

**Nevada Opera Theatre  
Presents "Opera Gala"  
Alexis Park - Friday,  
February 27 - 7:00 P.M.**



Patrice Munsel, internationally acclaimed opera star, is the special guest artist for "Opera Gala," Friday, February 27 in the Apollo Ballroom at the Alexis Park Hotel. The Nevada Opera Theatre Orchestra will be conducted by Maestro Henry Holt. Nevada Opera Theatre Artists will be featured along with the Southern Nevada Musical Arts Chorus. Guest artists include Kathy Knight, Francesco Soriano, Carol LaSage, George Skipworth, Madelene Capelle and Renee Aravena.

At the age of 17, Miss Munsel stepped onto the stage of the famed Metropolitan Opera House to sing Philline in "Mignon" making history as the youngest singer ever to debut at the Met. After that famous debut, she performed in major opera houses throughout the United States. The success she achieved in this country was matched abroad. In Sweden, she was compared to the great Jenny Lind.

Miss Munsel was equally successful in television, starring in her own weekly musical program entitled, "The Patrice Munsel Show" on the ABC-TV network. On the musical comedy stage, her credits include "Kiss Me Kate," "The King And I," "My Fair Lady," "Kismet," and "South Pacific."

Her most highly acclaimed roles at the Metropolitan Opera have been "Lucia di Lammermoor," "Romeo and Juliet," "La Boheme," "Mignon," "Die Fledermaus," "Cosi Fan Tutti," and "La Perichole."

Box office records were broken when she starred in "The Merry Widow" at Lincoln Center. She has sung Command Performances for the Queen of England and has performed several times at the White House for three Presidents of the United States and their guests.

The "Opera Gala" on Friday, February 27, will begin with a Silent Auction at 7:00 p.m. Items being donated are a "New York City-Metropolitan Opera" weekend trip that includes round trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations and tickets to the Metropolitan Opera. This will be provided by Travel Unlimited. Other items include a Judith Lieber bag (Bullocks), fur boa (Barbara's Furs), Bally Slot Machine (Robert Deiro), and a diamond ring (Lenny Weinstein). Auction items valued at over \$20,000 have been donated to Nevada Opera Theatre for this elegant benefit.

The "Opera Gala" will include the silent auction, dinner, dancing and opera concert. Tickets are \$100 per person, black tie. For information, call 451-6331.

**Flame Restaurant Donates  
\$1,500 To Make A Wish  
Foundation Of Nevada**



Ed Jaffe, owner of The Flame Restaurant, presents Mary Magnani, Executive Vice President of Make A Wish Foundation of Nevada, a check for \$1,500.

The Flame Restaurant, a Las Vegas landmark for over 25 years, raised \$1,500.00 for the Make A Wish Foundation of Nevada. The money will go a long way in helping the Foundation to grant the last wishes of children suffering with life threatening illnesses. The Flame Restaurant donated a portion of their dinner receipts to raise the money.

**UNLV Professor  
Now Syndicated Writer**

Charles A. Bucher, a UNLV professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), will write a health and fitness column for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. The column, titled "Fitness After Fifty," will be distributed to 80 newspapers in the United States and around the world.

Bucher will focus on fitness issues that concern the elderly, including the benefits of exercise on the aging, how to lower blood pressure without medication, and nutrition for the elderly.

"I don't know of any other nationally syndicated column that specializes in fitness for the elderly," Bucher said, adding that the majority of Times readers are over 50.

A professor at UNLV since 1980 and the former director of the HPER school, Bucher said he insisted that UNLV's name appear on the column with his byline.

Bucher plans to begin slowly with the syndicated column. He has already submitted two articles, and he plans to send the L.A. Times Syndicate a couple each month for the next few months.

The UNLV professor also writes a health and fitness column for the Las Vegas Review Journal as a public service.

Bucher is president and executive director of the National Fitness Leaders Association (NFLA), which recently moved its headquarters to the UNLV campus. NFLA is a selective professional organization that is trying to improve health and fitness in America by 1990.

A prolific writer, Bucher has written more than 24 textbooks and a number of professional articles. His two most recent texts, "Foundations of Physical Education and Sport" and "Management of Physical Education and Athletic Programs," were recently released.

**Sweeping Away Everyday  
Hassles On Valentine's Day**

Winter months are typically packed with lots of good times -- and lots of work. And, with the increase in the number of working women and dual income families, there is less and less time to divide between those household duties and leisure.

But the rapid growth of a new industry is helping change that. People are finding more recreation and family time by turning to service businesses like Merry Maids, Inc., the largest professional home cleaning service in the U.S.

In just seven years, Merry Maids, Inc. has grown from eight to more than 370 franchises, and projects it will have 500 by the end of 1987. The company's emphasis on thoroughness, reliability and security has resulted in over 3,000 employees who clean more than 36,000 homes in 42 states each month.

The flexible design of Merry Maids' service allows it to be custom fit to a wide variety of lifestyles, according to Preston Thornton, owner of the Merry Maids' franchise serving homes, apartments and condominiums in Las Vegas.

"More and more people realize what a hassle it is to keep up with housework on top of all their other responsibilities," says Thornton.

He also points out that professional home cleaning makes an unusual and unexpected Valentine's Day gift. "Customers given our service have 'been surprised and pleased,'" Thornton says.

"Most often husbands give the service to their wives for Valentine's Day, but we have also had parents give it to their children at college or to a young couple who just had a baby. Still other people have arranged for Merry Maids service for their mothers and grandmothers."

Thornton compares the gift of professional home cleaning to a gift of time. "Time is a very precious thing. When a husband can't be there to personally help clean the house or when people have given you much of their time over the years, it's nice to be able to say 'Thanks' in such a thoughtful way," he says.

Merry Maids' gift certificates are attractive, embossed cards with matching envelopes. They are available in any denomination for use at any time. Cleaning can be done weekly, biweekly and/or on special occasions.

One myth swept away by Merry Maids is that only wealthy homeowners can afford a quality home cleaning service. The company's customers are predominately middle income working couples, singles and elderly individuals.

Merry Maids professional home cleaning services help a person give a gift so hard to find -- extra free time. It is a present appreciated year round. After all, the busy season never really ends for most of us. For further information, phone 795-0133.

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