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Announcing the 14th Season at the Lewis Family Playhouse – Your Home for the Arts!

Rick Springfield, OK Go!, Susan Egan, Lee Rocker, Tig Notaro, Darlene Love, Henry Winkler, Rita Moreno, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, and *Sister Act* Included in the 2019-2020 Line Up!

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – In the spirit of our mission to engage, enrich and entertain our community through the performing arts, the Lewis Family Playhouse’s 14th Season is dedicated to Artistry, Diversity and Excellence. Please join us in our accessible, affordable, and intimate venue and be a part of the applause! From world-renown musical greats to inspirational comedians to evocative theatrical experiences, we have curated an exceptional season that will provide memorable arts experiences for all ages and cultures.

Ticket sales begin **Thursday, July 6th at 12:00 p.m.** via the Lewis Family Playhouse website (www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com), Box Office phone (909) 477-2752, the LFP mobile app, or at the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office located in the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga. Subscription tickets (consisting of 5 or more shows) offer a 15% discount off the single ticket price and are available for purchase through the Box Office or by mail-in order.

Launching our 14th Season is Grammy[®]-winning singer, songwriter, and musician, **Rick Springfield**, who has created some of the finest power-pop of the '80s, having sold 25 million albums to date! The Hollywood Walk of Fame star can boast 17 U.S. Top 40 hits, including “Jessie’s Girl,” “Don’t Talk to Strangers,” “An

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Affair of the Heart,” “I’ve Done Everything for You,” “Love Somebody,” and “Human Touch.” Springfield’s special performance at the Playhouse on **Saturday, September 14th** will be an intimate evening of music and storytelling from his vast career. Join us before the concert for our **Kick-Off Celebration** beginning at 6:30 p.m. to ring in our 14th season! Admission to the Celebration is \$5.00 or FREE with concert ticket.

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with world-renowned Mexican-American roots band, **Los Cenzontles** on **Sunday, September 15th**. Having recorded and performed with celebrated artists, including Linda Ronstadt, David Hidalgo, Jackson Browne, Ry Cooder, Taj Mahal, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and The Chieftains, their powerful hybrid sound is creating a fresh Chicano voice for a new generation. All are welcome to enjoy a pre-show **Fiesta and Musical Workshop** at 4:30 p.m. with members of Los Cenzontles. Admission to the Fiesta is \$5.00 or FREE with concert ticket.

Grammy[®]-award nominated **Tig Notaro** is a groundbreaking stand-up comedian, actor, writer, producer, and director. Hailed for her effortless storytelling and fearless stage presence, her subject matter ranges from the delightfully absurd to the monumentally serious. Recently named “one of the 50 best stand-up comics of all time!” (Rolling Stone), don’t miss out on Tig’s Playhouse debut **Friday, September 20th**.

Also celebrating their 14th Season at the Lewis Family Playhouse, **MainStreet Theatre Company** presents: **OLIVÉRIO: A Brazilian Twist** performing **Saturdays and Sundays, October 12th-27th**. In this joyful retelling of *Oliver Twist* set in modern-day Rio de Janeiro, everyone has to choose between doing what is easy and doing what is right. This colorful musical tackles issues of poverty, inequity, greed, and betrayal - set to a samba beat and ending with a note of hope. (For ages 6 and up).

OK Go, the rock band famous for their wildly creative videos, bring their unique magic to the Playhouse stage on **Friday, November 1st**. Like the band—who danced on tread mills and in zero gravity—this show defies categorization: it’s a film screening and a rock concert rolled into one. The band will perform their songs in sync with 20 of their iconic stunt videos, pausing for question-and-answer sessions with the audience. The whole family will enjoy this interactive concert, full of spectacle and wonder!

Join us for a magical **Broadway Princess Party** hosted by a royal trio of Broadway originals — Laura Osnes (Cinderella in *Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella*), Susan Egan (original Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*),

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and Courtney Reed (original Jasmine in *Aladdin*). Your every wish will come true as these virtuosic voices sing the petticoats off every princess song in the book while sharing hilarious and heartfelt backstage stories. Dress in your finest cosplay or royal attire, catch the carriage, and embrace the adventure **Friday, November 22nd**. (For ages 6 and up).

Bass Player Hall-of-Famer, **Lee Rocker** is an original founder of The Stray Cats, who sold 10+ million records and earned 23 gold and platinum records, making his Playhouse debut **Saturday, November 23rd**. As music video pioneers of the MTV generation, The Stray Cats secured their place in rock ‘n roll history with hit tunes like “Stray Cat Strut,” “Sexy and Seventeen,” and “Rock This Town”. From the cover of *Rolling Stone*, to Saturday Night Live, from headlining the US Festival, to touring with the Rolling Stones, and even starring in the Broadway show, *Million Dollar Quartet*, Lee Rocker continues to rock any town!

Nick Baker presents **Mark Barnett and the Black & White Nights** on **Sunday, November 24th**. In this rock n’ roll journey through time, exceptional vocal talent Mark Barnett embodies the essence of Roy Orbison, perfectly capturing Orbison’s iconic sound taking on classic hits like “Only The Lonely,” “Crying,” “Pretty Woman,” “In Dreams,” “Running Scared,” and many others. Backed by Barnett’s powerhouse band, the Black & White Nights, Orbison’s haunting ballads come to life once again!

Celebrate the season with **Inland Pacific Ballet’s *The Nutcracker***, Southern California’s most spectacular production of the traditional holiday ballet. Performing weekends **November 30th through December 8th**, adults and children will enjoy the wondrous journey to the Kingdom of Sweets complete with dazzling sets, beautiful costumes, and more than 80 dancers on stage! For a hilarious alternative, ***The Nutty Nutcracker*** is a zany spin-off about the bizarre adventures of Clara and her eccentric cousin, Anya. One show only, **Friday, December 6th**.

World-renowned British band, **The Jive Aces** are ringing in the holidays with their high-energy music and spectacular stage show **Saturday, December 14th**. Best known as the first live band to reach the final round of *Britain’s Got Talent*, this swinging sextet have even performed for Her Majesty, The Queen Elizabeth II. The Jive Aces can boast capacity crowds at The Royal Albert Hall, Buckingham Palace, Glastonbury Festival, London Olympics, The Kennedy Centre, and stages in 40 countries!

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Ambassador of Americana, **Charles Phoenix** transforms the classic living room slide show into a roast-and-toast of classic mid-century holidays with his **Retro Holiday Jubilee** on **Sunday, December 15th**. With his quick wit and eagle eye for oddball detail, Charles provides hilarious commentary on the very best flea market-found vintage Kodachrome slides from the 50s and 60s depicting dining, decorating, gifting, and glamming it up for the holidays. Oh, what fun it is to laugh with this crazy kaleidoscope of American kitsch!

Rock-and-Roll-Hall-of-Famer, **Darlene Love** and friends deliver the holiday spirit performing both Christmas classics as well as Love's original greatest hit, including: "The Boy I'm Gonna Marry," "Wait Till My Bobby Gets Home," "He's Sure the Boy I Love," and the #1 holiday classic "Christmas Baby Please Come Home," Get ready for an exceptionally festive evening of soulful vocals and rocking arrangements **Friday, December 20th**.

In honor of Nat King Cole's 100th birthday, accomplished film and television actor, **Keith David**, stars as the Man with the Velvet Voice in a theatrical holiday radio show on **Saturday, December 21st**. Featuring a full jazz group plus strings, *Too Marvelous for Words: A Celebration of Nat King Cole* is a joyful journey into the music and life of one of America's greatest and most beloved artists.

Genre-bending classical fusion trio **TAKE 3** and Yanni vocalist, **Lauren Jelencovich**, share a lively afternoon of your holiday favorites! Having studied at the world's top music conservatories, they are known for expertly blending the old with the new. In addition to classic Christmas tunes, the ladies will also feature popular covers of film, television, and Broadway standards, even throwing in some Billy Joel, Justin Bieber, and Beethoven on **Sunday, December 22nd**.

We'll be starting off the New Year with 2019 Emmy Award-recipient (HBO's *Barry*) and two-time Golden Globe[®]-winner, **Henry Winkler** on **Saturday January 11th, 2020**. Winkler spent a decade bringing joy to millions of American living rooms as "The Fonz" in the hit television series *Happy Days*. As an inspirational speaker, the actor, author, and director is passionate about advocating for children's education, using anecdotes and inspirational life lessons about overcoming adversity to his storied career in television and entertainment.

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The Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation presents **Mutual of Omaha's *Wild Kingdom* Starring Peter Gros**. Accompanied by friendly, exotic animals, the pioneering animal and conservation expert will share his passion for wildlife on the live stage **Sunday, January 12th, 2020**. Peter highlights his 40+ year career with video clips and regaling audience members with mad-cap stories of being clawed, gnawed, hugged and bugged by the wild animals he has dedicated his life to protecting.

With their recently released album, *Coming Home*, the **Justin Kauflin Trio** captivate jazz-lovers around the world. After losing his sight as a preteen, the undeterred classically-trained Kauflin gravitated towards playing jazz piano, producing his first album *Introducing Justin Kauflin* at the age of 23. His award-winning documentary *Keep on Keepin' On*, for which he composed the music, will be screened at 7:00 p.m. just before his live concert at the Playhouse on **Friday, January 17th, 2020**.

Internationally acclaimed and Grammy Award[®]-nominated female a cappella ensemble, **Sweet Honey In The Rock[®]**, is a performance group as well as an ambassadorial African-American organization founded on empowerment, education, and entertainment. Gracing the Playhouse stage on **Saturday, January 18th, 2020**, these superb artists provide a powerful and unique concert that showcases the 360°-elasticity of the human voice with a theatrical flair.

MainStreet Theatre Company presents: *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank*. This unique theatrical experience combines videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors Eva Schloss and Ed Silverberg with live actors recreating scenes from their lives as young teens during World War II. This production, running from **February 1st-9th, 2020**, is not just a historic newsreel brought to life on the stage, but also touches on many themes that are vital for young people to reflect upon today. (*Due to serious subject matter, this production is not recommended for children under 11*).

What could be more romantic on Valentine's Day than the music of Ella Fitzgerald sung by a voice of phenomenal beauty? Grammy-award nominated **Jane Monheit** has had plenty of milestone moments in establishing herself as one of today's best vocalist-musicians. Performing songs from her album, *The Songbook Sessions: Ella Fitzgerald*, Monheit pays joyous tribute to Ella while sharing a definitive portrait

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of her own artistry on **Friday, February 14th, 2020**. For an additional \$10 per person, please join us at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a pre-show wine tasting and a smattering of scrumptious desserts with your special sweetheart!

To continue the Valentine's Day weekend, Randall and Janell Lewis present **An Evening with Rita Moreno** on **Saturday, February 15th**. For pairing an evening of story with song, Rita is both master chef and sommelier. The table is set with a full course that includes some of Rita's favorites from the American Songbook, Broadway classics including Swing, Jazz, selections from her album, *Una Vez Más* and even Rap. And don't forget the dessert, a confection of stories, anecdotes, and encounters she's collected over her vibrant lifetime!

Just in time for Mardi Gras! For the past 40 years, **BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet** has been making some of the most potent and popular Cajun music on the planet. Born out of the rich Acadian ancestry of its members, BeauSoleil's distinctive sound derives from the distilled spirits of New Orleans jazz, blues rock, folk, swamp pop, Zydeco, country, and bluegrass. Experience the first Cajun band to win a Grammy Award[®] at the Playhouse on **Saturday, February 22nd**. Before the concert, join us for a **Mardi Gras Food & Fun Festival** beginning at 7:00 p.m., \$5.00 admission for general public or free with a concert ticket.

Broadway at the Gardens is thrilled to present the feel-good musical comedy smash hit, ***Sister Act***. Based on the hit 1992 film and featuring original music by Alan Menken (*Newsies*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Little Shop of Horrors*), this Tony[®]-nominated musical is filled with outrageous dancing and powerful gospel music. When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, Deloris uses her unique disco background to liven up the choir, breathing new life into the church and community. Running for two weekends **March 6th-15th, 2020**, *Sister Act* is a sparkling tribute to the universal power of faith and friendship!

Swiss-based theatre troupe **Mummenschanz**, performing at the Playhouse on **Saturday, March 21st, 2020**, has been dazzling audiences worldwide for over 45 years. These "Musicians of Silence" offer timeless insight on the human condition by creating a playful, yet compelling experience through the inventive use of shadow, light, and creative manipulation of objects. The result is a visually stunning spectacle that transcends cultural barriers and sparks the imagination! (For ages 5+)

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Hans Christian Andersen’s story of young love from two different worlds comes to life in **Inland Pacific Ballet’s *The Little Mermaid*** showing **April 4th-5th, 2020** with a cast of delightful sea creatures, magnificent sets, elaborate costumes, and innovative aerial technology. Enjoy a sweeping sound collage with music by classical composers Maurice Ravel, Claude Debussy, Benjamin Britten, Antonin Dvořák and Ralph Vaughan Williams with a surprise ending awaiting you!

For their 14th Season finale, **MainStreet Theatre Company** presents: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. A vain, but beautiful, porcelain toy rabbit named Edward is lost by the little girl who adores him. Throughout his long journey home, and with the help of people he meets along the way, he learns what it is to love, what it is to lose that love, and how to find the courage to love again. Based on the award-winning novel by Kate DiCamillo, this story of loss and recovery, kindness and compassion, is perfect for the whole family **April 25th – May 9th, 2020**. (For ages 6 and up).

Two-time “Comedy Magician of the Year”, **Chipper Lowell** returns to the Lewis Family Playhouse on **Saturday, May 16th, 2020** with his hilarious one-man show featuring side-splitting comedy, magic, and fun-filled surprises! Chipper has appeared multiple times on NBC’s *The Tonight Show*, *The Disney Channel*, and all six seasons of the CW’s hit series, *Masters of Illusion*. Described as a “cyclone of high-energy wit & laughs, and jaw-dropping magic,” *The Chipper Experience: Where Comedy & Magic Collide!* is a nonstop roller coaster of edgy comedy and original magic. Chipper will perform a special sensory-friendly show at 2:00 p.m. for families who have loved ones with autism or other sensory-related disabilities (Suitable for ages 9 and up).

Inspired by iconic girl groups including The Ronettes, The Angels, The Shirelles, and The Supremes, **The Starlets** take you on a musical journey through the ‘50s and ‘60s performing such hits as “My Boyfriend’s Back,” “Heatwave,” “It’s My Party,” “Be My Baby,” “Stop! In the Name of Love,” and more. Complete with fabulous costumes, sizzling choreography, and witty banter, these beauties inspire audiences to get “Dancin’ in the Street” on **Sunday, May 17th, 2020**.

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An intimate 560-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the 89,000-square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex at 12505 Cultural Center Drive is conveniently located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, situated on the North side of the Victoria Gardens Regional Shopping Center, with free parking available. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m.

For more information – For additional information or to purchase tickets for any of our performances please visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com or call (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422. “Follow,” “Like,” “Add,” and “Subscribe!” Download our app available in the App Store and Google Play.



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