

Happenings

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The lectures, co-sponsored by the Vegas Valley Book Festival, are preceded by receptions at the Downtown Design Center at 6 p.m. each evening. Both the receptions and lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 895-3031.

Thursday, November 6, The UNLV Chamber Chorale will host the 24th Annual Invitational Madrigal/Chamber Choir Festival in two separate sessions beginning at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Lee & Thomas Beam Music Center located on the university campus. The festival features performances by ensembles from high schools throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Both sessions are FREE and open to the public. For further information contact the UNLV choral studies office, 895-3008.

Beginning on Thursday, Nov. 6 and running once a week for the month of November, including Nov. 13 and 20 (excludes Thanksgiving), the first 25 ladies that visit RA Sushi Bar and Restaurant (3200 Las Vegas Boulevard South) on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. will receive a gift certificate from Roni Josef Salon & Spa for a complimentary manicure when they purchase one of RA's refreshing new martinis featured on the specialty "Martinis & Manicures" menu. The first 25 ladies to attend will also receive a gift bag, compliments of RA Sushi, Roni Josef and Roxanne Magazine. Specialty martinis available for "Martinis and Manicures" include: Bruce Lee Chee (\$9.50), a kicking gin martini made with Lychee and cucumber; Mount Saint Melons (\$8.50) made with cantaloupe; and Chai One On (\$8.50), a rich dessert-style cocktail.

From November 7-9, The Hard Rock Hotel is hosting the debut of Dream Team

Gaming's "The Dream Team Poker Tournament" inside the Poker Lounge, drawing celebrity poker players, including Jamie Gold as participants. "I am thrilled to play in the launch of Dream Team Poker," said Jamie Gold, philanthropist and 2006 World Series of Poker Main event champion. Gold will be joined by other poker champions including: David Benyamine, 2008 World Series of poker bracelet winner who currently ranks third in player of the year standings; Eric Schoenberg, who participated on the show, Poker After Dark and nicknamed "Poker Babe"; David Daneshgar, 2008 World Series of Poker bracelet winner; Kenny Tran, 2008 World Series of Poker bracelet winner; and Jean Robert Bellande, who participated on the CBS reality TV series Survivor: China, and is a promoter and poker player better known as "Action Bob" for his fast play and vigorous personality. For additional information on Dream Team Poker, please visit www.dreamteampoker.com.

In celebration of the one-year anniversary of eyecandy sound lounge & bar, Mandalay Bay, in conjunction with SpyOnVegas, presents famed hip-hop artist Tone Loc Wednesday, November 12. Tone Loc will take the stage at 11 p.m. to perform his popular hits including "Wild Thing," "Funky Cold Medina," "I Got It Goin' On" and "All Through the Night." The exceptional event will feature a complimentary cocktail made with Snow Queen Vodka that will be served from 6 - 8 p.m. Resident DJ Presto One will spin the hottest in club party beats; scantily dressed ladies of Snow Queen Vodka and Perrier Jouet Champagne seduce the crowd and a roaming magician will entertain guests with his sleight-of-hand tricks.

Friday, November 13, Texas rock band, Fastball, will take the stage at The Canyon Club Las Vegas located inside the Four Queens Hotel & Casino.

Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Fastball will be opened by jazz and blues talent, Greg Medoro, a Las Vegas favorite. Tickets are \$15 for locals and \$25 general admission and can be purchased by calling The Canyon Club box office at (702) 387-5175.

Howie Mandel, the host of NBC's prime time and syndicated hit game show "Deal or No Deal," will perform his hilarious stand-up comedy for the first time inside Danny Gans Theatre at The Mirage, November 14 - 15 at 10 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$70 plus tax.

Saturday, November 15, White Lion (whose smash hits in the 1980's include "Wait," "Tell Me," Broken Heart" and "Little Fighter") will appear in concert at the Canyon Club on Saturday, November 15. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for locals and \$25 general admission.

Saturday, Nov. 15, McFadden's Irish Restaurant and Saloon at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino is hosting "November Rain, a Totally Awesome '80's Party" that starts at 10 p.m. The person with the most bitchin' 80's ensemble will walk away with \$200 cash. Partygoers will get a flashback to their favorite 80's teen movies when, at 2 a.m., there will be a colorful drop of balloons filled with \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. McFadden's will also offer their signature all-you-can drink Saturday night special; the cost is \$10 for women, \$20 for men to enjoy the open bar from 10 p.m. until midnight, with \$3 drinks from midnight until close. For more information, call 702.270.6200 or visit www.McFaddensSaloon.com.

On November 7 - 15, 2008,

the Australian Shepherd Club of America National Specialty Dog Show will take place at the South Point Arena. The ASCA will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of this amazing event which showcases the talents of Australian Shepherds from all over the world with exhibitors representing 13 countries, including a number of local competitors competing over a nine-day span in a range of venues including Stock Dog Trial (herding ducks, sheep and cattle), Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Junior Showmanship. The arena opens at 8 a.m. and the day finishes around 8 p.m. Admission is FREE to the public.

On Wednesday, November 19, at 8 p.m., The UNLV Performing Arts Center presents the Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa as part of the New York Stage & Beyond Series. Composed of singers, dancers and musicians, this company combines the traditional instruments, folklore and mythology of several West African nations to paint a colorful picture of the oral and musical customs of these diverse peoples. Tickets are \$35, \$50, and \$80 (not including \$1 facilities fee) and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 895-ARTS (2787) or by visiting pac.unlv.edu. Student (with valid I.D.) rush tickets are \$13 each and available one hour prior to each event, based on availability.

R&B sensation Usher is set to perform at The Pearl Concert Theater at the Palms on Friday, November 21, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. Tickets for Usher are \$86.00, \$101.00 and \$176.00, plus any additional service fees. Ticket price includes a \$1.00 donation to Usher's New Look Foundation.

Celebrating their 20th Anniversary Tour, The Smashing Pumpkins will perform at The

Pearl on Saturday, November 29, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$78.00, \$88.00 and \$113.00, plus any additional service fees.

At Happy Paws Pet Expo at Cashman Center On November 22 - 23, HOOTERS at Sunset Station in Henderson is teaming up with NOOTERS CLUB, which promotes pet spay and neuter through its whimsical cartoons, and Heaven Can Wait Sanctuary (HCWS), to remind pet owners to get their pets spayed or neutered and draw attention to the plight of homeless pets. At the Expo, the first 50 pet owners who purchase a reduced-rate voucher to have their pet spayed or neutered will also get a coupon for free HOOTERS chicken wings. In addition, HOOTERS and NOOTERS CLUB is sponsoring a series of announcements and promotions to raise pet owner awareness about the benefits of spay and neuter, including: Special on-stage appearances by the HOOTERS girls who will sign autographs for guests; Sales of a special NOOTERS CLUB tank top and 2009 HOOTERS calendars with a portion of the proceeds benefits Heaven Can Wait Sanctuary and Drawings for HOOTERS and NOOTERS CLUB prizes. In addition, anyone dining at the HOOTERS at Sunset Station can pick up a coupon for \$3 off the Happy Paws Pet Expo regular \$10 adult admission. For Happy Paws Pet Expo hours, location and ticket information go to happypawsandfriends.com.

Celebrity sightings:

Spotted dining at LAVO inside The Palazzo Tuesday night (October 28).

Professional poker player, Daniel Negreanu, enjoyed dinner at LAVO. A vegetarian, he chose Eggplant Parmesan and his group of ten feasted on favorites from Chef Ludo.

Verdine White of Earth Wind and Fire also dined in the hot spot.

NFL'er Junior Seau, his wife and friends were also spotted enjoying dinner.

Oscar-winning actor Adrien Brody was spotted Wednesday night (October 29) at LAVO inside The Palazzo having dinner with Simon Rex and two other male friends.

Having a drink in the lounge at LAVO was actor/comedian Dan Akroyd, talking with friends about the launch of his new vodka brand.

Upstairs in the nightclub seated at a dance floor table was Oscar-winning director Steven Soderbergh. The director was joined by a large group of cast and crew in town filming the unscripted improv flick titled "The Girlfriend Experience."

Thursday night at LAVO Restaurant, R&B superstar Maxwell dined with his entire band and entourage.

Visiting LAVO for the second night in a row was Adrien Brody, who joined Maxwell and crew for a short while and left just before they all retired to the terrace where they enjoyed LAVO's hookah lounge overlooking the Las Vegas Strip. The group partook in the ancient ritual guided by one of LAVO's own hookah masters.

Also dining at LAVO was Gregory Smith, star of TV's Everwood, with two friends. They then made their way upstairs to the nightclub for Residence with a table on the dance floor and a bottle of champagne.

Enjoying dinner at another table was poker pro Antonio Esfandiari and others from the cast of The Real Deal!

I will be back next week with more of what's "happening" in and around Las Vegas.

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- Local news sections like "Las Vegas Tribune" and "Las Vegas Tribune".
- Advertisements for local businesses and services.

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