

# OF THE STARS

## "THE MADAME" OPENS AT T-BIRD JUNE 18

The Thunderbird Hotel's greatest comedy musical since the unforgettable "Flower Drum Song" will make its premiere on June 18 when the curtain rings up to "The Madame," featuring some of the most outstanding talent in the entertainment business.

Written by Oscar-winning Roger MacDougall, England's top comedy author, the fast-moving musical will make its world premiere that evening and will be featured for a minimum 12 weeks.

"This could well be the beginning of a brand new show business trend," commented Jess W. Hinkle, the Thunderbird's vice president/general manager. "Following the Thunderbird stand, 'The Madame' will move on to Broadway, reversing the trend of Broadway shows eventually coming to Las Vegas."

London's biggest musical comedy star, Delphi Lawrence, has been booked to play the role of "The Madame," a role certain to rocket the beautiful brown-haired entertainer to immediate stardom in the U. S. A. Aside from being England's No. 1 musical comedy star, Miss Lawrence also has been featured in numerous British movies.

The talents of MacDougall are world-known, having won his Oscar in the best script category for "The Man in the White Suit." Among his other numerous motion picture credits are "The Mouse That Roared," starring Peter Sellers, "A Touch of Larceny," featuring James Mason, and "The Bells Go Down."

MacDougall's comedy revue "Gog la Magog," presented by Sir Lawrence Olivier, still holds the record

as being the longest revue of its type in the history of Paris, running four and a half years.

The 75-minute musical comedy features just about everything to please Las Vegas audiences -- nine original musical numbers, more than enough laugh-getting lines and a stage filled with some of the most beautiful women in the world.

When the curtain rings up you'll be taken back to Paris, 1895, with the French city's finest borello as the setting. And the plot be-

comes even more interesting when you learn that Miss Lawrence, as "The Madame," also leads a second life as "The Countess," living in Paris' most exclusive residential area.

Rehearsals currently are underway in Los Angeles with the troupe scheduled to arrive at the Thunderbird on June 4, according to the hotel's entertainment coordinator Phil Thomas.

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