. in Downtown Riverside.

Drop in to record a special message to your loved one any day between Feb. 7 to 11 from Noon to 5pm. Are you a procrastinator? Don't worry there will be a last chance on Valentine's Day to record from Noon until 5pm.

Special Events

RDP is holding two special events as a part of Love in Riverside. The Culver Center will begin the broadcast of Video Valentines and Love in Riverside tweets on Saturday, Feb. 11th from 2 to 5pm projected on the LED screens located in the front of the Culver Center for the Arts building. The event will also feature music by DJ Snipes, free gifts, and prizes.

In addition, participants can get a Passport to Love, for an opportunity to enter to win one of two grand prizes with three stamps from participating merchants, including the Culver. The first grand prize, Be My Valentine, includes a one night stay, a long stemmed red rose, and a \$50 resort gift card for the romantic Mission Inn, as well as a \$125 gift certificate for dinner at Mario's Place. The second grand prize is dinner for two at Applebee's and tickets to the Fox Theater Performance of your choice.

Last Chance Video

Another opportunity to record a Video Valentine for those last minute planners will take place on Tuesday Feb. 14th. Create that special message between 2 and 5pm then watch the broadcast while enjoying music and other festivities until 7pm. After the video recording, get your "Passport to Love" and head out to one of five restaurants offering "Love in Riverside" last minute deals and a final chance to get those passports stamped to enter for the grand prizes.

All *Love in Riverside* Valentine festivities will take place on the pedestrian mall in Downtown Riverside in front of the Culver Center of the Arts at 3834 Main Street., near the intersection of University and Main Street.

To find out more look for *Love in Riverside* on Facebook and check out the *Love in Riverside* YouTube Channel after Feb. 4. Also, follow *Love in Riverside* on Twitter. Some of Riverside's best known faces scheduled to record early Video Valentines include: Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside City College President Cynthia Azari, and Kelly Roberts of the Mission Inn. **LER**



2012

Events • Exhibits

January 27-29
Grand National Roadster Show
 Museum admission just \$5 with
GNRS Paid Admission
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**Moon: "Six Decades of a
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February 9-12
O'Reilly Auto Parts
NHRA Winternationals
FREE Museum Admission and
Free Tram to & from the track
Friday's "Night of Champions"
Open House — open 'til 10 p.m.
events include:
Auto Club Q&A @ 6 p.m.
featuring professional drivers and
legends of the sport
Saturday's "Racing Collectible
Show" noon 'til 9 p.m. Just \$5.

**For more information, directions, hours
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events happening all year at the
Museum, log on to, or call:**

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Theater & The Arts

Fox presents Joe with Chante Moore

A night of R&B stylings

The Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside presents the sultry R&B song stylings of two internationally-acclaimed artists, Joe with his special guest Chante Moore, on Friday, Feb. 10 at 8pm (doors open at 7pm).

Joe is an accomplished vocalist of smooth and sultry R&B productions with occasional hip-hop beats, and his extensive background in gospel music has allowed him to produce his albums as well as sing on them. A native of Georgia, Joe later moved to Opelika, Alabama; since he was the son of two preachers, he spent much time in church singing, playing guitar, and even directing the choir. Influenced early on by gospel stars like the Winans, Commissioned, and Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Joe grew to love soul legends Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye plus contemporary stars Bobby Brown and Keith Sweat.

Joe graduated from high school and contin-



Joe

ued to sing and write music while working at occasional temporary jobs. Finally, he traveled to New Jersey, hoping to make connections in the music industry. While working at a gospel record store and continuing his music education through a local church, he met producer Vincent Herbert and recorded a three-song demo tape. He signed to Polygram and in 1993



Chante Moore

released his album debut, *Everything*. Joe also appeared on the soundtrack to *Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood*, and moved to Jive/RCA for his second album, 1997's *All That I Am*. The single "Don't

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'A Jew Grows In Brooklyn' Is A Poignant And Humorous True Tale

Jacob Isaac Ehrenreich, named for his two grandfathers, was born in Brooklyn, New York, as the first American born child of Holocaust survivors. His parents and two sisters arrived in the United States in 1949. An accomplished musician, playwright author and performer, Jake has spent the last few years telling his family's story in *A Jew Grows in Brooklyn* which broke box office records at the historic Lambs Theater in the heart of Broadway, and now travels across the globe.

A Jew Grows in Brooklyn, from the producers of *Menopause The Musical*, is a true story of "an American immigrant kid." The play runs March 7-25 at the Annenberg Theater in Palm Springs. For tickets, call (760) 325-4490, or go online to www.annenbergtheater.org.

A smash hit in the heart of Broadway, where it played for more than a year and a half, *A Jew*

Grows in Brooklyn is an "engaging, poignant and hilarious" (*Palm Beach Post*) comedy musical about the search for identity and meaning.

From the streets of Brooklyn and struggles with his family's past, to the laughter and rebirth of Catskills summers, to his mother and sister's heartbreaking early Alzheimers disease, this "tour de force performance" (*Las Vegas Journal Review*) is "a delightful journey that speaks to anyone hoping to live out the American Dream" (ABC TV).

Through stories and comedy and music, performed with a live band and multi-media video and photos – including a classic Rock Medley ("California Dreamin'," "Secret Agent Man," "Sunshine of Your Love"), a multi-instrumental version of Louis Prima's "Sing, Sing, Sing," and

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Jacob Ehrenreich

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Live romantic harp music by Margaret Klemm

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February 21, 2012 @

5:30pm
Cover song singles performed by Vanessa Jourdan

Valverde Song and Dance

Troupe

February 28, 2012 @ 6:30pm
Live singing and dancing by Valverde School of Performing Arts

Adventures in Song and Story

March 6, 2012 @ 6:30pm
Enjoy this fun, and entertaining performance of fairy tales by the Southland Opera

Success through

Imagination

March 13, 2012 @ 6:30pm
An interactive and educational balloon storytelling performance

Instrumental Jazz

March 20, 2012 @ 5:30pm
Enjoy the music of saxophone player, Naomi Balcombe

Fiesta Mexicana

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Rolly is a typical kid whose boring summer vacation turns into a terrific adventure when he stumbles on the past and ends up in 10th century

France. There he encounters Princess Aurora, a feisty 12-year-old girl who longs to be a knight and travel the world. Aurora's parents don't let her leave the castle walls because

of a secret curse that was put on her when she was born. Despite all their protection, Aurora pricks her finger on a spindle and the curse comes to pass – she sleeps for a thousand years. Rolly, back in the present, finds the sleeping Aurora and wakes her up. The two friends are reunited and Aurora gets to discover the world outside the castle at last! (For ages 5+)

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

FEB. 24
GENERAL:
GOLD LEVEL: \$38 • SILVER LEVEL: \$30
SENIOR:
GOLD LEVEL: \$36 • SILVER LEVEL: \$30.50

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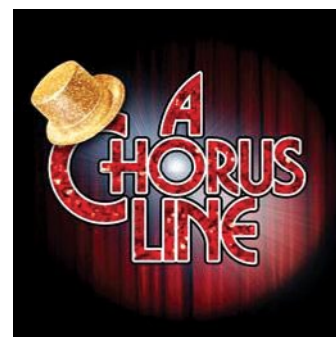
found its way to the Lewis Family Playhouse stage. Bringing with them the colors, rhythms and harmonies of their native South Africa, Ladysmith Black Mambazo's four decade repertoire has a little something for everyone. Having performed alongside musical legends like Stevie Wonder, Ben Harper, and Dolly Parton just to name a few, and having performed for presidents and royalty alike, this is surely a performance not to be missed.

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JIM BRICKMAN - AN EVENING OF ROMANCE

FEB. 25
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SENIOR:
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FEB. 17 - 19

When the pristine garden of the diva tailor bird, Darzee, becomes inhabited by the young mongoose, Rikki Tikki Tavi, she becomes incensed. With her muskrat friend Chuchu, Darzee pulls out all the stops to devise ways to run off the pesky mongoose. However, when they see the strange effect that Rikki Tikki Tavi has on Nag, the cunning cobra, the friends reconsider. This play is a delightfully fun reminder about sharing and cooperation.

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Gospel Favorite The Hoppers Come To Highland

Multi-award winning family group The Hoppers have been singing to global audiences for over 55 years with appearances ranging from presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall to singing conventions and church platforms. The Hoppers come to the Inland Empire Feb. 25 when they play at Immanuel Baptist Church at 5pm in Highland.

They have performed throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. Their unique blend of harmonies and song choices have created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers.

Known as "America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music," they are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours, and their recordings frequently land near the top of the Billboard sales charts and The Singing News radio charts.

Comprised today of family members Claude and Connie, son Dean and his wife, Kim, and son Mike Hopper, The Hoppers were formed in 1957 in the rural-farm town of Madison, NC, and have grown continuously for decades, touching countless lives around the world. A cancer survivor, Connie has been honored with the prestigious Marvin Norcross Award, in addition to numerous industry and fan honors; and she has been inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Sons Dean and Mike have continued the family legacy with their musical talents and

business abilities; and Kim, Dean's wife, hails from her own nationally acclaimed musical family, The Greenes. She is noted for the excitement she brings to any live performance, and her unmistakable, rafter-ringing soprano vocals have taken The Hoppers to new heights for many years. **IER**

The Hoppers In Concert

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NO CHILD: March 9-18. Provocative, funny and profane, this Obie award-winning play takes us to a failing school where one artist educator struggles to make a difference. See article on page 17.

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SIGNATURE AMERICAN WATERCOLOR

EXHIBITION: Feb. 5 - March 18. \$5, members free. See article on page 15.

FONTANA COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER (FCSC) ART GALLERY

The art gallery is located on the Center's upper level in the Library and Art Gallery Corridor, 16710 Ceres Ave., in Fontana.

(909) 349-6975. arts.fontana.org.

ARTIST SHOWCASE, ARTISTIC AESTHETICS:

Featuring artist Shira Seny. The exhibit runs from through February 24th.

Natalie Cole

**FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

In Downtown Riverside, 3801 Mission Inn Ave. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets and the Fox Box Office. For Box Office information, call (951) 779-9800, or visit foxriversidelive.com.

COLBIE CAILLAT: Feb. 3.

JOE WITH CHANTE MOORE: Feb. 10, 8pm. See article on page 10.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE: Feb. 11.

RING OF FIRE: Feb. 17-18, part of the Broadway Series. Journey into the world of music legend Johnny Cash.

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN: Feb. 25

NATALIE COLE: Feb. 24, with a full, symphony orchestra.

BILL COSBY: March 3

**THE HOPPERS**

Feb. 25 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 5pm. See article on page 13.

INDIAN WELLS THEATER

At the Cal State San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus, 37-500 Cook St., between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra Drives.

POLKA DOTS & MOONBEAMS: THE SONGS OF JIMMY VAN HEUSEN:

Feb. 29. Part of Musical Chairs. For ticket information, call (760) 883-1800 or go online to www.musicalchairs.us. Tickets are \$35. See article on page 16.

I LOVE A PIANO!: April 4. Part of Musical Chairs. For ticket information, call (760) 883-1800 or go online to www.musicalchairs.us. Tickets are \$35. See article on page 16.



February 5 – March 18, 2012

Opening Reception **Feb. 4th** 5-7pm

Reception Admission \$10, Show Admission \$5 - Free to members



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World of Watercolor

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'World of Watercolor' Returns to Fallbrook

If you haven't been to Fallbrook, now is the time as the *World of Watercolor* returns. Open Feb. 5 through March 18, the Fallbrook Art Center will host both the American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society Travel Exhibitions, the only venue in the U.S. to do so.

In addition, Fallbrook Art Center's own Signature American Watercolor Exhibition will be presented. This is the only show of its kind in the U.S. limited to artists who have achieved official Signature Membership status in one or more established U.S. watercolor societies.

"I found these entries were very competitive since only credentialed artists were qualified, whereas most of the big shows are open to all," Frank Webb, juror of the Inaugural Signature American Watercolor Exhibition, said.

This year's presentation features paintings from artists across the country selected by juror Ted Nuttall, AWS, NWS.

World of Watercolor offers a rare chance to view current works by the nation's top watercolor artists.

There will be over 100 paintings presented with a wide range of subject matter, technique, and style, from experimental to traditional. After the show, visit the Center's Café des Artistes for



lunch, an espresso, or glass of wine then stroll through the quaint Village stores.

Founded in 1996, the Fallbrook Art Center is one of five projects governed by Fallbrook Arts, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3) California corporation. The Fallbrook Art Center is a distinguished, accessible, and welcoming institution that offers a range of exemplary art exhibitions

and community outreach events.

For more information, or to view the online catalog, go to www.fallbrookartcenter.org

Hours for the exhibitions are Mon.-Sat. 10am to 4pm, and Sun. Noon to 3pm. The Fallbrook Art Center is located at 103 South Main at Alvarado in Fallbrook. The cost for entry is \$5, free to members. **IER**

OnStage Musicals Upcoming Concerts



Feb. 12, 2012 – Old Town Temecula Theater "Good Guys and Bad Guys" The Music of Spies and Private Eyes" Featuring Patricia Welch, Bill Kilpatrick and The All Star Big Band 2:00 pm Call 1-866-OLD-TOWN

Feb 29, 2012 - Indian Wells Theater Palm Desert "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" Musical Chairs Encore 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Musical chairs returns for our 11th season in the Desert. For more information and tickets visit www.musicalchairs.us

April 29, 2012 – Indian Wells Theater Palm Desert "The OnStage Palm Springs Jazz Festival" 2:00 pm A concert style jazz festival featuring Yve Evans, Pat Rizzo, Steve Madio, Andy Fraga Quartet, Keith Droste and Jeff Stover and The All Star Band. For tickets visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/197213

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By Nilaja Sun

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Musical Chairs returns to the desert

As many know, the award-winning concert series, Musical Chairs, went on hiatus in December, 2009, after ten seasons and over 250 performances of 52 concerts in the Palm Springs area. Thanks to popular demand, Musical Chairs is returning to the desert with two encore concerts.



- Wednesday, Feb. 29: "Polka Dots & Moonbeams: The Songs of Jimmy Van Heusen" - One of Frank Sinatra's favorite composers.
- Wednesday, April 4: "I Love a Piano!" - Featuring six world-class pianists, plus The Musical Chairs Singers & Dancers, top musicians, many of your favorite performers and some talented new discoveries.

Both concerts will be held at the Indian Wells Theater (CSUSB Campus) in Palm Desert at the I-10 freeway and Cook Street.

Seating is limited, so order your tickets early. For tickets (\$35) by credit card call the office at (760) 883-1800 or mail a check to: Derrick Lewis' Musical Chairs, PO Box 3334, Palm Springs, CA 92263.

For more information, visit them online at www.musicalchairs.us. **LER**

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Jim Brickman

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE

12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. Tickets available at lewisfamilyplayhouse.com, (909) 477-2752.

SLEEPING BEAUTY: THE TIME TRAVELER

Through Feb. 12. A classic fairy tale with a very modern twist. *See article on page 12.*

TICKET TO RIDE: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

Feb. 18, 7:30pm.

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

Feb. 24. *See article on page 12.*

JIM BRICKMAN, AN EVENING OF ROMANCE

Feb. 25. *See article on page 12.*

A CHORUS LINE

March 9-18. *See article on page 12.*

THE MASTERS OF HARMONY

Internationally acclaimed musical ensemble performing primarily in the barbershop style. March 3, 7:30pm, at the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel. The evening will also feature guest artist Miclen LaiPang, 16-year-old violin virtuoso. *See article on page 17.*

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER

42051 Main St., Temecula. (866) 653-8696. www.temeculatheater.org.

JAZZ AT THE MERC

Thursdays, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$15.

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JANIS SIEGEL

Of The Manhattan Transfer, Feb. 9, 8pm.

GOOD GUYS AND BAD GUYS

The Music of Spies and Private Eyes, featuring Patricia Welch, Bill Kilpatrick and the All Star Big Band, Feb. 12, 2pm.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

4026 14th St., in Riverside. (951) 686-4030. www.riversidecommunityplayers.com. **DOUBT**: Through Feb. 5, tickets \$15. This gripping story of suspicion cast on a priest's behavior is less about scandal than about fascinatingly nuanced questions of moral certainty. Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. As the sister tries to move from suspicion to proof, she becomes increasingly determined to have him removed. In the end all that is really left is...doubt.

THE GARDEN OF RIKKI TIKKI TAVI

Feb. 17-19, \$9.

STEELWORKERS' AUDITORIUM

Lewis Library and Technology Center, 8437 Sierra Ave., Fontana. Lewis Library: (909) 574-4500. Event and facility information: (909) 349-6979

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Feb. through March, Thursday evenings at 6pm (except holidays and special events).

MEXICO, CULTURA Y TRADICION

Feb. 7, 6:30pm. A Traditional Mexican Dance performance by Ballet Folklorico Tradicion.

ROMANTIC HARP MUSIC

Feb. 14, 5:30pm. Live romantic harp music by Margaret Klemm.

POP AND ROCK

Feb. 21, 5:30pm. Cover song singles performed by Vanessa Jourdan.

VALVERDE SONG AND DANCE TROUPE

Feb. 28, 6:30pm. Live singing and dancing by Valverde School of Performing Arts.

ADVENTURES IN SONG AND STORY

March 6, 6:30pm. Enjoy this fun and entertaining performance of fairy tales by the Southland Opera.

SUCCESS THROUGH IMAGINATION

March 13, 6:30pm. An interactive and educational balloon storytelling performance.

INSTRUMENTAL JAZZ

March 20, 5:30pm. Enjoy the music of saxophone player, Naomi Balcombe.

FIESTA MEXICANA

March 27, 6:30pm. A showcase of music and dance by Ballet Folklorico Tesoros de Mexico.

UC RIVERSIDE PRESENTS

At the University Theater, 900 University Ave., in Riverside. (951) 827-4331.

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Masters of Harmony to Appear at the University of Redlands

2011 International Chorus Champions

The Masters of Harmony, an internationally acclaimed musical ensemble consisting of over 100 men dedicated to musical excellence and performing primarily in the barbershop style, will be in concert on Saturday night, March 3, 7:30pm, with the beautiful ambience of the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel.

This concert is open to the community and is sponsored by the Alumni Association, School of Medicine of Loma Linda University in conjunction with their 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention. The evening will also feature guest artist Miclen LaiPang, 16-year-old violin virtuoso, who will open the concert and the concert's second half.

The Masters of Harmony was founded in 1985, a California Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They are now based out of the City of Santa Fe Springs. The group started as a handful of men wishing to sing barbershop harmony and now has quickly risen to a chorus of more than 100 men (CEO's, doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers, police officers, salesmen,

computer operators, students, retirees and others) who come from throughout Southern California from San Diego to Santa Barbara. Over the years, audiences have experienced world class, high energy, emotionally stirring, perfectly balanced and four part a capella harmony as only the Masters of Harmony can perform.

The group has recorded eight albums of music including *Showtime*, *Caroling Caroling*, *Masterpiece*, *California Gold Rush*, *Christmas Eve in our Hometown*, *The Way We Were*, *Portrait*, and their 2011 release, *The Dream is Carried On*.

Under the direction of Mark Hale, the acclaimed singers have a dynamic repertoire that encompasses music from the classics to jazz, patriotic to sacred, rounded out with standards and Broadway pops. Their musical magic and choreographic artistry repeatedly elicits standing ovations.


"No one is left untouched when the Masters of Harmony perform. They sing with power, passion and perfect harmony," Dr. Robert Soderblom, event coordinator who is also director of the well-known Calimesa Community Concert Series, said.

Recently the group launched the Christmas

Season in the marvelous Ambassador Auditorium, known as the "Carnegie Hall of the West" in Pasadena. They have performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City and many prestigious places. People attending their concerts repeatedly have said, "be prepared to clap, cheer, and say 'wow' and thoroughly be entertained from the opening chords to the lingering echoes of the last notes."

The group has been International Chorus Champions eight times, the last being 2011. These victories represent the outcome of a competition open to more than 800 choruses from the United States and several foreign countries.

Tickets and information can be obtained by calling the dedicated concert line at (909) 558-7193. MasterCard and Visa are accepted and tickets will be mailed. Ticket prices range from front center prime reserved seating (The Golden Circle) at \$100 to \$75, \$50, \$30, \$20, and \$10. The community is urged to call early for best seating. Tickets can also be purchased at ABC Christian Book Store in Loma Linda.


The Masters of Harmony website is www.mastersofharmony.com. 

Shows Of Passion And Desire At Cal State San Bernardino

The Superintendent of Schools for San Bernardino County stated that the graduation rate has dropped for eight consecutive years and enrollment is the lowest it has been since 2003. With that as the backdrop, there could not be a better time to produce Nilaja Sun's Obie award winning play *No Child...*

Set in a failing school in the Bronx, *No Child...* does not sugar coat the reality of high school. Profanity, name-calling and fights fill the stage while one teaching artist attempts to make a difference in the lives of her students. Faced with the challenge of putting on a show in six weeks, Ms. Sun struggles to connect with the self-proclaimed worst class in the school. Her troubles and triumphs, and those of the inhabitants of Malcolm X High, are chronicled by the school's janitor of 40+ years. Though fictionalized, *No Child...* is based on the author's own experience and forces us to question who and what we've left behind.

The Cal State San Bernardino production is directed by Kathryn Ervin with choreography by Leslie Bryan. Performances are March 9 - 18. Tickets can be purchased beginning Feb. 28 online at theatre.csusb.edu or by phone at (909) 537-5884.

The CSUSB theatre season closes with the musical *Cabaret*, a decadent look at pre-WW II Germany. As the socio-economic decline begins to give way to Nazism, headliner Sally Bowles and Cliff, a writer in search of inspiration, attempt to find love in the seedy and vulgar world of the Kit-Kat Club. *Cabaret* runs June 1 - 10, 2012. 



JeLisa Rucker and Toehey Caldwell in rehearsal for *No Child...*

'Performance Tuesdays' Offer Free Entertainment

Fontana Arts focuses on enriching and enhancing the quality of life for community members by providing opportunities for personal inspiration and artistic expression through programs and activities. The activities offered by the Fontana Arts program include, but are not limited to: Performance Tuesdays, visual and performing art classes; Open Studio, art galleries and showcases; Noches Con Ritmo; and numerous special events and cultural art programs. Highlighted below is the free "Performance Tuesdays" program.

Each month, Fontana Arts schedules performances designed to be entertaining and educational for the whole family. Performance Tuesdays take place on select Tuesdays at the


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Steelworkers' Auditorium, located adjacent to the Lewis Library & Technology Center. All events are free, but seating is limited so attendees are encouraged to arrive early for each event.

Scheduled performances in February include a celebration of the Latin culture with a showcase of traditional Mexican dance entitled, "Mexico, Cultura, y Tradicion" at 6:30pm on Feb. 7. Come out to the Library Courtyard on Feb. 14 at 5:30pm to be serenaded with romantic love songs on harp played by Margaret Klemm. On Feb. 21, enjoy your favorite cover song singles performed by Vanessa Jourdan at 5:30pm. The Valverde School of Performing Arts showcases a live singing and dancing performance on Feb. 28 at 6:30pm.

Performance Tuesdays in the month of March are: March 6 will feature an entertaining and educational opera performance of fairy tales by the Southland Opera at 6:30pm; come on March 13 for an interactive, educational balloon storytelling performance entitled, "Success through Imagination," at 6:30pm; join on March 20 in the Library Courtyard at 5:30pm for an enjoyable evening of saxophone music, featuring Naomi Balcombe; finally, March 27 will be a celebration of the Latin culture with a showcase of music and dance entitled "Fiesta Mexicana" at 6:30pm.

The Performance Tuesday events listed here are only samples of the numerous programs hosted by Fontana Arts. Discover opportunities to experience a variety of cultural, educational, and entertaining arts activities by calling (909) 349-6979 or visit arts.fontana.org. 

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even a selection of Yiddish songs – Jake recreates his unforgettable journey of discovery and lessons learned.

Jake has appeared on Broadway in *Dancin'*, *Barnum*, and *They're Playing Our Song*, and toured internationally as Ringo in *Beatlemania*. TV appearances include personal features on PBS, daytime dramas *Ryan's Hope* and *As The World Turns*, several national commercials, and numerous TV guest spots. Off-Broadway performances include the title role in *Jonah* for Joseph Papp at the Public Theater, *Songs of Paradise*, *The Golden Land*, and the rock review *A Hot Minute* at the historic Bottom Line Club

Doolittle Raid Subject Of Seminar

The first good news for the American public about the war in the Pacific Against Japan, the raid led by Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle against the Japanese Home Island of Honshu, will be the subject of the Living History Flying Event hosted by Planes of Fame Air Museum at the Chino Airport on Saturday, March 3. The event will begin at 10am with a seminar about the Doolittle Raid and conclude with a flight demonstration by "Photo Fanny," the Planes of Fame Air Museum's North American B-25J Mitchell bomber.

Launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet on April 18, 1942, the 16 B-25J Mitchell medium bombers led by Doolittle struck at targets in the cities of Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya and Yokosuka. Although the actual damage from the raid was minor, the psychological effect was great. It was a great morale booster to the Americans, but a tremendous loss of face for the Japanese who had regarded the Home Islands as invulnerable. As a result, the Japanese made some tactical changes in their operations that eventually proved disastrous.

An independent, non-profit institution dedicated to preserving and inspiring interest in aviation, educating the public and honoring aviation pioneers and veterans, Planes of Fame Air Museum was the first permanent air museum in the American West and a pioneer in the concept of restoring historic display




DOOLITTLE RAID "Photo Fanny," the Planes of Fame Air Museum's North American B-25J Mitchell medium bomber, will fly at the Chino Airport on Saturday, March 3.

aircraft to flying condition. Staffed primarily by dedicated volunteers, the museum supports its operations with donations, admission fees, facilities rentals and proceeds from the use of its aircraft and artifacts in various productions.


Planes of Fame Air Museum also has special membership programs available to the public, with one of the privileges of membership being the opportunity to experience orientation flights in genuine warbirds. At each monthly Planes of Fame Living History Flying Event, members in attendance can have their names entered into a drawing for a free member-supported warbird orientation flight.

Open to the public from 10am until 5pm Sunday through Friday, and from 9am until 5pm on Saturday. General admission is \$11, youngsters 5-11 are admitted for \$4, and admission is free for accompanied children under five.

For more information, call (909) 597-7576, or see Planes of Fame Air Museum on facebook, yelp or at www.planesoffame.org. 

in NYC. Jake was vocalist and MC at New York's famed Rainbow Room, and at National Conventions for American Express, Johnson and Johnson and many others. He was featured at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, and has performed and toured with such artists as Richie Havens, Greg Allman, Tito Puente, and Jay Leno.

A documentary based on the stage show of *A Jew Grows in Brooklyn* is in the works, as is a screenplay on a related topic, and a book by the same title was published by HCI, the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" publishers, in April.

For more information, go online to www.ajewgrowsinbrooklyn.com. 



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Wanna Be a Player” hit the Top 40, thanks to its exposure on the soundtrack of *Booty Call*. While *All That I Am* went platinum, Joe remixed a duet by Tina Turner and Barry White, “Never in Your Dreams”; he also produced and wrote for the debut albums of Ideal and Deja Groove.

In 1999, Joe appeared on Mariah Carey’s “Thank God I Found You” single (from *Rainbow*) and caught yet another break from a soundtrack appearance, this time with “I Wanna Know” from *The Wood*. Released as a single in the fall, “I Wanna Know” languished in the lower reaches of the charts until suddenly catching fire in early 2000; the single reached the R&B Top Five in March, setting the stage for Joe’s next album, the multi-platinum *My Name Is Joe*. Despite never achieving that

level of sales again, his releases throughout the remainder of the decade – *Better Days* (2001), *And Then...* (2003), *Ain’t Nothin’ Like Me* (2007), *Joe Thomas, New Man* (2008), and *Signature* (2009) – were solid full-lengths. Each one reached the Top Ten of the R&B chart. His first release of the 2010s was *The Good, the Bad, the Sexy* (2011), featuring four productions from Brandon “B.A.M.” Alexander.

Chante Moore is a critically acclaimed R&B and gospel singer born Feb. 17 in San Francisco. She came from a musical family singing at home and at church. She and her family moved to San Diego when she was 12 years old. In 1991 Chante was signed to MCA records under the Silas label imprint.

In 1992 her first album *Precious* (“Loves Taken Over” and “It’s Alright”) went gold. Her second albums came out in 1994, *A Love Supreme* (“Old School Lovin”) and 1999 *This Moment Is Mine* (“Chante’s Got A Man”) which was nominated for a Grammy.

She received a 1992 NAACP nomination for Outstanding New Artist and won the award in 1996 for the “Waiting to Exhale” Soundtrack. In 1996 Chante was nominated and won an American Music Award for the “Waiting to Exhale” soundtrack.

In 2000 her hit song “Chante’s Got A Man” was nominated for a Soul Train Single Of The

Year, Female. That single was certified Gold by the RIAA for selling over 500,000 copies in USA.

In 2002, Chante won a Soul Train Music Award for Best R&B/Soul Single for “Contagious” featuring The Isley Brothers and R. Kelly.

Chante has recorded with several platinum and Grammy Award winning artists including Kenny G, Bony James, Price, R.Kelly, Isley Brothers, George Duke, El Debarge and many others. In 2004, a “20th Century Masters” greatest hits collection was released with some of Chante’s most memorable songs, demonstrating Chante’s 8-octave vocal range.

In 2004 Chante signed to Arista Records and released covers of duets entitled *Things That Do*. In 2006 a 2nd album entitled *Covered/Uncovered* of duets was released, a double-CD of gospel and R&B love songs.

In 2007, Chante starred in the stage play *By Any Means Necessary*, along with Tisha Campbell, D. Hollister and Shar Jackson. In 2008, Moore released a solo album entitled *Love The Woman*. In the summer of 2009 Chante appeared in Jim and Gina Pickens live stage production of *Otis Sallid’s Gospel! Gospel! Gospel!*

Chante is currently performing across the country and working on new music to be released in 2012. **IER**

**FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:
JOE WITH CHANTE MOORE**

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or at the Fox Performing Arts Center Box Office located at 3801 Mission Inn Avenue in Riverside.

Ticket Prices range from \$39 to \$79 in addition to 23 (limited) VIP Seats at \$89.

The Box Office is open Monday -Friday from Noon to 6pm, Saturdays from 10am to 4pm and on all show days from 10am to show time.

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Casinos

Terry Fator Will Let His Puppets Do The Talking At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

Best known for his victory on “America’s Got Talent,” Terry Fator has captured the hearts, and funny bones, of America. Without moving his lips, Fator leaves audiences stunned with comedy, celebrity singing impressions and unparalleled ventriloquism. His performance brings to life the idiosyncrasies of characters including Winston, the Impersonating Turtle, the loveable Emma Taylor and the newest addition Berry Fabulous, a flamboyantly happy character. Terry Fator will be bringing his jokes, music, puppets and over 100 impersonations to the Special Events Center at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino on Feb. 18 at 8pm.

Tickets are \$89, \$69 and \$49 at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via telephone at (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

Fator first discovered his knack for impressions at the age of six, when he began performing Bill Cosby comedy routines for his family and friends. A few years later, Fator found his true passion through the book *Ventriloquism for Fun and Profit* and quickly learned how to throw his voice, resulting in his first paying gig at the age of 12. Only one year later, Fator first meshed ventriloquism, puppetry and celebrity impressions resulting in a lion puppet, fittingly named Jackyl Mikeson, to sing “Rock With You” by the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. As a kid, Fator



FATOR FRIENDS Terry Fator performs with his “friends” at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Feb. 18.

worked long, hard hours for his family’s cleaning business, during which he would practice his impressions.

Follow Fantasy Springs on www.twitter.com/fantasysprings and Like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fantasysprings. **IER**

EVENT: MARCH 9



Willie Nelson Performs at Fantasy Springs

He’s a living American legend whose music transcends multitudes of generation gaps. Willie Nelson, the original country outlaw, will perform live at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino on March 9. Tickets are on sale now for \$39, \$69, \$79, \$99 at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via telephone at (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

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760-391-9500.
www.augustinecasino.com.
84-001 Avenue 54, Coachella.

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(951) 763-1200.
www.cahuillacasino.com.
52702 Highway 371, Anza.

CASINO MORONGO

(800) 252-4499.
www.morongocasinosort.com.
49750 Seminole Dr., Cabazon.

FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is located north of Interstate 10 at the Golf Center Parkway exit near Indio (22 miles east of Palm Springs). Featuring 2000 slots, 40+ table games including TableMAX, and seven restaurants (The Bistro, Lique, POM, The Pizza Kitchen, Starbucks Cafe, Fresh Grill Buffet and Joy). Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is owned and operated by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. For tickets and information, call (760) 342-5000, (800) 827-2946 or visit www.fantasyspringsresort.com.

THE ESCAPE THE EVERYDAY

JAGUAR XF GIVEAWAY: Runs through March 3. Swipe your Players Club Card Sunday through Friday to receive free entries into the Saturday drawings. Each Saturday, 6 players will win \$500 in free slot play and

their names will be entered for a chance to win the Jaguar XF. The other 6 qualifiers will win \$250 in free slot play. *See article on page 22.*

JOSS STONE AND DAVE STEWART:

Feb. 11, 8pm. Tickets: \$79, \$59, \$39. *See article on page 22.*

VALENTINE'S DINING DEALS: Three of the resorts restaurants are offering dining specials on Feb. 14. *See article on page 23.*

TERRY FATOR: Feb. 18. *See article on page 20.*

ALEJANDRA GUZMAN: Feb. 25. Tickets: \$69, \$49, \$29. *See article on page 23.*

PAUL ANKA: March 4.

WILLIE NELSON: March 9. Tickets: \$39, \$69, \$79, \$99. *See article on page 20.*

PETER FRAMPTON: Frampton Comes Alive 35 Tour, March 10.

FRANKIE VALLI: March 17.

WHOOPI GOLDBERG: March 24.

TRANS SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA: March 31

KELLY CLARKSON: April 7.

IMPROV COMEDY CLUB: Every Friday (9pm) and Saturday (8pm and 10pm) through April 14. Tickets: \$20. *See article on this page.*

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CASINO LOUNGE: Shaken Not Stirred, Fridays, 9pm-1am. The Charmers, Saturdays, 9pm-1am. **IER**

Giving You Something To Laugh About At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

Loud, soft, crazy, wild, whichever way you laugh, it's a good bet you'll LOL when the best comedians in the business return for the 2012 season of the Improv Comedy Club at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino.

It all started Jan. 21 and continues every Friday and Saturday through April 14. Three comedians take the stage inside the club, for shows at 9pm Fridays and 8pm and 10pm Saturdays.

February comedians include: Feb. 3-4, Dat Phan/Shayla Rivera/Kenny Kane; Feb. 10-11, John Diresta/Carrie Snow/David Gee; Feb. 17-18, Stagebenders/Frazer Smith/

Bobby Miyamoto; Feb. 24-25, Joel Lindley/Flip Schultz/Alysia Wood.

Now in its fifth year at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, top-name comedians such as Dat Phan, Chris Spencer, Rondell Sheridan and many more have made audiences roar with laughter at the seasonal Improv Comedy Club. You'll see well-known acts, as well as get introduced to some rising stars of the industry.

Tickets are \$20 per show and are available by calling (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

Guests must be 21 or older to attend Improv performances. **IER**



Comedian Dat Phan

Two Brits Bring 'More Love' To Fantasy Springs

Joss Stone and Dave Stewart, Feb. 11

She is known for her trademark gravelly but lustrous vocals, he is the super-producer, formerly of the *Eurythmics*. Together Joss Stone and Dave Stewart make up two-fifths of Mick Jagger's eclectic group, SuperHeavy.

The two Brits will showcase their unique style at the Fantasy Springs Special Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8pm. Tickets are \$79, \$59, \$39 at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via telephone (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

Throughout her career, Stone has sold 11-million albums, establishing herself as one of the best-selling artists of her time. Her fifth album

LPI, released last summer, reached the Top 10 spot on the Billboard Charts. Stone has been obsessed with soul music since she was little. She began pursuing a singing career in her teens and auditioned for a UK talent show. This eventually led to a record deal and the release of Stone's star-making debut album, *The Soul Sessions* in 2003.

Dave Stewart is a well known English musician, songwriter, and record producer. In the 1980's, Stewart and Anne Lennox created the most successful pop-rock duo of all time, the *Eurythmics*. Stewart has written songs and produced for dozens of well known artists including Ringo Starr, Stevie Nicks and Tom Petty.

Now he's hoping to do it again, with *Super Heavy*, the supergroup featuring himself along with Stone, as well as other legendary musicians including Mick Jagger, Damian Marley and A.R. Rahman. The diverse group just released their self-titled debut album in September. It showcases different music styles, with music ranging from reggae to ballads to Indian genre.

Branching off from that success, Stewart and Stone created their "More Love" tour. They say it's like embarking on a music adventure never before seen. The duo claims they will be adding special guests along the way. For the latest on their tour log on to morelove.net. **IER**

Escape The Everyday Jaguar XF Giveaway

If you're into fast and fancy, you'll want to head down to Fantasy Springs Resort Casino for a chance to win the newest luxury vehicle on the casino floor.

The Escape the Everyday Jaguar XF Giveaway runs through March 3. Anyone can enter to win, as long as you have a Players-Club Card. Swipe your card Sunday through Friday to receive free entries into the Saturday drawings. Each Saturday, 6 players will win \$500 in free slot play and their names will be entered for a chance to win the Jaguar XF. The other 6 qualifiers will win \$250 in free slot play.

Fantasy Springs is certainly known for luxury vehicle giveaways. In early January, a valley man won a 2012 Range Rover Evoque. Ramon M., a landscaper from Indio, was given a choice between the car and a cash prize. He grabbed the cash and walked away with 40-thousand dollars in his pockets.

Other past vehicles featured in Fantasy Springs car giveaways include a Lotus Elise, Porsche Panamera, and BMW 328i convertible. Winners are always given the option of the car or the cash.

Fantasy Springs is located right off Interstate 10. Fantasy Springs is a privately operated business of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. For more information, call toll free (800) 827-2946 or visit www.FantasySpringsResort.com. Follow Fantasy Springs on Facebook and on Twitter @fantasysprings. **IER**

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The Queen Of Rock Brings Her Court To Fantasy Springs

Alejandra Guzman will perform at the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino's Special Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 25. The Latin Grammy Award winning rock singer and actress has a huge fan base throughout Latin America.

Guzman recorded her debut album *Bye Mama* in 1988, which gave way for her first of many hits, "La plaga."

In 1990 the songstress made it big, with the song "Eternamente Bella," which became a number one hit in Mexico and other Latin countries. The song is considered a classic by many Spanish rock fans.

Guzman won her first Latin Grammy Award in 2002 for Best Rock Solo Vocal Album for *Soy*. In 2006, she released the award winning, double-platinum album, *Indeleble*. It won Album of the Year and Guzman nabbed the award for Best Female Pop Vocal. One of her best known songs, "Volverte a amar," is from that album. The hit made it all the way to the #1 spot on the Hot Latin Pop Airplay chart.

Tickets for Alejandra Guzman are \$69, \$49, \$29 at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via telephone (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com. **IER**



Be Mine And Come Dine At Fantasy Springs On Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day the acclaimed chefs at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino help you fall in love over and over again. Three of the resort's seven restaurants will offer dining specials on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The Fresh Grill Buffet features a Valentine's Day feast. The Bistro and POM offer romantic and relaxed settings, perfect to celebrate with a special someone or with family and friends.

Reservations are recommended for The Bistro and may be made via telephone at (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

At **The Bistro**, your stomach will celebrate the heart shaped ravioli filled with lobster meat and blended cheeses, served with an aged sherry-truffle cream sauce, for \$12. For the entrée, chateaubriand, a classic center cut of filet mignon, roasted and sliced, served with a seasonal bouquetiere of vegetables, fondant potatoes, burgundy demi glace and sauce béarnaise, for \$32. Enjoy a special dessert of bananas foster style, Baked Alaska which has

caramelized bananas, layered with dulce de leche ice cream, cinnamon swirl pound cake, topped with meringue and flambéed for \$10. The Bistro opens for dinner at 5pm on Valentine's Day and also serves its nightly menu.

Come into the **Fresh Grill Buffet** for a special Valentine's Day dinner from 4pm to 9pm and let your heart melt enjoying delectable fare from around the world. Adults are \$25.99 and children ages 3 to 11 are \$12.99. Children under 3 are free. While guests may start at any of the interactive food stations at the all-you-can-eat buffet, many begin with the extensive soup and salad bar. This features Chef Freddy's signature shrimp Caesar salad, seafood salad with shrimp, scallops and calamari, lobster bisque and Italian wedding soup. Succulent meats such as roast prime rib of beef, maple roasted whole turkey are hand carved by Fantasy Springs' expert chefs. Guests may also relish grilled-to-order top sirloin steak, roast pork loin with orange-rosemary mustard glaze, crab crusted fillet of pacific cod, and a mouthwatering array

of Italian, Asian and Latin specialties. Make sure you leave room for dessert so you do not make the resort's pastry chefs sad by not partaking in their confectionary delights. Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the Fantasy Springs signature chocolate fountain, white chocolate mousse, Italian cheesecake, freshly baked cookies, pies and cakes, plus many sugar-free selections.

If you're looking for more casual romance, try **POM** at Fantasy Springs with a special Valentine's day offering of a sweetheart's surf n' turf pairing. This includes filet mignon Oscar, topped with jumbo lump crab and sauce béarnaise and Adriatic style grilled lobster tail with "sauce amore," a roasted red pepper butter. It comes with sautéed asparagus, baby sunburst squash and twice baked cheddar potato, all for \$38. POM's nightly menu will also be available with dinner seating starting at 4pm on Valentine's Day.

The resort's other restaurants – Lique, JOY Asian Cuisine, The Pizza Kitchen and Starbucks Café – are also open on Valentine's Day. **IER**

'Dust Devils' Writing Contest

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Submissions must be typed, double-spaced, and sent by snail mail. Submissions become the property of Downtowne Bookstore.

Below is our first submission. **IER**

The Garden Of Zen

By Mary Elaine Bleaker

"...and then," she said with a flourish of wildflowers, "we swept the ground like a flurry of leaves, whistling in the sharp grass and settling for a breath on a cushion of nettles."

The rooster crowed.

The gong rang the time and the black robed prayers quietly set themselves into black lotus cups. So quietly they sat that the Wind and Birds waited for them to move again, respectful of their silence. Peaceful.

My kingdom for a sword

The Redlands Shakespeare Festival suffered a huge loss recently when a Redlands home housing many of their props was broken into. More than 30 of their stock of medieval and Renaissance swords were swiped (leaving just the two weapons pictured here).

An assortment of Italian Renaissance rapiers, medieval short swords, and Scottish claymores were taken along with a few other props items such as canes, walking sticks, and a pirate's scimitar.

"This is a terrible loss for us," Steven Sabel, founding artistic director of the festival, said.

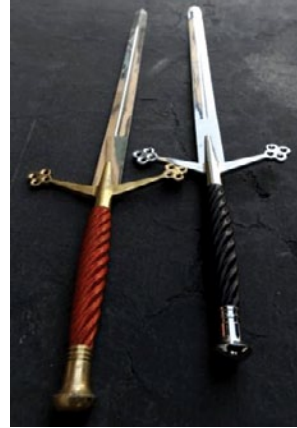
The loss amounts to more than \$3,000 in stage props that are put to use on the festival stage year after year.

Festival administrators have recently acquired additional secured storage units for keeping festival sets, props, and costumes safely stored for future seasons.

But storage units are not inexpensive, and replacing 30 swords is also going to be very costly for the festival.

They are seeking donations to help defray their costs.

Assistance can be sent to: Redlands Shakespeare Festival, Box 546, Redlands, CA 92373. For more information, go online to www.redlandsshakespearefestival.com. **IER**



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RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

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THE WIZARD OF OZ: March 2, 3, 9, 10 (ASL interpreted shows on March 3). Friday and Saturday evenings at 7pm, Saturday matinees at

1pm. Tickets: \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Held at Ramona High School, 7675 Magnolia Ave., in Riverside. *See article on page 27.*

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For a sneak preview, come see the cast perform some of the songs on the Riverside Plaza Stage on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7pm. 

Riverside Children's Theatre: The Wizard of Oz

Tickets are \$10 in advance at the following ticket outlets: Alin Party Supply, Riverside; Ponies and Pigtales in Canyon Crest/Riverside; Plaza Kiosk, Riverside; and Capezio at Tyler, Riverside or from any RCT family. They may also be purchased at the door for \$12.

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