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Lewis Family Playhouse Announces 2009/2010 Star-Studded Lineup

***The Pointer Sisters, Ben Vereen and Air Supply Headline the Season
2009/2010 Season Tickets on Sale May 16th!***

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – It is showtime at the Lewis Family Playhouse and our 2009/2010 star-studded season awaits! With a season that offers everything from legendary performers to professional theatre productions, the 2009/2010 season is full of entertainment not to be missed!

Single Tickets and new Subscription Ticket Sales will be available on Saturday, May 16th at the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, by calling (909) 477-2752, or visiting www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.

Our season kicks off Friday, September 7, 2009 with powerhouse trio *The Pointer Sisters*. The 2009/2010 lineup continues with an assortment of performances from the worlds of theater, comedy, music and dance, including three Theatre for Young Audiences productions by the Playhouse's resident MainStreet Theatre Company. The excitement concludes June 5, 2010, with soft rock duo *Air Supply* rounding out the season with top-notch entertainment.

Join us for an evening of classic hits as *The Pointer Sisters* jump start our season September 11, 2009 singing their signature hits *Jump For My Love*, *I'm So Excited*, *He's So Shy* and the *Neutron Dance*.

Mariachi Divas, the astounding, all female, multi-cultural ensemble are making big waves on the music scene for uniting cultural backgrounds through their unique sound. Do not miss *Mariachi Divas* September 12, 2009.

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MainStreet Theatre Company presents *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*, the first of three original MainStreet Theatre Company productions, opens September 26, 2009 on the Lewis Family Playhouse stage. This hilarious adaptation brings this favorite book to life as an innocent boy's offering of a cookie to a small mouse goes from mishap to calamity to catastrophe!

Second City Comics features a trademark blend of sketch and improv comedy that includes material from the archives of the *Second City Comics* as well as brand new timely pieces written by the current cast. Laugh out loud with *Second City Comics* October 17, 2009 at the Lewis Family Playhouse!

Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre presents *The Crucible*, the first of three Community Theatre productions presented by the City of Rancho Cucamonga's Community Services Department opening October 24, 2009. Based on the Salem witch trials, this powerful and timeless depiction of how intolerance and mass hysteria can tear a community apart is a theatrical classic that powerfully resonates today.

Come along on a colorful journey to the *Rainbow Ball at The Crayon Court* on November 14, 2009. This large scale interactive music and puppet extravaganza invites audiences to participate in the exciting world of color, art and music.

Join us for an extravagant evening filled with rhythm, grace, passion and sequins as *Champions of the Dance* graces the stage November 15, 2009 at the Lewis Family Playhouse.

Debi Derryberry, the award-winning singer/songwriter best known as the voice of Jimmy Neutron, makes her Lewis Family Playhouse debut November 18, 2009 in *Baby Banana*, a show all about fun, wonder and fantasy.

Jake Shimabukuro will astound you with his ukulele prowess in a special one night only performance November 21, 2009. Renowned for his lightning fast fingers and his comparison to Jimi Hendrix and Eddie Van Halen, Shimabukuro is recognized as a worldwide virtuoso.

Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*, December 4 – 13, 2009. Scrooge is back with delightful street urchins and haunting apparitions. Join Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim as Charles Dickens guides us through this spirited holiday classic.

World renowned *Preservation Hall Jazz Band* is here to entertain New Orleans style! For one night only, these gifted musicians bring the flavor of the Big Easy on December 20, 2009 to Rancho Cucamonga in the holiday jam session *Preservation Hall Jazz Band Creole Christmas*.

The Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation proudly presents Tony Award-winning actor and singer Ben Vereen in *An Evening with Ben Vereen*, live on stage January 9, 2010. Share an intimate evening with the legendary talent of Ben Vereen whose talents and memorable performances have garnered him numerous accolades including Entertainer of the Year.

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Master Puppeteer Jim Gamble returns with *Jim Gamble Puppets: Peter & The Wolf*, January 13, 2010. Join us for a morning of adventure with rod puppets interpreting the favorite children's classic.

State Street Ballet's The Jungle Book opening January 16, 2010, set to the music of renowned composer Milan Svobada of the Symphonic Orchestra, tells the tale of a young boy's adventure growing up in the wild.

The White Rabbit from *Alice in Wonderland* arrives on the scene just as the fairy godmother is about to tell the story of *Cinderella* in the MainStreet Theatre Company production of *Cinderella* running January 30 – February 13, 2010. This witty and clever musical gives a delightful twist to the classic tale.

Southern California broadcasting icon, Fritz Coleman invites you to a masterful evening of comedic stand-up on February 6, 2010 in *Fritz Coleman Tonight at 11!* As a stand-up comic, writer and the winner of four Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards, *Tonight at 11!* marries his two lives – news and comedy. *Fritz Coleman Tonight at 11!* is a benefit performance for the Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation.

Blackbox Productions charming one act musical *The Diary of Adam & Eve* puts a quirky, touching spin on the tale of the world's first couple. Adapted from a Mark Twain story, this humorous look at the first male/female relationship is a witty and touching portrait of love. *The Diary of Adam & Eve* runs February 12 - 13, 2010.

On February 21, 2010 experience Ed Asner in the solo performance drama *Ed Asner as FDR*. Based upon Dore Schary's Broadway hit *Sunrise at Campbello*, FDR explores the life of one of America's best-loved presidents and the events and decisions that shaped a nation.

Broadway at the Gardens presents Jonathan Larson's ground-breaking Tony and Pulitzer Prize Award winner *RENT* opening March 5, 2010. Don't miss the show that changed Broadway forever!

Andrew Lloyd Webber at the Pops, the onstage cabaret orchestra featuring Kim Huber and Stan Chandler, conducted by Richard Stover arrives at the Lewis Family Playhouse March 26, 2010. Experience the unforgettable music of this prolific composer!

You have never seen violins moving like this until you experience *Barrage* live April 2, 2010. The fiddle-fest filled with ferocious energy of violin virtuosity is a truly amazing experience that you will not want to miss!

Take a trip to a simpler time of poodle skirts, drive-ins and T-Birds in the Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre production *Grease*. "Bad boy" Danny and "the girl next door" Sandy fall in love all over again to the tune of your favorite songs. *Grease* runs April 9 – 18, 2010 and concludes our Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre 2009/2010 productions.

Razzle Bam Boom, the duo of Professor Mark and Guy Obediah delights children and parents alike with their musical-comedy *All That Trash*. Through song, humor and audience participation, this comedy music pair demonstrates concepts about conservation and science. Join us April 21, 2010 for a morning performance aimed at pre-schoolers!

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Judy Collins, American folk-singer and songwriter brings her unique musical talent to the Lewis Family Playhouse stage April 24, 2010. Do not miss the opportunity to see this legend perform from her long repertoire of beloved songs.

Golden Dragon Acrobats have been thrilling audiences around the world and now bring their amazing acrobatics to the Lewis Family Playhouse April 25, 2010. Experience a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty with *Golden Dragon Acrobats*.

Young people and adults alike will be enthralled by Stevenson's gripping pirate story in the MainStreet Theatre Company production of *Treasure Island* which runs May 8-22, 2010. Set out on an adventure of a lifetime to the mysterious Skeleton Island where pirate treasure and danger waits!

Blackbox Productions presents *Proof* May 21-22, 2009. Winner of multiple Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize, *Proof* tells the story of a young woman who has devoted years to her brilliant but unstable father. When his mathematical genius slips away, he leaves behind a mystery that shapes her family and her future.

Our season closes June 5, 2010 with *Air Supply*, the soft rock duo who brought you hits such as *The One that You Leave*, *Making Love Out of Nothing at All* and *All Out of Love* will make a one night appearance full of nostalgia for the 80's romantic in all of us. Do not miss this crowd-pleasing duo!

In addition to the many public performances, the Lewis Family Playhouse offers special school group performances of their Theatre for Young Audiences productions for teachers and students in elementary and middle school. Theatre for Young Audiences productions are supplemented with curriculum material and resource guides that are available online. For more information, contact (909) 477-2752, extension 3704.

The three-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center is home to the Lewis Family Playhouse located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga, off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parking is theatre-adjacent and free.

For More Information – For additional information on the 2009/2010 start-studded season lineup or to purchase tickets, please call (909) 477-2752 or visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.

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