

**George Trullinger
Commemorates Rock Star
Buddy Holly, Killed 28 Years
Ago In Plane Crash, At
Imperial Palace Hotel
& Casino In
'Legends In Concert'**



The Buddy Holly segment of "Legends in Concert," voted 1985 "Show of the Year," will be expanded for both the 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. shows on Tuesday, February 3rd. The special tribute marks the 28th anniversary of the legendary rock 'n roll singer's death.

The date, February 3, 1959, was immortalized by Don McLean in American Pie as "the day the music died." Buddy Holly, J.P. Richardson (the "Big Bopper") and Ritchie Valens were all killed when their small chartered plane crashed in a snowstorm near Mason City, Iowa.

Re-creating Buddy Holly in "Legends in Concert" is talented George Trullinger, who has portrayed the legendary superstar since the hit show came to the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino May 5, 1983.

Buddy Holly got his start in Lubbock, TX. He and his small band played country music and "rockabilly" at dances, clubs and on local radio.

With the help of Norman Petty, whose recording studio "Buddy Holly & the Crickets" used in Clovis, NM, to record "That'll Be the Day," he was signed by Coral Records. That song was Holly's biggest hit and reached No. 3 on the charts in the fall of 1957. Also reaching No. 3 was "Peggy Sue" with "Oh Boy" not far behind.

In 1957, Holly did 80 one-night stands on a tour called "Biggest Show of Stars for '57." His sensational tour of Britain influenced youngsters in the audience including Eric Clapton and Paul McCartney. The Crickets' line-up of lead guitar, rhythm guitar, bass and drums became the rock group formula in England. "The Hollies" took their name from him; John Lennon came up with the name "Beatles" as a tribute to the Crickets.

Later, his poor financial situation induced him to join the "Winter Dance Party Tour" in the Midwest in early 1959. The weather was brutal and the unheated bus broke down often. Exhausted, Bobby chartered a plane to take him and his band to the next stop - Morhead, MN. Instead of the band, Tommy Allsup and Waylon Jennings, passengers were the "Big Bopper" and Ritchie Valens. The plane crash killed the three musicians and the pilot.

**"Cubanito" Perez Faces
Ex-World Champ
"Choo Choo" Brown In
Main Friday, January 30**



Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown

Former International Boxing Federation light-weight champion Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown of Philadelphia meets world-ranked Las Vegas lreils "Cubanito" Perez in the 10-round main event Friday, Jan. 30, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.,

A win over Brown and Perez probably will earn a title shot this spring against the current IBF light-weight champion, Greg Haugen, another

Over the years, many of Buddy Holly's hits have been recorded by top recording artists such as "The Beatles," "The Rolling Stones," "Blind Faith," Peter & Gordon, Blondie, "The Knack," and Linda Ronstadt.

Buddy Holly music has always been happy music with international appeal. It is a celebration of the simple, unpretentious beat of early rock 'n roll. Anyone who doubts its continuing popularity should watch the audience at the Imperial Palace during George Trullinger's performance. Young and old alike tap their feet and snap their fingers, lost in the pleasure of the vibrant, dynamic music.

Showtimes for "Legends in Concert" are 8 p.m. & 11 p.m. nightly (except Sundays). Cocktail shows which include two drinks are \$11.95 plus tax with a \$2.00 surcharge on Saturdays. For show reservations, call 794-3261.

popular and hard-hitting Las Vegas.

Also on the card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc. in association with the Showboat will be junior light-weight Andy Minsker, junior welter-weight Joe Belinc, heavy-weight "Bronco" Billy Wright and the pro debut of two Las Vegas, welter-weight Darrin Chiappone and bantam-weight Akeem Ainfowski.

The card starts one-half hour earlier than usual at 5:30 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavillion open at 4:30.

Tickets, still priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved, are on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavillion Ticket Office.

The 28-year-old Perez, with a record of 33-2 and 24 knockouts, is fighting for the second time since he dropped a close and controversial 15-round decision to former IBF light-weight champion Jimmy Paul June 4, 1986, in the Meadowlands. Perez, ranked No. 9 by the IB F, beat Steve Lattimore on Dec. 19 in Miami, Beach, Fla.

Perez is undefeated in nine fights in Las Vegas. His only other loss was to World Boxing Council light-weight champion Hector "Macho" Camacho on April 3, 1983, in Phoenix.

Brown, also 28, won the IBF championship on Jan. 30, 1984, in Atlantic City with a 15-round decision over Melvin Paul. Brown was dethroned in his first defense, falling to Harry Arroyo on April 15 in Atlantic City.

Two eight-round and three four-round bouts complete the card assembled by Top Rank's Las Vegas matchmaker Mel Greb.

Minsker, from Milwaukee, Ore., and Adam Garcia, from Tucson, Ariz., meet in one eight-rounder while Belinc, from Marysville, Wash., and Bobby Garcia, from Bell Garden, Calif. clash in the other.

In the four rounders undefeated Wright, from Salt Lake City, faces Charles Roebuck, from Phoenix; Chiappone takes on Cece Oliver, from San Bernardino, Calif.; and Ainfowski goes against Ephraim Chavez, from South El Monte, Calif.

Minsker, an alternate on the United States' team at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, has a record of 10-1 with three knockouts and is coming off a hard-fought win over Tommy Cordova Sept. 24.

Garcia has a record of 14-6-1 with 10 knockouts and won the Arizona state feather-weight championship in his most recent outing, taking a 12-round decision over Pete Anzudula on Nov. 1 in Phoenix.

Belinc, also an Olympic alternate in 1984 at Los Angeles, has a record of 15-1 with seven knockouts. In their most recent outings Belinc took a close decision over Bobby Garcia.

Wright, who's trained by former world middle-weight champion Gene Fullmer, has a record of 2-0 with one knockout. Roebuck is 2-1.

Chiappone, 22, originally is from Brooklyn, N.Y., while Ainfowski, 18, originally is from Nigeria, the country he represented at the World Amateur Championship in May in Reno. Oliver has a record of 0-1 while Chavez is 1-1 with no knockouts.

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