

MUSIC MAN AT UNION PLAZA HOTEL



(DON LANE, LINDA MICHELE)

The son of a Jewish New York City cop and Irish mother, host of Australia's No. 1 television show and former top-flight basketball player has taken Las Vegas by storm in just two weeks.

Don Lane, star of the Union Plaza's top Broadway production "The Music Man" has astounded critics and delighted audiences with his portrayal of Harold Hill in Meredith Willson's memorable play.

The well-deserved plaudits have not affected Lane's charming personality nor his desire to seek perfection in every Plaza performance.

"The cast is absolutely terrific," says Lane refusing to take full credit for the rousing success of Maynard Sloate's excellent Plaza production.

"If ever there was perfect casting, this has to be it," says Lane. "Linda (Michele), Phil (Ford), Cass (Daley), Nancy (Fox), Paul

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(McConnell) and Billy (Simpson) have a devout love for the show and the results have been fantastic."

Performances are presented nightly, except Monday, at 8 and 11:30 p.m. and on Sunday there is a 3:30 matinee and 8 p.m. dinner show.

The road to stardom for Lane has been rocky with disappointments overcome by his dedication and hard work.

After graduation from New York's DeWitt Clinton High School, Lane attended Kalamazoo (Mich.) College where he lettered in football and basketball.

The 6 foot, 4 inch Lane served in the U.S. Army in the late 1950's, winning an All-Army Talent Contest which landed him an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Las Vegas Wayne Newton entered Lane's life at that time and encouraged him to go to Australia to try out for the job as host of a soon to be formed Australian night time talk show.

The show was such a success that Lane personally won five Logies, equal to American television's Emmies, and his show won another five.

At his apex in Australia Lane soon became a world-wide personality through nightclub appearances in the United States and summer U.S. television with Sonny and Cher and Ken Berry.

The versatile Lane also recorded "You're Everything" which won him a gold record in Australia and served as the motivating vehicle for eight more single records and four albums.

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