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LAVISH NEW TROP SHOW OPENS DEC. 23

The final curtain for the historic Centennial edition of the Folies Bergere will descend Dec. 16 at Hotel Tropicana. The hotel's theatre restaurant will remain closed for one week for complete refurbishing.

Folies Bergere '68 more lavish and more expensive than ever before, opens Dec. 23 with all new acts.

Lavishly costumed and excitingly staged by Michael Gyarmathy, Paris, and co-produced by Gyarmathy and Tony Azzi, Lebanon, the Folies Bergere '68 is expected to be the greatest in its 101-year international history and in its sensational eight-year run at Hotel Tropicana. Sparkling new acts include

such internationally famous artist as Erich Brenn, Austria; The Halassys, Hungary; The Veterans, Sweden; The Mecners, Poland; and Gus Augspurg, United States. Another innovation is the Jerry Jackson Dancers in an exciting New Orleans French Quarter number that is expected to cause a sensation in the entertainment world.

The traditional Can Can, as well as many other dance routines, will have the artistic director of master choreographer Hermes Pan, who has received both Oscars and Emmys for his terpsichorean efforts.

Again, in the tradition of the Folies Bergere, many popular favorites will be held

over. Among them are the Lead Nude Patricia La Forge, England; Lead Dancer Vassili Sulich, Yugoslavia; The Merlin Singers, U. S. A. and the two beautiful announcers, Corine Vidal, France; and Felicia Atkins, Australia. Another holdover by overwhelming demand is the musical director Ray Sinatra, U.S.A.

According to Hotel Tropicana president J. Kell Houssels, Jr., the cost of the Folies Bergere '68 exceeds costs of previous editions by over \$100,000. It is estimated there'll be an overall cost of \$850,000 when the curtain goes up on the '68 edition.




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