

Legendary Superstar Meets Imperial Palace Legend Star



The comedy star of the Imperial Palace's hit show, "Legends in Concert," Dave Swan, recently took in one of George Burns' shows while the living legend was appearing in town. When Burns found out that Swan was in the audience, he invited him backstage after the show to swap a few jokes and to reminisce with some show biz stories about when he and Gracie worked in England.

Burns was disappointed to hear that the beautiful Empire Theater located in Swansea (where Dave Swan took his stage name because of it being his hometown), has been torn down and was now a super market.

Swan says, "I was just mesmerized talking to this living legend. We talked for over an hour and it was just great."

"It was interesting to note," mentions Swan, "that W.C. Fields was a silent juggler when he went to England while still in his mid-20s. George explained to me that Fields' wife fell in love with an English comedian while there and stayed. George chuckled when he said, 'W. C. Fields got the best of the deal. He stole the English comedian's delivery of the line, 'my little chickadee.' " In about a month, visitors will be able to view W. C. Fields' personal car when it goes on display as part of the Imperial Palace's Auto Collection featuring antique and classic autos. Fields' car is a 1938 V-16 Cadillac with 16 cylinders. "It was purchased from W. C. Fields' long-time mistress, Carlotta Monte," explains Auto Collection Administrator Richie Clyne.

"Burns confided," says Dave Swan, "Gracie and I started our act as Burns & Allen on English radio, not in the States. Vaudeville also started in England, but was called variety or music hall; however, it died first in the United States."

"It was really a grand hour with George and at 90, he's so bright and alert!"

Dave Swan can be seen nightly in the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino's production of "Legends in Concert" along with live re-creations of other legendary superstars Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Buddy Holly, The Beatles, Laurel & Hardy, Mario Lanza, and Hank Williams. Showtimes are 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. (except Sundays).

The Imperial Palace Auto Collection can be viewed daily from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the parking garage.

Mary Magnani Celebrates First Year At Claudine's At The Holiday Casino



Singer/pianist Mary Magnani developed an appetite for applause at a very early age.

She experienced her first taste of kudos performing at an Easter show when she was three years old. "I fell in love with the applause," she explains smiling. "Ever since then, I've enjoyed entertaining people."

The talented musician gets her fill of applause at Claudine's in the Holiday Casino on the Center Strip in Las Vegas where she performs nightly, except Sundays, from 6 p.m. to midnight. An accomplished performer, Magnani's talents

range from acting and dancing to singing and playing the piano. At Claudine's, Magnani draws from her vast repertoire to please crowds by playing requests.

"My favorite part of entertaining is when I can touch someone in a special way and take them back in their memory through a special song," says the beautiful songstress. "Bringing a tear to someone's eye has such a meaningful feeling for me."

Las Vegas audiences have discovered the magnitude of Magnani's talent and the Swedish pop group ABBA was so impressed with her performance that they signed her for a three-month tour of Swedish night clubs. She also put her talents to use for the International Variety Hearts Club in Iowa, performing for their yearly fundraising telethon and writing a theme song for the production. Her song, "Reach Out With Love" was voted the Best Song Internationally by the organization at their awards banquet in 1980.

Magnani began building her style by playing night clubs in Iowa and continued to expand her talents in Las Vegas. She began playing at the Holiday Casino/Holiday Inn one year ago and counts Liberace among the fans who return time and again to listen.

Magnani explains, "The intimate part of the piano bar for me is reacting one-on-one with the crowd...singing through my expressions and letting my emotions carry me through the songs."

The Stewart/Mojave Sports Center is sponsoring a Men's Singles "C" Novice Division Racquetball Tournament on June 13 and 14. The event will be held at the Center located at 275 N. Mojave Road. An \$8 entry fee must be paid by June 11, 9:00 p.m. Trophies for first and second place will be awarded in both divisions. For more information call 386-6563 or drop by the Stewart/Mojave Sports Center.

Baker Park Community School, 1100 E. St. Louis, will be offering a Soccer Class on Tuesday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. starting June 17 for a fee of \$16. For more information call 733-6599.

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