

Artie Shaw, the famous bandleader of the

Las Vegas Israelite

Swing Era, will present a lecture titled "Three Chords for Beauty's Sale and One to Pay the Rent" on April 12 at 3 p.m. in UNLV's Wright Hall Auditorium, Room 103.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Earlier that day, Shaw will conduct a master class with the UNLV Jazz Ensemble.

Shaw, regarded by many as the greatest and most innovative jazz clarinetist of all time, entered the music business at an early age. After leaving home at 15 to travel around the country, Shaw played with several bands while following the work of early jazz greats, such as Bix Beiderbecke and Louis Armstrong.

Influenced by the musical revolutions of the age, Shaw quickly rose to fame in the music world. By the age of 21, he became the top lead alto sax and clarinet player in New York's radio and recording studios.

In 1934, Shaw made his first public appearance as a leader in the first Swing Concert held at Broadway's Imperial Theater.

In the following years, he recorded his first major hit, "Begin the Beguine." followed by several others, including "Stardust," "Dancing in the Dark," and "Moonglow."

Shaw then enlisted in the Navy and formed as service band that took his music to the South Pacific war zones. Upon returning home in 1947. he formed a civilian band with such great musicians as guitarist Barney Kessel, pianist Happy Passover

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Dodo Marmarosa, and trumpet player Roy Eldridge.

for quitting the music business Known periodically. Shaw then took off several years to write his semi-autobiographical book, "The Trouble with Cinderella.'

In 1954, he returned to full-time playing for the last time, with the formation of the new group, "Gramercy Five," made up of such superb musicians as Hank Jones, Tal Farlow, and Tommy Potter.

Shaw packed his clarinet away once and for all at the end of 1954 and moved to Spain, where he remained until 1960. Upon his return, he published a second book, "I Love You, I Hate You, Drop Dead."

In addition to a brief venture into film distribution, Shaw has occasionally taught extension courses on art and literature at colleges near his home in Newbury Park, Calif.

For more information on the upcoming Shaw lecture, call the UNLV music department at 739-

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