



ENTERTAINMENT - SHOWS

There's a good reason why Las Vegas is called the "Entertainment Capital of the World." Since its Rat Pack days, Las Vegas has been inextricably associated with legendary shows and entertainers. Say "Las Vegas" and it's likely that showgirls in elaborate headdresses and Elvis impersonators will come to mind.

Today, the Las Vegas entertainment scene still has plenty of its classic glamour, but it has evolved to include so much more. In addition to the iconic Las Vegas entertainment staples, the destination offers a lineup of award-winning magicians, Broadway-caliber productions, world-renowned concert headliners and unique-to-Las Vegas production shows.

What's New

Viva ELVIS by Cirque du Soleil has opened at ARIA Hotel & casino at CityCenter. This harmonious fusion of dance, acrobatics and live music is a tribute to the life and music of Elvis Presley. Created in the image of The King of Rock 'n' Roll, the show highlights an American icon who transformed popular music and features significant moments in his life and selections of his timeless music.

Steve Wynn and **Garth Brooks** have announced that Brooks will perform in the Encore Theater at Wynn Las Vegas for a series of special engagements. In the midst of one of the most successful careers in music history, the award-winning country music artist retired in 2001 and moved back to Oklahoma to raise his children. The announcement officially marks Brooks' return to the stage.

Comedian/impressionist **Frank Caliendo** has become a permanent headliner on the Las Vegas Strip with his new show at Monte Carlo. Caliendo and Monte Carlo have signed an exclusive 10-year agreement. Known by millions for his dead-on impressions of such celebrities as Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro, John Madden, former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, Dr. Phil, Jay Leno and dozens more, Caliendo's new show is a dynamic mix of high-energy comedy and fast-paced impressions enhanced by live music, video sketches and much more.

"Mr. Las Vegas," **Wayne Newton**, celebrates his 50th year of entertaining audiences on the Strip with an all-new, limited engagement production, "Once Before I Go" at Tropicana Las Vegas. "Once Before I Go" is the story of Wayne Newton told by the man



who is living it. From his signature tuxedo to his storied history with Elvis, the Rat Pack and many others, this show will cover 50 years in the making. The show features Newton with a full orchestra, photos and video and lots of surprises.

Broadway

In 2006, The Venetian debuted "**Phantom - The Las Vegas Spectacular.**" The show is permanently housed in a \$40 million theater. The 95-minute production includes never-before-seen special effects, a jaw-dropping reproduction of the Parisian opera house where the story takes place, and all the beloved songs from the original Andrew Lloyd Webber production.

Disney Theatrical Productions and Mandalay Bay have opened the award-winning Broadway phenomenon **THE LION KING** at the Mandalay Bay Theatre. Mandalay Bay's production of THE LION KING is virtually identical to the other companies seen around the globe and staged with all of the same spectacular music, sets, and costumes that have made it a worldwide phenomenon.

Production Shows

Cirque du Soleil and its ethereal combination of acrobats and special effects dazzle audiences all along the Strip. The group produces shows for a variety of properties including "**Mystere**" at Treasure Island, which recently celebrated 15 years on the Las Vegas Strip. Bellagio's "**O**" is the troupe's first foray into aquatic theater, featuring a cast of 81 artists performing in and above a pool containing 1.5 million gallons of water. Cirque du Soleil's "**Zumanity**" opened September 2003 at New York-New York Hotel & Casino. In 2005, the fourth Cirque du Soleil show, "**KA**," debuted at MGM Grand. In June 2006 "**LOVE**" opened at The Mirage. Based on the music of The Beatles, the project was begun by the late George Harrison and Guy Laliberté, Cirque's founder. "**LOVE**" is presented in a custom-built theater featuring 360-degree seating, high-definition projections with 100-foot high digital, moving images in addition to a panoramic sound system. "**Criss Angel: BELIEVE**," a partnership between the master illusionist and **Cirque du Soleil**, debuted their much-anticipated production show last year at Luxor. Fusing together revolutionary illusions and mystical artistry with acrobatics, dance, puppetry, music and poetry, Angel reinvents the traditional magic show.

"**Le Rêve**," French for "The Dream," now calls Wynn Las Vegas home. Franco Dragone produced this show which resides in the Wynn Theater. Water serves as the backdrop for the more than 70 performers who move in and out of a one-million-gallon pool. The



show has also introduced a VIP Indulgence Package with champagne bottle service, chocolate-covered strawberries, private video monitors and live glimpses behind the scenes during the show.

For feathers, sequins, showgirls and tuxedo-clad dancers, "**Jubilee!**" is the multi-million dollar production show at Bally's Las Vegas. The over-the-top show recently celebrated its 25th anniversary and features no less than the nightly sinking of the Titanic on stage.

"Blue Man Group's" Las Vegas production can now be seen at The Venetian in their custom-built, multi-million dollar 1,750-seat theater. "**Blue Man Group**" is a colorful, interactive show. The groundbreaking performance-art trio playfully incorporates everything from PVC pipes to energetic, percussive music in their productions. "Blue Man Group -- Live at Luxor" opened at Luxor Las Vegas in March 2000.

"**Legends in Concert,**" featuring superstar impersonators, is the popular, long-running show at Harrah's.

"**MGM Grand's Crazy Horse Paris**" is a direct import from its legendary namesake in Paris, a production famous for celebrating the art of the nude since 1951. "MGM Grand's Crazy Horse Paris" combines sensual choreography and unique lighting effects.

Superstar Headliners

Barry Manilow has signed a two-year deal with Paris Las Vegas and AEG Live to perform 78 shows each year beginning March 5, 2010. This new show will cast Manilow's hits in a new light in the intimate and elegant 1,500 seat Paris Theatre. Including all the songs that have made him a pop culture icon over the past 35 years, the show will bring the energy, sincerity and melody of Manilow at his best to a spectacular yet personal crescendo.

Signing on as the first rock and roll resident artist in Las Vegas, legendary guitarist **Carlos Santana** brings "Supernatural Santana: A Trip Through the Hits" to The Joint at The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino through a multi-year deal with AEG.

Rita Rudner brings her unique comedy to Harrah's Las Vegas. Rudner is an accomplished actress, best-selling author and comedian. Her show features witty commentary on topics ranging from relationships to men.

The "Bad Boys of Magic" can be seen at the Rio. The "**Penn and Teller**" show is an edgy mix of comedy and magic involving knives, guns, fire, a gorilla and a showgirl. While



Penn and Teller supposedly reveal the secrets to their tricks, they still manage to leave audiences startled.

Master magician **Lance Burton** performs five nights per week in Monte Carlo's \$27 million theater built in his honor. This is one of the few shows where children of all ages are welcome. Expect flying cars, disappearing birds and perhaps an audience member or two dangling from the chandelier.

Entertainment Venues

Classic Las Vegas showrooms may offer a close glimpse of superstars with seating to accommodate several hundred to more than 4,000 guests. Las Vegas' larger arena-style venues can host crowds well into the tens of thousands.

Event centers and arenas sell out regularly and have featured myriad celebrity acts including U2, the Rolling Stones, Josh Groban, Andrea Bocelli, Cher, Barbra Streisand, Madonna, Garth Brooks and many more.

The Palms debuted a new concert venue last year. **The Pearl**, which seats 2,400 guests, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology for recording live albums.

The **MGM Grand Garden Arena** is a 17,157-seat special events arena that can accommodate concerts, sporting events and awards shows. In 1993, the Grand Garden made history when Barbra Streisand returned to the stage for a legendary New Year's Eve show after a 20-year hiatus.

Performers as versatile as the destination itself have played to capacity crowds at the 12,000-seat **Mandalay Bay Events Center**. The Three Tenors, Ricky Martin, Juan Gabriel, Barenaked Ladies, Andrea Bocelli, Tim McGraw and the Eagles are just some of the artists who have brought their talents to the Las Vegas Strip. World championship boxing and other sporting events are also held at the Events Center.

The \$95 million **Colosseum at Caesars Palace** is the contemporary interpretation of its ancient namesake in Rome. The facility is adaptable to varied types of entertainment when these shows are dark. In addition to accommodating headliners, it can be configured to host special events, including boxing.

Similar to its Los Angeles counterpart, legendary and up-and-coming musical artists have made stops at Mandalay Bay's **House of Blues**, an intimate venue with a capacity of



1,800. Performers have included Norah Jones, Everclear and Cheap Trick.

The **Theatre for the Performing Arts at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino** is a 7,000-seat, state-of-the-art venue. The traditional seating auditorium makes the theater an ideal place to see a concert, Broadway-style production, awards show and other types of entertainment.

Hard Rock Hotel has opened an all-new premiere concert venue. **The Joint** features a cutting-edge sound and lighting system and offers seven luxury suites. Inheriting its name from the legendary original Hard Rock venue, the new Joint carries on the up-close and personal feel with the furthest seat in the house only 155 feet from the stage. In addition, the venue contains four dressing rooms; a top-notch green room and meet-and-greet room; WiFi access with full blogging station for press covering events; ability to transform for boxing, wrestling, mixed martial arts events, corporate functions and trade shows; as well as red carpet movie premieres and advanced screenings.

In Las Vegas, concert-goers get the chance to enjoy musical performances indoors AND outdoors. During the summer, many properties showcase their performers poolside. Green Valley Ranch's Whiskey Beach, Red Rock Resort, Casino and Spa's Backyard and Mandalay Beach are just three places audiences can see musical acts such as the Go-Go's, Seal, Black Eyed Peas and Joe Cocker.

Comedy Clubs

Mainstream comedians such as George Wallace, Dennis Miller, Rita Rudner, Ray Romano, Jerry Seinfeld, Drew Carey, Jay Mohr and Kevin James, as well as comedy legends such as Steve Lawrence, Eydie Gorme, and the Smothers Brothers, headline many hotel showrooms and are regulars on the Las Vegas Strip.

Comedy clubs host well-known and rising-star comedians in an intimate atmosphere. A sampling of such clubs includes:

- * Improv at **Harrah's**
- * Riviera Comedy Club at the **Riviera**

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