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Indian Wells Theater to host two appreciation nights for California City, County and State employees

Discounted tickets now available for two *Tuesdays with Morrie* performances

PALM DESERT, Calif. (October 19, 2009) - Recognizing that California City, County and State employees are struggling with reduced paychecks due to recent budget furloughs, the dean of the Cal State San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus, Dr. Fred Jandt, is offering these employees a **25% discount** to two upcoming performances of *Tuesdays with Morrie*, starring Hal Linden, at the campus' Indian Wells Theater.

These performances - Saturday, October 31, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 7, at 7 p.m. - will be designated as "California City, County and State Employee Appreciation Performances."

Non-discounted ticket prices range from \$30 - \$60 (based on seat location) and can be purchased by calling the Indian Wells Theater Box Office at 760.341.2883, ext. 78154.

Callers must mention that they are a California City, County and State employee when making their advanced reservations.

The play stars multiple Golden Globe and Emmy-nominee, Hal Linden, who is also well known for his role on television's *Barney Miller*.

Linden stars in this tender, uplifting comedy about a life-altering friendship, based on the best-selling novel and run-away hit by Mitch Albom. Nearly 20 years have passed since Mitch last saw his favorite college professor, Morrie Schwartz, when he catches Morrie on a television interview talking about having Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mitch decides to visit Morrie and realizes that he is taking one final lesson ...in how to live.

The play is directed by David Catanzarite, a faculty member in the theater department at College of the Desert.

The Governor's budget, signed on July 28, 2009, finalized the CSU budget deficit for 2009-10 at \$564 million, and employee furloughs are one element of a plan to address the cuts that also includes enrollment reductions, increased student fees and other cost cutting measures. The employee furloughs will reduce salary expenses annually by \$275 million. The CSU had previously announced it plans to reduce enrollment by 40,000 students over the next two years, and the CSU Board of Trustees adopted an increase in student fees at its July 21 meeting.

The Indian Wells Theater is located on the Palm Desert Campus of Cal State San Bernardino. 37-500 Cook Street, between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra Drives.