

## Diane Ross Returns To Caesars Palace May 6-18

Music's leading lady, Diana Ross, returns to headline the Caesars Palace showroom May 6-18 (dark 5/12).

A recording artist who has survived and sometimes helped create varied musical trends, she has become identified with top-selling



Diana Ross

Internationally known for her more than 55 albums and 75 singles, starring roles in three hit movies and scores of television appearances, Ross is one of Las Vegas' most popular celebrity attractions.

She maintains a busy performance schedule; her Caesars engagement is part of a four-month personal appearance tour. She will soon release a new album, "Diana Ross — Red Hot Rhythm & Blues," and will star in her newest network television special on Wednesday, May 20 (ABC).

songs "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Touch Me in the Morning," "Ease on Down the Road," and more recently, "Muscles," "Endless Love" and the poignant ballad, "Missing You."

Diana Ross will perform in cocktail shows which also feature comedy team Mack and Jamie 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.

## Gong Show Auditions To Be Held At West Las Vegas Library

Hear ye! hear ye! All amateur singers, dancers, jugglers, comedians — it's time to get your acts together for another great time. Get in the running for prizes, prizes and applause at the Fourth annual West Las Vegas Library "Gong Show!!" Auditions are by appointment only, May 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The talent show will be held July 25 from 6-9 p.m. at Heritage Hall, 932 W. Owens Ave.

Musicians, ventriloquists, dramatic readers and impressionists are invited to vie for awards and prizes. Call the staff at the West Las Vegas Library, 647-2117, for an audition appointment.

## ROWE

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well it just might dry-up. Esther Rolle was in the lead role and Robert Nemiroff, spouse of the late prolific playwright, produced... A theatre in Kansas City was forced by a threatened demonstration to cancel a showing of D. W. Griffith's infamous "Birth of A Nation." Meanwhile in Boston three of those Oscar Micheaux's films found in Texas were shown in Boston April end. The Massachusetts College of Art Foundation co-sponsored the event... Mal Goode was on the receiving end of the radio/television directors' Distinguished Service Award. Congrats pal... "Asinamali," loosely translated, "we have no money," opened for a B'way run. The playwright used language, music, dance, comedy and drama to recreate the tragic '83 Durban rent strike through the eyes of 5-prisoners. Harry Belafonte and Miriam Makeba are among the ten producers of this extraordinary South African play... "In The Name of Love" was an HBO TeeVee experience long to remember. Patti LaBelle, Dionne Warwick and Gladys Knight were forged into a trio of earable delight. If you missed this Gladys Knight creation, your eyes and ears were denied a treat... Ray Charles has been invited to Israel for the 20th ann'y celebration of the unification of Jerusalem, the Holy City... Olivia Ward, spouse of N'York City's top cop, ear launched vocal joy at Mr. Sam's supper club... STAY LOOSE... Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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### ALPHA Temple #1180 Calendar of Events

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Alpha Temple #1180 is sponsoring its annual Western Jamboree, Friday, May 15, at Paran Lodge #1508, Las Vegas, Nev., 9:00 p.m. until. Donation is \$3.00.

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On May 16, Dtr. Donna Sweat will host The Local Pacific States Beauty Pageant. Location to be announced.

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On May 30, Alpha Temple #1180 will host a Carribean Disco. This event will take place at Paran Lodge #1508, Las Vegas, Nevada, from 9:00 p.m. until.

## An Evening In Celebration of The Arts A Tribute to Duke Ellington

By Lynette Robinson

As cities across the country prepared festivities in honor of Duke Ellington's birthday on April 29, great artists and entertainers from across the country dedicated their time and talents to the first Annual Duke Ellington Memorial Humanitarian Awards held at the Church of Scientology's Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater, Florida.

"The awards should validate those individuals who dedicate their lives to the betterment of mankind. We want this event to take place year after year and to gain recognition on the level of the Pulitzer Prize," said Dennis Dubin, executive producer of the event.

The awardees and their related categories were: Tyrell Biggs-sports; Citizens Commission on Human Rights-human rights; Barbara Gardner Proctor-leadership; Dr. Leon Sullivan-religious freedom; and Grover Washington, Jr.-arts & music. In addition, McHenry Boatwright, world renown opera soloist,

received a special certificate for his contribution to the arts and Lloyd Remick, Philadelphia attorney, for his neverending battle against drug abuse.

Special guests included; Amanda Ambrose, Chic Corea, Jazz Musician; Honi Coles, Dancer; Hubert Laws, flutist; Mindi Lee, female vocal winner of Star Search; Paul Wagner, artist; Rev. Gensell, St. Peter's Church, New York; and the Glen Zottola-Bob Rosengarden Orchestra, featuring Bill Allred, Ted Bragin, Harold Danko, Norris Turney, Chris White, Snook Young and Bob Zottola.

The Duke Ellington Humanitarian Awards Committee (D.E.H.A.C.), spearheaded by Dennis Dubin and Ruth Ellington, was originally organized as a tribute to Duke Ellington's "Sacred Concerts." These were the music compositions that the "Duke" dedicated to the church, God, and religion during the year before his death. He performed these concerts at many

of the Cathedrals around the world with his performance at Westminster Abbey in London being the pinnacle.

He was described by Mr. Boatwright as a "very religious man and in the few months before he died, he took a sort of sabbatical and wrote the tone poems that later became known as the "Sacred Concerts." According to Mr. Boatwright, "he felt he had to take time to show how he felt about religion and that his religious music was the most important of his works."

Stephanie Berry, producer of the show, stated that "next year the event is scheduled to take place at St. Peter's Church in N.Y. and the year after at a church in Washington, D.C." The Duke Ellington Humanitarian Awards Committee is seeking members for the Nomination Committee and anyone who is interested should write to: D.E.H.A.C., P.O. Box 21, Merion, PA 19066.

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