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FAREAST STARS HIGHLIGHT ORIENT FOLLIES '75 AT LANDMARK

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IMPERIAL JAPANESE DANCERS OF "ORIENT FOLLIES '75" AT THE LANDMARK HOTEL.

STRIP HOPPIN'.....STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME head for London this summer to film their next television special, a tribute to composer George Gershwin. Steve & Eydie will be back at Caesars Palace in August....Also Europe-bound for all or part of the summer: **MARTY ALLEN** who's been signed to play the wily detective in the film version of Sidney Sheldon's smash best-seller, "The Other Side of Midnight"; **LIZA MINNELLI**, who'll play the Riviera in May - that's the Riviera Hotel - and the "real" Riviera the rest of the summer where she'll be filming "Carmella" directed by Vincente Minnelli; **ABBE LANE** signed for a series of concerts in all the elegant and posh resorts including Madrid, Cannes, Monte Carlo, Rome, Paris and winding in London; **JAMES DARREN** who'll star as Rudolph Valentino in a new film bio of the silent screen lover, will go to Italy to Valentino's birthplace for location shooting....**MITZI GAYNOR** kicks off her '75 concert tour with a May 1 opening at The Cave in Vancouver. Mitzi tours all summer and winds with her annual (and only) appearance in Las Vegas in the early fall. Mitzi usually gets to Vegas right around Hallowe'en when she returns as Queen of the annual showfolks' Beaux Arts Ball.... **RUTH BUZZI**, a smash in Vegas, at the Sahara, is doing record breakin' biz in her first nitery appearance in Los Angeles, at the new Studio One. Miss Buzzi who has a comedy production show, with singers, dancers, dozens of costume changes and characters, has been listening to a lot of offers to return to Las Vegas early this summer. With her big show and her enormous popularity, Ruth would be an ideal addition to the Desert Inn's line-up of lady stars - **DEBBIE REYNOLDS**, **JULIET PROWSE** and **BOBBIE GENTRY** - who are currently scheduled to headline at the Crystal Room all year, with four or five engagements each!!

.....**JOHNNY CARSON**, who'll play only four one-week engagements a year under his new Caesars Palace pact, set his next outing for June. Same month at the Palace: **TOM JONES**, **DIANA ROSS**....**THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS** return to the Riviera with special gueststar **OLVIA NEWTON JOHN** in May....

SHOWSTOPPERS.....RIP TAYLOR, the zany star of hilarity of Alan Lee's all new "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana, has been signed to a dozen more segments on the NBC-TV kiddie show "Sigmund the Sea Monster". Rip plays the green haired Genie (as any Saturday morning fan can tell you!) on the Sid & Marty Krofft production. Meanwhile, at the Tropicana, Taylor is spreading gleeful pandemonium nightly. By the way, it was Rip who first said "Is Jim Bailey really Pattie Hurst?" which was quickly picked up by quipsters in press and "borrowed" for other

Orient Follies '75, conceived, directed and produced by William H. Lloyd brings all the beauty and mystery of the Orient to the Landmark's Jubilee Room with an exciting panorama of Far Eastern entertainment.

Star of the lavish production is Takeuchi Keigo, a veteran of the Japanese theater as well as Las Vegas main rooms. Along

with the twelve lovely, precision-perfect Imperial Japanese Dancers, Keigo dazzles crowds with his virtuosity in dance, charming them with his highly personal showmanship.

Special guest star, Pat Suzuki, who first gained fame from her starring role in Broadway's "Flower Drum Song," is a name and talent that is widely recognized as a result

of her multiple appearances on the Ed Sullivan, Mike Douglas Merv Griffin Shows.

Captivating audiences with thrilling lightning displays of martial arts, featuring fast-paced performances of self-defense tactics, are the Kung Fu Dynasty and their dramatic leader Yamashita, who works with a Samuri sword.

Also featured are the Tudera Sisters,

Philippine lovelies who sing the sounds of pop and country/western.

Along with the headliners are magicians, acrobats, fire jugglers and puppeteers all showcased on a stage adorned with spectacular settings and extraordinary costumes.

Orient Follies '75 showtimes will be 8 p. m. and Midnight, dark Sundays.

comedy acts....Speaking of Bailey, now that the Thunderbird Hotel has decided to close its main showroom (when the current Bailey engagement ends on April 9), Jim along with **JACK JONES**, **LESLIE UGGAMS**, and other star attractions will be signing with new hotels for 1975-76 Strip dates. The T-Bird will open the mainroom to play off **BOBBY GOLDSBORO** (in June) and **THE KING FAMILY** (in July), otherwise the showroom will be used for an evening buffet facility....**WAYNE NEWTON** opens April 24 at the Frontier....**THE JACKSON FIVE** return to the MGM Grand, with gueststar Frank Gorshin, on April 9....**RHILO FAHIR** (formerly **MARILYNN ROBERTSON**), impressionist **FRED TRAVALENA**, and puppeteer **WAYLAND FLOWERS** among the newcomers signed for the ABC-TV summer series "Keep on Truckin'" which starts filming, in L.A., this month....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....Dancer-singer WAYNE ALBRITTON, who's been sidelined with a serious ankle injury for the past ten months, goes back to work in the new Donn Arden "LIDO DE PARIS" opening next month at the Stardust Hotel....Choreographer **JERRY NORMAN'S "BARE MINIMUM"** which Jerry also produced, will open in May at the Holiday Casino.... What is the entertainment connection between the Golden Nugget, Stardust, Sahara and Tropicana???? And why do the same handful of acts seem to be marquee-hopping every other month????**BOBBY MORRIS**, proxy of Creative Entertainment & Associates, nearing completion of his new

office/studio building on Sahara Avenue. Morris' new facility will include rehearsal facilities, recording studio, and audition showroom....Popular **JOHNNY TILLOTSON** moves next to headline at the MGM Lion's Den, opening in June....Aren't there a couple of deals currently underway at various Strip hotels to bring back **AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT??** The last - and most successful of them all - afternoon show was Breck Wall-Joe Peterson's "BOTTOMS UP" which played to turnaway crowds at Caesars Palace, the Flamingo, the Hilton, etc. before becoming a nighttime favorite at Circus Circus and the Hilton...."COUNTRY MUSIC U.S.A." is now the indefinite attraction at the re-opened Silver Slipper Gambling Hall & Saloon, on the Strip....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....JOHNNY CASH at the Las Vegas Hilton....**ENGELBERT** at the Riviera.... **DEBBIE** at the Desert Inn....**PAUL ANKA** and **FREDDIE PRINZE** (the latter in his Strip debut) at Caesars Palace....**PHIL FORD**, **JANE KEAN & MARILYN CHAMBERS** star in the long running hit "Mind with the Dirty Man" now at the Union Plaza....Delightfully droll **BOB NEWHART** and composer-singer **PAUL WILLIAMS** at the Sands....**DONN ARDEN'S "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD"** at the MGM Grand featuring **SIGFRIED & ROY**....**THE REYCARDS**, **THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS**, and **THE FLYING FERCOs** are the specialty stars of the "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes Hotel.



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