

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ham to host 76 trombones + 4 concert

Eighty professional trombonists will gather on the Artemus Ham Concert Hall stage for the Fifth Annual 76 Trombones + 4 concert on Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m. featuring guest artist Carl Fontana and master of ceremonies Pete Barbutti. The afternoon of light classics and jazz standards will also include a special appearance by visiting soloist Sonny Costanzo. All proceeds will go to the Abe Nole Fund to raise a music scholarship for young musicians who wish to study at UNLV.

Fontana is a legend in Las Vegas with a very personal style. With Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Sammy Davis Jr., he was often a featured player and as a soloist he performed to standing-room-only audiences in jazz clubs around the country. He was also voted Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year for the best lounge act. Funnyman Barbutti started his career in music and later became a stand-up comic appearing in his own shows in Las



76 + 4 TROMBONES COMING TO UNLV- November 5th at 2:00 p.m. the featured performer Carl Fontana will join master of ceremonies Pete Barbutti for this annual event.

Vegas and across the country as well as on the Tonight Show and his own television series.

Visiting soloist Costanzo is making a special trip from the East

Coast to appear in this benefit concert. He has played with numerous star big band as well as his own orchestra and toured Europe as a soloist and with the Clark Terry Big

Band. The concert will raise funds in the name of Abe Nole, one of the most beloved of Las Vegas musicians. He enjoyed a very success-

ful career as music teacher-trombone player and earned the respect of his fellow musicians for his human qualities and his playing ability. After his passing in 1985, several local trombonists decided to remember him with a mass trombone concert with the proceeds to go to scholarships. The Abe Nole Fund was therefore established in his memory. Each year, musicians travel from as far away as Washington D.D. to participate in the Ham Hall concerts which have now become a yearly tradition.

Donations are not necessary. General admission is \$5 with discounts for students, seniors and the Military. Individuals wishing to make a tax deductible donation may do so from \$50 to \$500. Each donor will receive two tickets, special seating the "Donor Section" and will be recognized in concert's program. For donation and ticket information, please call 739-3736.

Chili's is Hot

By Doug Morgan
Guest Columnist

I got that salsa feeling again. Yeah, a hankerin' for something light, spicy and quick. But for a southwestern city, Las Vegas is pert'near a ghost town when it comes to southwestern cookin'. Lucky for me the drought ended when I stumbled onto a little place called Chili's Grill and Bar.

Located at Sahara and Maryland Parkway (2590 South Maryland Parkway to be absolutely precise), Chili's serves up some of the best southwestern grub this side of the pecos. Just the other day my partner and I sampled a heapin' helpin' of Chili's hospitality, and let me tell you folks, they sure did us right. I had what they call the Monterrey Chicken, a tangy blend of grilled, boneless chicken and zesty spices smothered by a mild slice of cheese. My partner tried a dish of Spanish rice topped with plenty of lightly seasoned shrimp called Southwestern Shrimp. Both dinners came with your choice of fixin's (I loved the barbecued baked beans while she preferred the tasty slaw); both dinners will only set you back a little sack of gold dust — \$6.95 for the Monterrey Chicken and \$8.95 for the Southwestern Shrimp for all you city slickers.

The atmosphere was downright comfortable. Tables done up with Mexican tile, lots of green plants, plenty of windows to watch the gals from. The service was dandy too; that handsome little filly was fast

on her feet, but not so fast that she didn't let us finish our bountiful appetizer of Super Nachos (\$4.95), one of Chili's most popular attractions. And these weren't your average Taco Bell nachos neither. By gum, these puppies were piled high with guacamole, sour cream, refried beans, jalapenos and a whole wagonload of cheese, not to mention that glorious salsa.

General manager Rick Conine is plenty proud of Chili's growing reputation around the city. "We think that good quality, flavorful food is important to people," he says, "but so is service. Chili's is almost fast food — but fresh."

Chili's is called a "Grill and Bar" for a reason. While offering quality beers such as Dos Equis, Chili's wants to be known as a place to get a great meal first and a waterin' hole second. Take a gander at their menu and you'll see plenty that's not strictly southwestern: salads, ribs, burgers and other sandwiches. Meals range from \$3.55 to 9.95. Something that caught my eye was their Tuna Steak Sandwich, a hearty albacore steak served up light on a man-sized bun, a treat in anyone's book — and healthy too.

Yeah, now I can die a happy man. I found me a place where the atmosphere is cool and the food is hot. A place where, after a long day in the saddle, you can ease your 10-gallon back and down an ice cold one. So why not back up the mule and head on down the road to Chili's, the root-tootin'-est, galdern hootin'-est southwestern restaurant in town.

LIVE MUSIC ALIVE AT UNLV



ENSEMBLE TO ILLUMINATE UNLV - The Las Vegas Music & Dance Ensemble will present a concert of live music and dance at 2 p.m. on October 28 and 29 at UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre. Pictured are Cathy Allen, kneeling, and soprano Debra Greschner