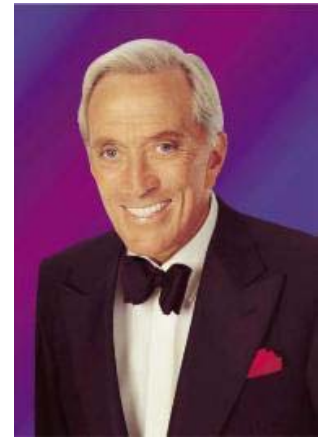


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Andy Williams to perform at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus benefit event

PALM DESERT, Calif. (February 26, 2009) The extraordinary easy-listening sounds of Andy Williams will be heard at the beautiful Indian Wells Theater this Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m.



Mr. Williams will perform a benefit at the theater, which is located on the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus, 37-500 Cook Street, between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra Drives.

The event, which is part of a Conversations with series, is being held for current and future members of the Cal State University Associates, a premier organization of supporters of the Palm Desert Campus, California State University, San Bernardino. Members serve as goodwill ambassadors for the campus in the community and contribute yearly dues of \$100/year per individual or \$150/year per couple.

Because this is a fundraising event, all attendees must be a current Associates member or pay the membership fee upon arrival. Their membership will be good until June 2010 and will entitle them to many other campus events at no extra charge. An RSVP to attend this event and join the Cal State University Associates is mandatory. RSVPs should be directed to Mike Singer at msinger@csusb.edu or (760) 341-2883, ext. 78107.

Throughout the year, Associates members are entitled to attend the University for a Day series, which features the very best university instructors lecturing on a variety of topics. Academy-award winner, Stuart Sumida, was a recent speaker. A professor of paleontology at the San Bernardino campus, Dr. Sumida is also a consultant for Hollywood films and special effects projects.

Other Associates-only events include the Conversations with series, which features intimate memoirs and discussions with outstanding citizens, personalities and celebrities. Recent speakers include author, Bill Marx, son of Harpo Marx, and Bill Kubley, builder of the Tiger

Woods designed Golf Course in Abu Daibi, United Arab Emirates, as well as many other award-winning courses.

Andy Williams is remembered for the phenomenal success of his weekly variety show "The Andy Williams_Show" (1962). Andy was a natural in front of the TV camera and his dueting with such singing legends as Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland and Peggy Lee kept audiences enthralled week after week. The series, which concluded in 1971, won three Emmy Awards for "Best Musical/Variety Series." Andy himself picked up a couple of nominations as performer.

In tandem with his famous TV show, Andy opened Caesar's Palace in 1966 and went on to headline there for 20 years. Following the demise of his TV success, Andy continued to tour both here and abroad. The 1970s also deemed the cardigan-wearing Andy as too square and clean-cut to attract younger audiences. Nevertheless, he hosted the Grammy Awards a few times and returned to a syndicated series format in 1976, which was short-lived. Andy remarried happily in 1991 to non-professional Debbie Haas.

Inspired by singer/friend Ray Stevens, Andy had built a \$12 million state-of-the-art theater, which opened in 1992 and was christened the *Andy Williams Moon River Theater*. Andy became the first non-country star to perform there and other theme shows have since been inspired to populate the small town - now considered the live music capital of the world.