

Entertainment

Diana Ross to Headline Caesars Palace October 15-27

Music's leading lady, Diana Ross, returns to the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom October 15 through 27 (dark 10/21).

A Caesars headliner for more than 15 years, Diana is one of Las Vegas' most popular entertainers. Beginning with such smash hits as "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and "Touch me in the Morning," she established herself as one of the preeminent female voices of the 1970s. And, unlike many singing sensations whose sound relates to a particular time and style, she moved into the '80s with "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," her smash "Endless Love" duet with Lionel Richie and the haunting "Missing You," a tribute to Marvin Gaye.

After three starring roles in



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feature films, "Lady Sings the Blues," "Mahogany" and "The Wiz," she formed her own production company, Anaid Film Productions. Anaid Films is currently developing the film biography of legendary

entertainer Josephine Baker. In 1981 Diana formed RTC Management Corporation as headquarters for her production concerns, which include: Diana Ross Productions (a parent corporation for all the

singer's recording activities), Rosstown Music and Rossville Music (music publishing companies), Chandee, Inc. (which coordinates her tour and concert appearances) and JFF Enterprises Ltd. (which develops and market proposed cosmetic and fashion lines).

About her many creative and business ventures, she says "I believe you get energy from challenging yourself to keep growing and learning. I'm on a constant



Tony Bennett

learning spree. There are always new avenues I want to explore. This keeps life exciting for me."

Exciting and talented Diana Ross will perform in cocktail shows nightly at 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. For reservations, phone the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom 702/731-7333, or 800/445-4544 (outside Nevada, within the U.S.).

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—A blockbuster combination of entertainment has been signed by Bally's-Las Vegas hotel/casino with the booking of Tony Bennett and the world famous Count Basie Orchestra from February 26 through March 4. Bennett and the "Basie Band" will perform in the hotel's beautiful Celebrity Room.

"This is the first time Tony Bennett has been in Las Vegas in a number of years," said Bally Vice President of Entertainment Bill DeAngelis, who booked the duo.

After a ten-year absence from the recording studio, Bennett recently issued a new album, appropriately entitled "The Art of Excellence." The album was recorded digitally in London and New York. Highlights include a duet with Ray Charles.

The Count Basie Orchestra, which is now under the direction of Frank Foster, has been called "The Most Explosive Force in Jazz." The orchestra has backed up some of the famous singers in the business, among them Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Judy Garland, Sammy Davis Jr., Pearl Bailey -- and of course -- Tony Bennett.

The late William James "Count" Basie died in 1984, but fortunately his band -- and his music -- lives on.

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