

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



We reporters, columnists and freeloaders do get around. Consider Saturday's schedule starting out at 8:30 a.m. meeting at Convention Center Rotunda for ERICKA MEUGNIOT's party "A Day Rafting the Colorado" in tandem with JIM ROWLAND of BLACK CANYON, INC., then back from rafting for the MARGUERITE RITTENDALE & SANDY ZIMMERMAN feast, an International Gourmet Food Tasting & Cocktail Reception late afternoon at NUTRI SYSTEM on South Decatur Blvd. and nightcapping at the Golden Nugget for the opening performance of WILLI NELSON & FRANK SINATRA in the Theatre/Ballroom of the new Spa Suite Tower at 10 p.m....The GN's public relations rep, HENRI BOLLINGER sent along some wordage about the new downtown venue, writing that STEVE WYNN, chairman of the board and chief exec officer of the GN, desires

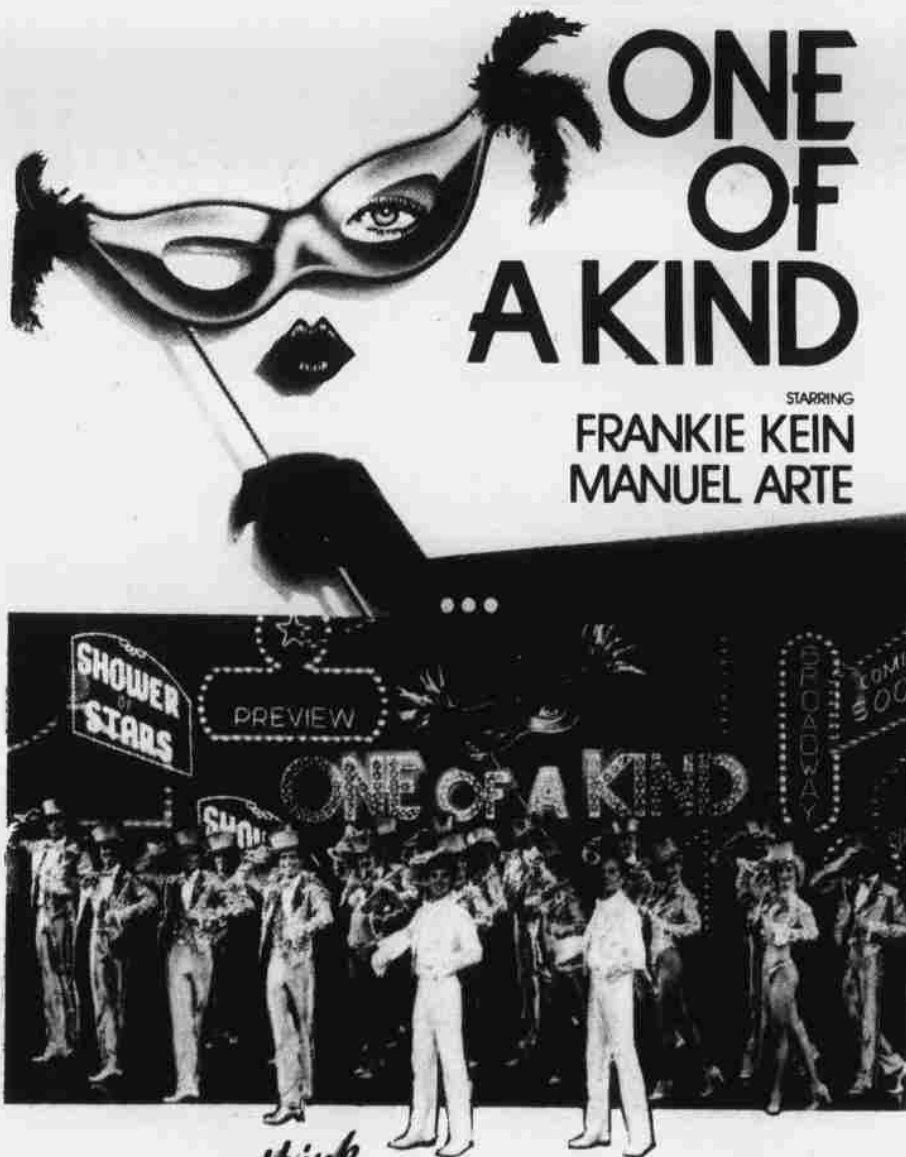
his new Theatre/Ballroom to "draw praise, not crowd scenes at this best-of-entertainment showroom. Seating 488 persons, the showroom is destined to become the most sought-after ticket in town." He included this quote from STEVE: "The pairing of WILLIE NELSON & FRANK SINATRA to open the new Theatre/Ballroom establishes the policy we will be following - providing the ultimate in entertainment in an atmosphere of elegance and high-style. Showroom patrons will have every amenity available to them in surroundings where comfort is the watchword. Bigger is not necessarily better. Our Theatre/Ballroom guests will enjoy an unobstructed view of the stage. There are no pillars or posts in the way. And just as important is the amount of space provided for our patrons comfort while in the showroom"...One day downtowners will be riding to the Golden Nugget and other hotels on motorized trolleys. Regional transportation officials okayed the downtown transportation center project. Footing the bill for the trolley system will be \$2.9 million in federal funds and \$335,000 from Nevada Department of Transportation...Whereas another section of our town, the most congested and glamorous corner at Flamingo Road and the

Strip will not get a "fly-over" bridge to ease congested traffic problems. County Commissioner MANNY CORTEZ gave the clue to keeping the status quo. "The hotel properties wouldn't stand for it," as Regional Transportation Commissioners made such changes in priorities that will prevent discussion of a "fly-over" for at least 10 years.



Onetime Meadows Playhouse spark, director and actress, JOAN SNYDER, is performing in "Catsplay" at the Old Globe Theater in San Diego...Variety's show critic BILL EDWARDS said this about SERGIO FRANCHI in his L.A. Music Center Pavilion role in "Nine," the Tony-winning musical, "FRANCHI has a terrific voice and manages to act the lines, but can't seem to muster any real feeling for the character (a middle-aged film director). His is a performance that is, at all times, consciously a performance." As for another Las Vegan in "Nine," the EDWARDS comment on JACQUELINE DOUGUET is more flattering. "La Fleur, former affair of the director who's producing the film and portrayed by JACQUELINE DOUGUET, is quite good in her rendering of 'Folies Bergeres'"...The musical

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Tom Jones Returns To Caesars Palace

It's not unusual for Tom Jones to attract a crowd wherever he goes -- but at Caesars Palace thru July 3, Tom Jones will be attracting a certain special crowd.

This Welsh superstar is dynamic, exciting, powerful, sexy and

sensational. The audience is always full of female fans waiting to hear his love songs and watch him dance on stage.

Born on June 7 in Pontypridd, Wales, Tom has used the strength of his heritage of hard

work and music to carry him to world renown.

Tom's first performance was at age four and he continued to sing for family and friends while he worked at a construction job as a teenager. It was when he was in his teens that Tom began appearing in pubs at night and soon developed a following.

Fate intervened when Gordon Mills discovered Tom in a Welsh pub and liked what he saw. Mills has acted as Tom's manager ever since that time, choosing the right material and arrangements to combine with Tom's unique talent. It was so obvious that with this winning combination Tom Jones was going to skyrocket to the top. And he did.

Tom has recorded some of the world's favorite tunes including "It's Not Unusual," "Delilah," "What's New Pussycat," and "She's A Lady." Now a permanent resident of the United States, Tom lives in Bel Air, California with his wife, Melinda.

Showtimes for Tom Jones will be 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. For show prices and reservations, please call 731-7333.

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