



## **LIBERACE MUSEUM DIRECTOR IN JAMESTOWN FOR LUCY-DESI DAYS!**

Jamestown, NY - In addition to Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Lucy-Desi Days Memorial Day Weekend Festival, May 25-27, will celebrate another legend of the entertainment world: “Mr. Showmanship”, Liberace!

Perhaps the most recognized pianist in the world, Liberace transported audiences to a dazzling world of color, joyful music, glittering costumes, and humor. Some of that dazzle will come to Jamestown, New York, when Liberace Museum and Foundation Executive Director Darin Hollingsworth makes a special appearance in Lucille Ball’s hometown.

Among Liberace’s astounding array of prestigious awards were two Emmys, six gold albums, and two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world’s highest paid musician and pianist, performing to capacity crowds at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, Chicago’s Soldiers Field, and record-breaking numbers at Madison Square Garden and Radio City Music Hall.

Liberace’s legend lives on in Las Vegas, where The Liberace Museum houses his collections of rare and antique pianos, classic cars, famous sequined and bejeweled costume wardrobe, glittering stage jewelry, rare antiques as well as his private papers and memorabilia.

Hollingsworth will convey some of this glamour on Friday, May 25, during the Tropicana Luncheon sponsored by Roberto’s Restaurant and Borsari Food Company in the beautiful recreation of Ricky Ricardo’s Tropicana Nightclub from “I Love Lucy”.

A special feature during the luncheon will be the screening of the Here’s Lucy episode, “Lucy and Liberace”, that first aired on January 5, 1970. Not only did this represent one of Desi Arnaz, Jr.’s biggest parts up to that time, it was also the debut of Liberace’s Edwardian tuxedo jacket that lights up in the dark. It is said that Liberace brought so much of his spectacular wardrobe to the set that Lucille Ball hired a round-the-clock security guard to ensure its safety!

Seating is limited for this event. For tickets and information all the 40+ events during Lucy-Desi Days, call (716) 484-0800 (toll-free: 1-877-LUCY-FAN) ext. 203 or visit: <http://lucille-ball-desi->

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