

Ming Terrace At Imperial Palace Offers Most Authentic Cantonese And Mandarin Cuisine In Las Vegas



Chef Hin Fu Chow prepares a few of his Ming Terrace specialties for Jonathon Von Brana and Susan Griffiths of LEGENDS IN CONCERT. The Ming Terrace, in the Imperial Palace, is open from noon til midnight.

With its Oriental decor, the Imperial Palace would be an ideal location for the best Chinese restaurant in Las Vegas. Thanks to Hi Fu Chow and his staff of eight, the Ming Terrace is just that.

Chow learned the fine art of Chinese cooking in Hong Kong and the Golden Dragon in Los Angeles.

According to Harry Woo, Casino Host, there are two menus in the Ming Terrace. The regular menu offers all the appetizers, soups, entrees, side dishes, and Combination Dinners one would expect in a Chinese restaurant with a largely American clientele. The special menu, provided on request, includes more esoteric specialties for the Imperial Palace's many Oriental guests.

"In China," Woo explains, "there are 36 provinces, each with its own style of cooking. The one most popular is Cantonese, which features very fresh food, lightly cooked. Shrimp, for example, is just 80% cooked. It's still crunchy and full of flavor. Food is sauteed, or stir-fried, from two to five minutes at high temperature -- over 800 degrees. This technique is famous around the world."

Examples of Cantonese are Moo Goo Gai Pan, Ginger Beef, and Pepper Steak.

"We have a very large clientele from Taiwan," says Woo, "and they prefer Mandarin style. It's hotter, spicier, and cooked slower."

Examples (from the special menu) are Double-Cooked Pork with Cabbage, and Mar Poi To Fu, which is hot sauce cooked with bean curd.

Rice Porridge, listed with different ingredients, is considered a light, cleansing, healthful food.

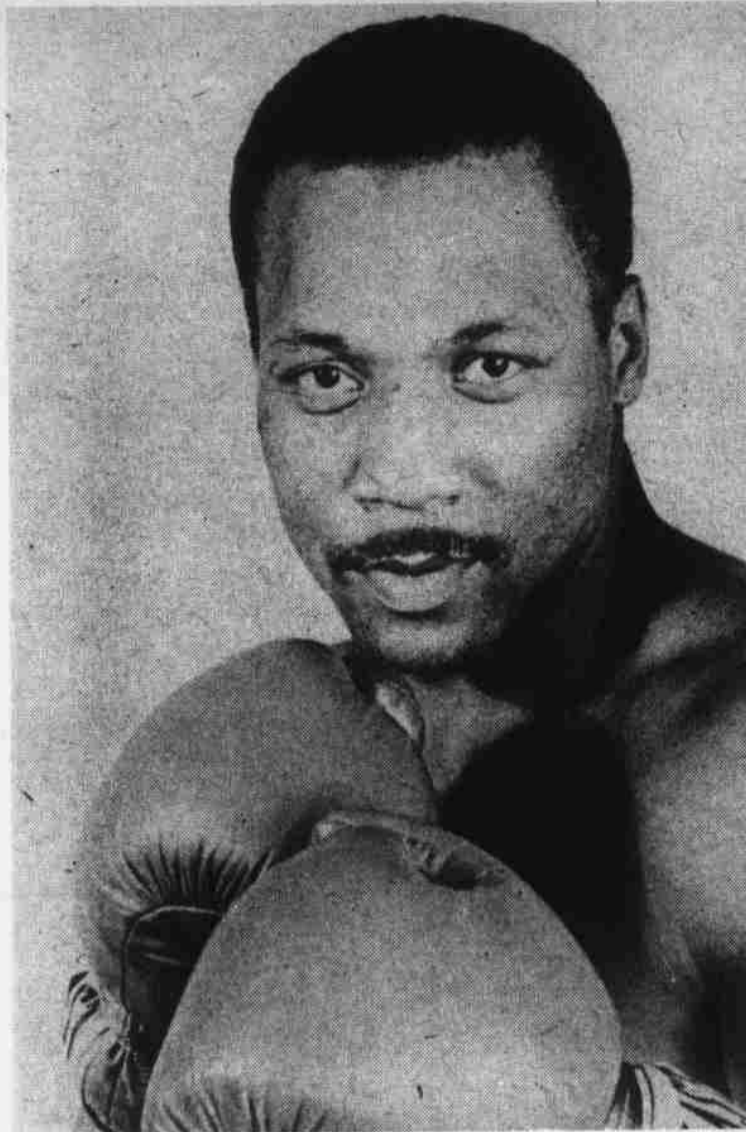
Also on the special menu are three entrees of Dry Squid which is popular in all Oriental communities, and "Mushroom Duck Wing Feet." The wings and feet of ducks are deep fried, then sauteed and simmered in oyster sauce. Although "duck feet" may sound unappetizing to some westerners, in China it is a tradition to waste nothing.

Woo especially recommends Kung Po Chicken and Kung Po Shrimp, which have an interesting history.

"Two hundred years ago, during the Ching Dynasty, the Governor of Szechuan Province, Mr. Ting, did such a good job and was so popular that the Emperor gave him the title "Kung Po," a high honor. Kung Po Ting created a recipe, a hot sauce first used with chicken, and his recipe is still revered in Chinese cooking.

For tradition that spans the centuries culinary skill that links two continents, and taste too exquisite to miss, dine at the Ming Terrace. Open daily 12 noon to midnight, in the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas.

Thomas-Weaver WBC Heavyweight Championship Bout At Riviera Saturday, June 15



Pinklon Thomas

Undefeated Pinklon Thomas makes his first defense of the World Boxing Council heavyweight championship on Saturday, June 15, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino against former World Boxing Association heavyweight king and current No. 1 contender Mike Weaver.

The 12-round title bout will be held in the Riviera's SuperStar Center and will be the third championship fight to be held at the resort hotel/casino within 10 days. It's also the ninth world title fight to be promoted by the Riviera in the past 15 months, more than any other hotel/casino in the world.

Joining the Thomas-Weaver main event on the card -- "The Return of Body and Soul" -- will be two more 12-round title bouts: "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon defending his North American Boxing Federation heavyweight championship against James "Bonecrusher" Smith and David Bey defending his United States Boxing Association heavyweight crown against Trevor Berbick.

The card, promoted by Don King Productions in association with the Riviera, begins at 4 p.m. with doors to the Riviera SuperStar Theater opening at 3:30. The Weaver-Thomas WBC title bout begins at approximately 7.

Tickets are on sale at the Riviera Ticket Booth located in the hotel lobby. Tickets are priced at \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$200. All seats are reserved. Tickets may be ordered by calling (702) 734-5110, (702) 734-5356 or 1-800-634-3420.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — A new affiliation agreement has been signed between the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and the Boston University School of Medicine, providing for joint meetings, conferences and research as well as possible faculty and student visits and exchanges between the two schools.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Striking nurses and administrative employees returned to the emergency rooms and admission wards at government hospitals in compliance with a back-to-work order issued by a local labor court. Their union representatives are continuing negotiations with the Health and Finance ministries for higher salaries and improved working conditions.

Lonnie Shorr "Just Visiting" With Hilton Audiences



"JUST VISITING" -- Lonnie Shorr describes his style of comedy as "just visiting." With a smooth, southern drawl and a smile on his face, he's making audiences at the Las Vegas Hilton feel right at home. Shorr and Jim Nabors can be seen in "Bal du Moulin Rouge" twice nightly in the main showroom.

Lonnie Shorr isn't the kind of comedian who likes to tell off-color jokes, insult his audience or even use unusual props to get a laugh.

What this country boy with the smooth, southern drawl does with an audience is very simple: He "just visits."

"I don't take my audience for granted," says Shorr. "What I try to do is take advantage of any situation I am in, trying to establish a personal bond of contact between the people and myself."

In the special guest-star spot with Jim Nabors in "Bal du Moulin Rouge," Shorr is winning over audiences nightly with a monologue of "over the backyard fence" muses on the rigors of daily life, current events and political happenings.

"They think if you're a comedian that you're going out there to put them down. I just visit with them," he says.

When on stage, Shorr establishes a rapport with certain members of the audience in the front row. Addressing them by their first names, he mentally flips through the day's front page or evening news shows.

"I go through the papers everyday," he says. "I watch two or three different news programs and read as much as I can to keep up."

Shorr's lightning-quick wit, coupled with a charming touch of southern drawl, allows him to present material that is often times satirical and very honest.

With a smile on his face, he gets away with the most penetrating social comment because he presents it with a style that's so easy-going that audiences really do feel like they're "just visiting" with their next-door neighbor.

Shorr is co-starring with Nabors in "Bal du Moulin Rouge" through June 18. Following their engagement, Debbie Reynolds and her best friend Rip Taylor will open in the show.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Thousands of people marched through downtown Jerusalem the night of June 1 in a Peace Now-led demonstration against pardon for the alleged members of a Jewish terrorist underground presently on trial or already convicted and serving sentences.