

Legendary Connie Francis Performed In 'Legends In Concert' At Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino



Imperial Palace General Manager E. Edward Crispell greeted legendary superstar, Connie Francis, backstage at a cocktail in her honor after her performance in "Legends in Concert" where she also introduced her protegee', Ron Langel, to Las Vegas audiences. Langel portrayed Francis' good friend, Bobby Darin, in the show.

Recording artist/actress Connie Francis made a special guest appearance in the award-winning production, "Legends in Concert," at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, Monday, February 23, 1987.

Connie, who has sold millions of records, sang a medley including, "It Had To Be You," "Am I Blue," and "Ain't Misbehavin'" in addition to "Speak Softly Love (Theme from the Godfather)." She made this special appearance to introduce her protegee', Ron Langel, who does a re-creation of legendary superstar, Bobby Darin.

In his debut at the Imperial Palace, Ron sang three of Darin's smash hits, "Splish Splash," "Dream Lover," and "Mack the Knife."

When Connie discovered Ron three years ago, performing in a club in New Jersey, she exclaimed, "Ron, watching you is like watching Bobby!"

Ron will be portraying Bobby Darin in a feature film based on his life story which is currently in development. Ron was chosen out of over 500 singer/actors who auditioned for the part.

When Connie Francis first saw "Legends in Concert," she immediately contacted John Stuart, the producer/director, and said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the show," and told him about Ron.

Connie and Bobby Darin were very close friends she explained and being able to present Ron in "Legends in Concert" will help keep Bobby's memory alive. During the show, Connie talked about Darin while imparting some insight to the audience about his varied talents.

Connie's appearance marked a milestone in "Legends" history. It was the first time since the hit show debuted at the Imperial Palace in May, 1983, that a real, living, legendary superstar performed in the show.

The appearance marked a milestone for Connie as well. It was her first stage appearance in 15 months and her first Las Vegas nightclub appearance since 1970. After a round of thunderous applause, John Stuart presented Connie with a bouquet of roses.

Other legendary superstars portrayed in "Legends in Concert" include Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams, Mario Lanza and "The Beatles." The comedy of Dave Swan is also part of "Legends" presented twice nightly at 8 p.m. & 11 p.m. (except Sundays). Cocktail shows are \$11.95 plus tax with a \$2.00 surcharge for Saturday performances.

Robert Goulet On 'Roast' For Red McIlvaine

On Wednesday, April 1, 1987, the Joe Behar Community Drama Workshop will honor Mr. Red McIlvaine at the Second Annual Celebrity Roast to be held at the Palace Station.

Red has so many friends, that in order to contact them as quickly as possible, we are writing some of them. Along with phone calls and "Signature Ad's" in the newspapers. We would be honored to have you, along with any others from your organization, who would enjoy seeing Red "on the split" so to speak. We have invited several very funny and prominent friends of Red, to join him on the dias, including Shecky Greene, Cork Proctor, Governor Richard Bryan, Robert Goulet, and many others. Mr. Pete Moss from Radio Station K.O.R.K. will M.C. the roast. It will be a fun evening. No host cocktails will begin at 6:30 P.M. with a sit down dinner to be served at 7:30 P.M. At nine o'clock the roast begins. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or a table of 10 for \$200.

If you can participate, please call 458-0069.

Catholics, Jews Agree To Improve Carmelite Convent Off Auschwitz

GENEVA (JTA) — witz-Birkenau to the Jewish and Catholic leaders meeting here agreed that a Carmelite convent established on the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Poland will be removed within two years.

The agreement is expected to resolve the emotionally charged issue first raised by European Jews, who regard the site as a unique symbol of the Holocaust. The agreement provided for the establishment, away from the camp site, of an interreligious center where Catholics and Jews can pray and meditate, hold seminars and greet visitors. The nuns will move off the Auschwitz site to a new building.

Theo Klein, president of the Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), presided at the meeting. Other Jewish participants were Tullia Zevi, president of the Italian Jewish community; Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat of France and Ady Steg, head of a committee opposed to the convent.

The Catholic Church was represented by Albert Cardinal Decourtray, Archbishop of Lyon; Jean-Marie Lustiger, Archbishop of Paris; Godfried Cardinal Danneels of Brussels; and Franciszek Cardinal Marchanski, Archbishop of Cracow.

The same group meeting here last July issued a statement recognizing the special significance of Ausch-

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