



Special 2nd Sunday Celebration set at Liberace Museum to Commemorate Liberace Legacy and Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13

LAS VEGAS (April 9, 2007) – May marks the month of many celebrations and milestones, especially Mother's Day and May 16, which would have been the 88th birthday of Liberace, known around the world to his beloved audiences as "Mr. Showmanship." Liberace during his lifetime lived passionately, adored his Mother and absolutely loved to entertain. In celebration, The Liberace Foundation and Museum will host a special 2nd Sunday Birthday Celebration and Mother's Day event on Sunday, May 13, from Noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the event and Museum are free for Nevada residents and their guests, and complimentary birthday cake will be served to guests to observe Liberace's birthday, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In conjunction with the celebration, the Museum will present the exclusive Las Vegas debut of the new book, "*Joy of Liberace, Retro Recipes from America's Kitschiest Kitchen*," published by Angel City Press. Authors Karan Feder and Michael Feder will take part in the celebration to meet and greet guests and autograph copies of the book with a purchase. This is the first ever cookbook officially authorized by the Liberace Foundation, and a portion of proceeds from sales will benefit the Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts scholarship program (www.liberace.org). The book will be complete with many never-before-seen archival photographs of Liberace with family and friends, all coupled with the brand new concept of Bling Cooking™, executed by expert chefs of Liberace's much-loved Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, where he entertained for more than 20 years.

"We're excited to host this wonderful celebration to observe Liberace's 88th birthday and Mother's Day," states R. Darin Hollingsworth, executive director of The Liberace Foundation and Museum. "We're also thrilled to have new interest in Liberace and his legacy as a result of the new cookbook, as 2007 marks the 20th anniversary of his passing. He was not only one of the greatest showmen on stage, but he was a great showman in the kitchen," added Hollingsworth.

For more information, call the Liberace Museum at (702) 798-5595 ext. 16, or visit the website at www.liberace.org.

ABOUT THE LIBERACE FOUNDATION & MUSEUM:

Liberace transported audiences to a dazzling world of color, jovial music, glittering costumes and humor. His legend lives on in the Liberace Museum, considered to be Mr. Showmanship's greatest encore performance. Liberace opened his Museum in 1976 to share his collections with the world and to support his love of being an active patron of the arts, and most importantly to support his mission of helping talented students pursue careers in the performing and creative arts through scholarship assistance. To date, the Liberace Foundation has awarded in excess of \$5 million in scholarships to more than 2,200 students at over 100 colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

The Liberace Museum serves as a significant funding source for the Liberace Foundation. It features Liberace's collections of rare and antique pianos, classic cars, famous sequined and bejeweled costume wardrobe, glittering stage jewelry and rare antiques, as well as Liberace's private papers and memorabilia. The Museum is located at 1775 E. Tropicana Avenue in Las Vegas and open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$12.50 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors age 65 and older, and students with valid ID. Museum and Foundation members and children ages 10 and under are free. Nevada residents receive free admission the second Sunday of each month. The Museum also presents a "A Musical Tribute to Liberace," The Showmanship Years starring Wes Winters (www.weswinters.com) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 1:00 p.m., and admission price is \$17.50 per person. For more information and to become a member of the Liberace Foundation, call 702.798.5595 or visit the website at www.liberace.org.

ABOUT THE COOKBOOK:

JOY OF LIBERACE; RETRO RECIPES from American's Kitschiest Kitchen is filled with recipes that are so Liberace that it is officially authorized by the Liberace Foundation. Complete with many never-before-seen archival photographs and food photos executed by the world-famous Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, it is destined for everyone's time capsule – along with sequined hot pants and rhinestoned tuxedos. Joy of Liberace is the retro cookbook of the century! By Michael Feder and Karan Feder. \$25.00 / ISBN-13 978-1-883318-71-0 / ISBN-10 1-883318-71-8/hardcover, 128 pages, 9x9" / www.angelcitypress.com.

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