

See You At The Theater!

Solvang Festival Theater Celebrates 40 Years

Solvang Theaterfest welcomes PCPA to their 40th season of bringing stellar performances to Solvang Festival Theater. This year PCPA brings to the stage, *Noises Off*, *Forever Plaid*, *Oklahoma!* and *The San Patricios*. The summer season begins June 12th and runs through September 7th. Barbara Radom, Solvang Theaterfest co-chair, is incredibly excited about this season. "It's the theater's 40th anniversary and we are so honored to have PCPA still bringing outstanding theater to our community. The rich history of the theater and what it has added to the Valley is just remarkable. This theater was built by a huge community effort in 1974 in just 58 days, which is a marvel in of itself."

Tickets are still available for the Star Patrons' Program, which includes a VIP ticket for each performance, a pre-performance reception of hors d'ouvres in the Patron's Garden, drinks, guest speakers and desserts at intermission. The evenings are June 20th, July 11th, August 8th and September 5th. Cost of the program is \$270 including a portion that is a tax deductible contribution toward the maintenance and operating costs of the theater and grounds. "We are very grateful to our Star Patrons for their continued support. To maintain a 40 year-old theater takes a lot of time, money and work. Their contribution is invaluable", replies Pam Pilcher, Executive Director.

If the Star Patron's Program doesn't work for you, there is Friends of the Theater Program for four Saturday evening performances: June 21st, July 12th, August 9th and September 6th. Cost of the program is \$150.00, which includes a tax deductible contribution to the theater. Seats are some of the best in the house. Before the performance patrons can bring a picnic dinner and enjoy it in the beautiful Patron's garden.

Solvang Theaterfest is also presenting their third annual Jazz in the Garden series. This summer there will be six concerts in the Patron's Garden. The outstanding line-up is: June 29th, Bear Erickson & Friends with their soulful jazz improv; July 13th, Grammy nominated jazz songstress Denise Donatelli & Friends; July 27th smooth vocalist from Chicago, Paul Marinaro; August 10th Brazilian singer/guitarist Téka and NewBossa; August 24th local singer Christine DiPego with her warm and breezy style and on September 14th internationally known Cuban pianist Alfredo Rodriguez. The garden is limited to 100 seats. A series of the six concerts is \$160 and individual tickets are \$30. For those who purchase the Star Patron series and the Jazz in the Garden series together, the total cost is \$405. Concerts are from 3pm to 5pm with the gate open at 2:30 pm. "We have an intimate setting in our garden to listen to these extraordinary performers. We thank the Valley Foundation for providing funds for the additional chairs and tables we added last year. That comfort enhances the experience even more," says Pilcher. "We also would like to thank Union Bank for their sponsorship of our jazz series."

For information for the Star Patron's Program, Friends of the Theater Program and the Jazz in the Garden series, visit solvangfestivaltheater.org or call 686-1789. For information on the PCPA performances at Solvang Festival Theater, including hotel/ticket packages and group sales, visit pcpa.org.