



Patti Gribow



Indian Wells Theater



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Indian Wells Theater announces exciting new season Celebrity favorites will take the stage

PALM DESERT, Calif. (April 6, 2009) - The Indian Wells Theater at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus announces its inaugural season as a full-scale, performing arts venue. The announcement comes as season tickets go on sale for each of three series: The Broadway Series of plays, the Indian Wells Pops series of big band concerts, and "Conversations with...", a series of hosted Q & A's with fascinating people.

The Broadway Series kicks off the season on October 30 with Hal Linden (television's Barney Miller) starring in the critically acclaimed *Tuesdays with Morrie*, followed by Hal Williams (Roots: The Next Generations, Private Benjamin, 227, Sanford and Son) and Newell Alexander (Wardell "Bubba" Owens from Sordid Lives, Las Vegas, Big Love, Days of Our Lives) starring in the witty and intelligent *ART*. Next up is Harold Gould (The Sting, Patch Adams, The Golden Girls, Maude) as Attorney General Frances Biddle in *Trying*, and the series closes with Olympic diver Greg Louganis (Film: *Watercolors, Touch Me*; Off Broadway: *Jeffrey, The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me*) and Coachella Valley favorite Teresa Ganzel (*The Toy, The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*) starring in *The Little Dog Laughed*. (Note: Patrons are warned that *The Little Dog Laughed* contains nudity and mature themes.) Each play runs for eight performances.

In the second series of events, Patti Gribow will host, “Conversations with...,” a series of one-night-only, intimate, “living-room” discussions with three fascinating individuals and an amazing group. They have all achieved great celebrity, but only at the Indian Wells Theater will the public be able to meet them, hear about their experiences and ask them what their lives have been like. The series includes guests Jerry Van Dyke, writer, Larry Gelbart (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, M*A*S*H*), singer, actor and *Hollywood Squares* host, Peter Marshall, and a group of women who made up Dean Martin’s Goldiggers!

The third series features conductor, Richard Stover, who brings together some of the world’s best musicians to entrance audiences with the sounds of bold and brassy popular music performed by the Indian Wells Pops and a host of celebrity singers. Each concert performs only once, on Sunday afternoons. The three events each have a unique style, beginning with *A Big Band Christmas*, followed by *A Tribute to the Big Bands*, and finishing with *Andrew Lloyd Webber at the Pops*.

Prices for the series of events range from \$100 to \$200 depending on which series of events and which performance dates. Currently, tickets to individual events are not available, and because performances are limited, the Indian Wells Theater anticipates selling-out on subscriptions.

“No word better describes the Indian Wells Theater than ‘experience’,” says Anthony Rhine, Director of Special Events at the campus. It was built to be a welcoming place where the community could experience the highest-quality entertainment, enrichment and enlightenment. It was built as a place where those with incredible artistic experience could share their talents, their gifts, and their genius in an intimate, state-of-the-art setting. It was built with the experience of architects and engineers who knew that ‘not a bad seat in the house’ couldn’t be just a sales pitch. And with 300 stadium seats, perfect acoustic tuning, clear sightlines and plenty of legroom, the Indian Wells Theater has benefited from, is blooming due to, and stands to excel as a result of decades of combined experience.”

The Indian Wells Theater seats 300. When the subscriptions are gone, they’re gone. There will be no extensions. And for each future season, current subscribers will be given the first opportunity to renew their seats. For those who subscribe now, there will always be a seat.

The theater will also have an educational component – The Educational Initiative – where area students will have the opportunity to work with some of the talented performers. These stars will generously take time out of their day to educate, share and enlighten our students. It is a symbiotic relationship. Actors recharge their artistic batteries on stage and students learn lessons directly from the top of their profession. It's a combination that couldn't exist anywhere else in the world.

For further information, or to order season tickets, contact the Indian Wells Theater box office at (760) 341-2883, ext. 78154.