

**George Burns Headlines
Caesars Palace With Ann
Jillian March 2 - 7**



Lovable comedian George Burns returns to centerstage in the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom March 2 - 7, headlining cocktail shows which also star actress/singer Ann Jillian.

During this engagement, Burns, who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday, will be hosting the press premiere of his newest movie, "18 Again." During the parties and private screening, invited guests at Caesars and media from across the country will get a glimpse of what it would be like if an aging grandfather could trade bodies with his 18-year-old grandson. The sneak preview is set for Friday, March 4, with the general release slated for April 8. "18 Again" also stars Tony Roberts, Red Buttons and Anita Morris, with newcomer Charlie Schlatter portraying George's grandson.

Burns has had an extensive film career, beginning with the 1929 one-reeler "Burns and Allen in Lamb Chops." With his late wife and comedy partner Gracie Allen, he made dozens of films in the 1930s, paralleling the success of the Burns and Allen radio shows, which ran from 1932 until 1950.

In 1975, Burns won an Oscar for his role as a retired vaudevillian who argued his way through the film "The Sunshine Boys" with Walter Matthau. His manner became decidedly more angelic, when in 1977 he teamed with John Denver for the first of three "Oh God!" movies. He also starred in "Just You and Me Kid" with Brooke Shields and Art Carney in "Going in Style."

Ann Jillian also has a number of film successes to her credit, most recently "The Ann Jillian Story," which chronicles her battle with breast cancer. The made-for-TV movie, which aired Jan. 4, is currently the highest rated telefilm of the 1987-88 season.

A child actress, Jillian was Little Bo Peep in Disney's "Babes in Toyland," and Dainty June with Rosaline Russell and Natalie Wood in "Gypsy." Eventually she won a scholarship to the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera.

She was a torch singer for Sammy Cahn, and after retiring briefly from the stage, returned in 1979 to star in the Broadway hit "Sugar Babies," with Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller.

A showroom headliner since 1984, Jillian often takes her concert act on tour. She has frequently performed with Bob Hope, traveling with him to Beirut in 1983 and appearing in many of his television specials.

Onstage at Caesars Palace, George Burns and Ann Jillian perform nightly at 10 p.m. For reservations phone 702/731-7333 or 800/454-4544.

Video Beat In "Splash"



Hard-bodied street gang members dance to the pulsating rhythm of the Riviera Hotel & Casino's award-winning aquacade "Splash," produced by Jeff Kutash. "Splash" plays nightly in the Riviera's Versailles Theater at 8 and 11 p.m. The price is \$17.50 for the first show and \$14.50 for the second show, which includes two drinks. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by calling (702) 794-9301, or tickets can be purchased at any Ticketron outlet.

**Author Jerzy Kosinski
Finally Comes To Israel**

TEL AVIE (JTA) — Jerzy Kosinski, the well-known, Polish-born, Jewish author who has lived in the United States since 1957, explained why he has never visited Israel until now.

"You don't come to Israel the way you go to any other country, for a trip," said the 55-year-old writer. "You go with the very specific notion that you are going there to encounter, not the country, really, but a part of yourself which the country may wake up in you."

Kosinski, who lost his entire family in the Holocaust, came here to address a congress on the traditions of Polish-Jewish culture.

"I kept thinking one had to select the moment for coming to Israel when technically and spiritually one should be free to remain if one would choose so," he said.

In any event, he observed, he had not really waited so long to visit the Jewish state. "In terms of our history, it is a very short time actually -- 30 years."

Kosinski said that on the plane bound for Israel, "I kept thinking that I am only 55. How sad it is that I cannot call my parents, or my uncles or other members of my family who may be in Warsaw or in Lodz or in Kradow and say, 'Hey, guess where I am. I'm following in the footsteps of (Yehuda) Halevy. I'm in Israel.'"

**Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino
Recognized For Its Hiring Of
The Handicapped By
Southwest Region Organization**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino was honored by the Southwest Business, Industry and Rehabilitation Association for its extensive hiring of the handicapped.

It was the second award bestowed upon the Imperial Palace for its continuing service in the field of hiring the handicapped in the last four months. Last October, the hotel was named "Employer of the Year" by the Governor's Committee for the Handicapped.

"For the first time, we are deviating from tradition. This year we recognize the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino for its sincere commitment of hiring people with a disability," said SWBIRA president Fred Tenney. "We recognize the Imperial Palace for being a trendsetter in the Las Vegas casino industry. It is our hope that other casinos will follow their lead and open their doors as willingly and as professionally as the Imperial Palace has done."

Imperial Palace Human Resources Specialist Mike Nelson attended the awards banquet and accepted the award on behalf of the hotel.

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