

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWS



## DON RICKLES, MR. NICE, HEADLINES SAHARA SHOW WITH KEELY SMITH

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you from all of us....The Las Vegas Strip is ablaze this holiday season with some of the biggest, brightest and merriest of super attractions starting with the fabulous ANN-MARGRET at Caesars Palace, the dazzling SHIRLEY MacLAINE at the Riviera, the outrageous DON RICKLES at the Sahara, and the brilliant PAUL ANKA at the Las Vegas Hilton. And that's just the beginning.....SHECKY GREENE & LENA HORNE will open Christmas Day at the Desert Inn.....ROBERT GOULET & JOAN RIVERS return to the Frontier on December 22..... WAYNE NEWTON is at the Sands.....THE CAPTAIN & TENNILLE and DAVID BRENNER are the MGM Grand's grand holiday package.....FRED TRAVALENA will gueststar with Shirley MacLaine at the Riviera..... KEELY SMITH, SAM BUTERA & THE CHIEFS are Don Rickles' special guests at the Sahara.....LORETTA LYNN is at the Aladdin Bagdad.....and PHIL FORD, CELINE BRITT & DEBRALEE KRISTIAN will be starring in Cole Porter's "ANYTHING GOES" at the Union Plaza.....Zany favorite RIP TAYLOR is headlining at the Sahara Casbar alternating with a brand new revue "LE DISCO PARISIENNE" starring the delectable and delightful JACQUELINE DOUGUET and comedy ventriloquist RUSS LEWIS..... The 1979 editions of "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" at the MGM, "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes, "FOLIES BERGERE" at the Tropicana, and "LIDO DE PARIS" at the Stardust will all return in time for the Christmas crowds.....THE DOOBIE BROTHERS and special guest EDDIE MONEY will be at the Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts for one night only on December 28.....

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STRIP CHATTER.....CONNIE STEVENS makes her first



STU SCOTT, WITH FRIENDS, GEORGE THE COCKY CROW, AND BARNEY THE BOOZE FROG, CURRENTLY VENTERTAINING CROWDS NIGHTLY IN THE FLAMINGO HILTON'S, "RAZZLE DAZZLE" PRODUCTION, SEEN 8 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT.

Santa Claus couldn't have been nicer to Sahara Congo Room patrons with a Christmas entertainment package that includes the vitriolic wit of Don Rickles and the musical excitement of Keely Smith with Sam Butera and the Chiefs.

Rickles proves with every performance that he has no peer in the art of put-down comedy. Although his image has changed through the years -- in the early days, nightclubbers never were sure if they were being put on -- he still attracts that masochistic element who love to sit up front and be "shpritzed" by the master. His audiences are always sprinkled with celebrity friends who

consider his tirades at them a singular honor. Both Keely and Butera trace their beginnings to the late Louis Prima and the Sahara's Casbar Lounge a couple of decades ago, when Keely was Mrs. Prima. Their brand of music has survived all the fads and is pleasing audiences today more than ever.

The Don Rickles-Keely Smith and Sam Butera engagement continues through Dec. 30 with 8 o'clock dinner and midnight cocktail shows nightly, except on Dec. 24 (a 10 p.m. cocktail show only) and Christmas Day (an 8 p.m. dinner show only).

The combination of Keely Smith's great vocal stylings and the super-charged

new year appearance at the Aladdin Bagdad opening in March. Newlyweds BOBBIE GENTRY & JIM STAFFORD are also Aladdin-bound for at least two engagements; the first opening January 8 and a return stint in April.....CHARO, with an all new show PLUS gueststar RIP TAYLOR opens January 11 at the Sahara.....DEBBY BOONE makes her first solo appearance on the Strip with headliner KENNY ROGERS at the Riviera Hotel in January.....RAQUEL WELCH follows Ann-Margret at Caesars Palace with her special engagement opening January 12 with gueststar DAVID BRENNER.....GABRIEL KAPLAN & THE HUDSON BROTHERS opening January 22 at the Aladdin may just end up with the "hottest" and sexiest special gueststars in town if the deal jells to present The Dallas Cowboys' "COW GIRLS" in their Vegas debut.....TONY ORLANDO switches hotels in '79 moving from the Riviera to the MGM Grand. Tony makes his first Grand appearance opening January 25.....SHA NA NA who appeared here as Bill Cosby's gueststars at the Hilton, will be making their next appearance with their own starring package at the Aladdin Theater for Performing Arts in March.....JOAN RIVERS who'll be playing four or five different hotels in '79 is planning to take a three month hiatus from Strip dates if and when the new deal for her next movie (she writes and directs) is finalized. Joan's tentative 'start date' is in March/April.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Comedy star MICKEY MANNERS who's been absent from the Strip scene for a couple of years now is back on the West Coast having made a permanent move from New York to Newport Beach. Mickey is currently involved in his own television production company and has several new projects underway for '79 including a new comedy series, a game show, and a variety format. Manners is now a regular on "The Liar's Club" tv-er and is planning to revive his nitery career with several appearances in '79. Mickey who's starred here at the Sands, Sahara, Thunderbird, and MGM Grand, should be a welcome addition to the comedy roster of stars and is talking deals now with several showrooms and headliners for guestings next year.....GABRIEL KAPLAN's first movie effort "FAST BREAK" starts 'sneak previews' this month and gets national



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energy of Sam Butera and the Chiefs is a marvelous complement to Rickles' por-release in early '79. While Gabe is at the Aladdin in January/February, he'll host a special celeb and showfolk preview at a local theater. Gabe plays a basketball coach at a "college in Nevada".....STEVE LAWRENCE will star in a new series pilot "SUPER TRAIN" which starts filming in January. The new series has been described as a combination of "Love Boat", "Murder on the Orient Express" and "Fantasy Island". That's some winning combination!! Steve follows that filming with the annual STEVE & EYDIE musical special lensing in February.

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