

OF THE STARS

EDDY RAVEN FEATURED IN LANDMARK'S "COUNTRY MUSIC U.S.A."



EDDY

Bob Luman, star of "Country Music U. S. A." in the Jubilee Room of the Landmark Hotel introduces singer/writer Eddy Raven to the country/western musical revue.

Eddy, a native 'cajon' born in Lafayette, Louisiana, heart of the deep South, got his first guitar at the age of seven and by the time he was thirteen, he had his own band, affected by the then sounds of Elvis, the Everleys and Buddy Holly. At fourteen, he had his own daily fifteen minute radio show in Georgia, over station WHAV -- a gig he had to abandon when his family moved back to Louisiana.

While working as a producer at a recording studio in Lafayette, he met the writer Bobby Charles who influenced him to write his first big hit "Big Boys Cry."

Throughout the mid 60's, while still in his teens, he sang with many bands on the gulf coast. However, he tired of this life and returned to writing, starting out with such big hits as "Country Green" a top five record for

Don Gibson, "Good Morning Country Rain" for Jeannie C. Riley, "Touch The Morning" for Don Gibson and other hits for the three Roys -- Orbison, Acuff and Clark.

His mentor, Don Gant, Nashville head of ABC Records, felt that Eddy not only had the potential as a writer, but also as

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who left the Strips scene to pursue an acting career in Los Angeles, is getting noticed for his excellent work at the Warner Brothers' Actors Workshop productions. Kelly who's been at the Workshop for more than a year has done a couple of independent films and is very near to grabbing off a choice spot on an upcoming fall tv series.....

COMING ATTRACTIONS.....TOM JONES at Caesars Palace, May 22.....**The sizzling TINA TURNER** with husband Ike and the Ikettes, with Bill Cosby, at the Las Vegas Hilton, May 20.....**SERGIO FRANCHI** and **JOAN RIVERS** at the MGM Grand May 21.....

'ROUND TOWN.....DONN ARDEN'S latest superspectacle, the 11th edition of the famed "LIDO DE PARIS" titled "MERCY BEAUCOUP!" now at the Stardust Hotel.....**BOB LUMAN** headlines the newest edition of Jim Halsey's "COUNTRY MUSIC U.S.A." now at the Landmark Hotel..... Forty weeks later, it's still "MIND WITH THE DIRTY MAN" starring **PHIL FORD, JANE KEAN** and **MARILYN** "Behind the Green Door" **CHAMBERS** at the Union Plaza.....**The Elks LAS VEGAS EHLLDORADO** opens May 20-25 with parades, clowns, cowboys, beauty contests, and the big Helldorado Rodeo..

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ROBBINS, BENTON STAR IN COUNTRY WESTERN SHOW AT SAHARA

Hotel Sahara went all-country when country-western singing star Marty Robbins and vivacious Barbi Benton opened a two-week engage-

ment in the Congo Room. Robbins, best-known for his country-pop crossover record hits "White Sport Coat," "Devil Woman" and "El Paso," returned to Las Vegas for the first time in several years on the heels of a standing-room only engagement at Lake Tahoe earlier this spring.

In addition to his fantastic success on records, Robbins has starred in nearly a dozen movies, hosted his own television show and performed in top night spots from coast to coast.

Miss Benton, a Hugh Hefner - discovery who is known to millions of country and western fans as "that pretty little lady" on Hee Haw, is coming into her own as a promising nightclub performer. Accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, Miss Benton bounces through a repertoire of upbeat country offerings to the delight of audiences of all ages. Rounding out the Sahara entertainment lineup are the nude revue, Pinups, John Skelton and Vincent in the Casbar Theatre Lounge. Marty Robbins and Barbi Benton will headline at the Sahara through May 28. Buddy Hackett follows.

After the rave reviews, he signed a recording contract with ABC under the direction of Don Gant. His top single, now in the top 20 on the charts "Good News Bad News" should make him a favorite not only at the Landmark, but throughout the rest of the country.

Also featured in "Country Music U.S.A." is Debbie Campbell whose "Please Tell Him That I Said Hello" is high on the charts: The Wind-Song Trio (Christy Garrison, Marge Harris and Terry Ann Browning, the reigning "Miss U. S. A. -- World") and Las Vegas' favorite banjo player, Skip Devol.

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