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Rat Pack celebration to take place at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

PALM DESERT, Calif. – The Indian Wells Theater at Cal State San Bernardino’s Palm Desert Campus will host a month-long celebration of all things Rat Pack in the Valley they called home.

The Rat Pack was a group of popular and influential entertainers including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop who appeared together on stage and in films in the early 1960s, including the movies “Ocean’s 11,” “Sergeants 3” and “Robin and the 7 Hoods.”

The month-long events in March include:

- **Rat Pack in the Desert Private Photo Collection (March 1, at 6 p.m.)**

Collection includes personal photos from Rat Pack Era when they were hanging their hats and their golf bags here in the desert. Cocktails and appetizers included;

- **“Ocean’s 11” (1960) Movie Showing and Discussion (March 2, at 7 p.m.)**

Join screenwriter Frank Furino after the show to discuss some of what makes this film the quintessential Rat Pack film and why and how it inspired the later version starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. Refreshments included;

- **Marilyn, Madness & Me (March 9 and 10, at 7 p.m.)**

Discover what happens when an average fellow meets the starlet who changed the world. Includes wine reception prior to performance;

- **The Rat Pack Tribute Show (March 16, at 8 p.m. and March 17, at 2 p.m.)**

Relive all the laughs and the songs. Our legendary stars will take you back to the music, style, glitz and glamour of vintage Vegas with all the hits and comedy you remember. This award-winning tribute show features all of the Rat Pack, as well as a Vegas-based live band, that will leave you wanting more; and

- **Celebrity Home Tour & Cocktails at Melvyn's (March 23, at 3:30 p.m.)**

See all of the places the Rat Pack – and more – called home in this Palm Springs Celebrity Tour, ending with a cash bar at the joint where Dean and Frank hung out.

Tickets will be sold as individual events or can be purchased as packages at www.IWTheater.com or by calling the Indian Wells Theater Box Office at (760) 341-6909.

The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is located at 37-500 Cook St.

Located in beautiful Palm Desert, the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor's and master's degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, and teacher credentials and certificates. With more than 1,400 students, it is the Coachella Valley's four-year public university and plays a vital role in educating and training the region's growing population.

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