

For Immediate Release



- * Las Vegas style Big Band Variety Show coming to the Tallahassee/North Florida area In July!!
- * Show to bring back live stage entertainment
- * Show will have a local touch as well
- * Tickets now on sale

VARIETY SHOW FOR AMERICA

Saturday, July 22nd (7:00 pm) and Sunday, July 23rd (2:00 pm), 2006

Quincy Music Theatre

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Ticket Prices: \$27.00 in advance \$32.00 at the door; group rates available

The stage is set for a very entertaining, professional variety show coming to the Tallahassee/North Florida area in July. The show is a throw-back to the most enjoyable variety/vaudeville shows of days gone by. Live entertainment at its best!

Appearing are:

Rich Natole (Master of Ceremonies)

His repertoire of hundreds of celebrity vocal and singing impressions will impress young and old alike. Political junkies will enjoy his equal opportunity approach to spoofing their favorite (or least favorite) politicians. Rich's rendition of The National Anthem, with every President from JFK to George W. Bush, is a huge crowd pleaser.

Ned Fasullo - Vocalist

No one singer has embodied the feeling, persona, energy, and stage presence of the great crooners like vocalist Ned Fasullo. His interpretation and delivery of classic American standards are second to none and constantly keep audiences begging for more. It is because of his style and natural stage ability that he was chosen in 2003 to be the touring vocalist for the "Salute To Sinatra" show from Florida Pops Entertainment, backed by the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, now directed by Nelson's son Christopher Riddle.

Coates and Company Big Band

The Coates & Company Big Band, under the direction of Gary Coates, is a 16-piece Big Band beginning its 14th season. Since 1993, Mr. Coates has continued the high standards of performance set forth by the former bandleader Frank Brown. Having performed for three governors and countless parties and wedding receptions, this local Tallahassee band has had the privilege of backing up the likes of Liberace and Cab Calloway.

All the way from England - Bobby Kemp, Vocalist

Wow! What a year it's been for Bobby Kemp. With a succession of Big Band shows performed right across the UK, the pocket sized swinger has just entertained none other than Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal. A select gathering, HRH among them, sipped cocktails and soaked up the music aboard the ancient clipper HMS 'Cutty Sark'. Bobby has built up his show to include numbers from Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett and of course - did we mention the great Frank Sinatra? So it promises to be one swingin' night out!

FSU's Own- William Peterson and Avis Berry

Professor Peterson was a finalist in the Great American Jazz Piano Competition in 1992 and 1999. He teaches jazz piano, jazz arranging and film scoring. He is also the supervisor of student composers who are scoring films for the Florida State University School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts.

Avis Berry is accomplished in Jazz, Gospel, R&B, Classical and Popular music. She has performed in Vietnam, Germany, England, and Carnegie Hall. She has shared the stage with such greats as Dave Brubeck, Robert Shaw, Sherill Milnes, and Bobby McFerrin. Last year she traveled with Dr. Andre Thomas to Berlin and sang with the Berlin Radio Choir. She is featured on their Holiday CD entitled "True Light".

Magician-Erick Olson

The Magic and Illusions of Erick Olson has appeared and disappeared throughout the U.S., Canada and Japan. Erick's award winning close-up magic will leave any group scratching their head saying "How did he do that?" You have to see it to believe it! Erick works for some of the most famous theme parks including Disney World, Santa's Village, Jungle Gardens, and Weeki Wachee.

Liang acrobatic and comedy show: Liang, one of China's greatest acrobatic talents,

A native of Wuhan, China, she began studying dance, gymnastics, and acrobatics at the age of 4 with the world renown "Wuhan Acrobatic Troupe". Liang traveled the world with this group to venues in France, Germany Switzerland, Israel, Indonesia, South Korea, and Malaysia. She was awarded 2 gold medals for excellence in international acrobatic competition in Paris and her native China. After arriving in the USA, she was immediately cast in an "N'SYNC" video for their '2000 Summer Tour. That video was shown on HBO as part of "N'SYNC'S live concert from New York's Madison Square Garden. Liang has also headlined at the "House of Blues", appeared on MTV, ABC, NBC, FOX-TV and performed at many NBA games. She has also appeared on the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. Liang loves to travel and perform with her husband, Bill. Together they've been seen in hundreds of shows nationwide. In the future, Liang hopes to continue doing what she does best: meeting people and thrilling audiences everywhere with her incredible acrobatic feat.

Cabaret Dancer, Caroline (Kay) Picart

Dr. Caroline (Kay) Picart is currently ranked second nationally and second in the US Worlds in cabaret pro am dancing. This year, she will compete in the same divisions with a new partner: Darian Chancellor, a much beloved Fred Astaire dance professional best known for his accomplishments in smooth dancing with his wife, Tiffany Chancellor.

And More Surprises!

We will also bring a touch of the big city outside of the theatre before, during and after the shows: A New York style hot dog vendor brought to you by Mr. V's Finest Hot Dogs!