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The Lewis Family Playhouse Announces 2016-2017 Season Line-Up Ready To Kick Off A New Decade of Entertainment!

*Penn & Teller, Wilson Phillips, Aaron Neville, Golden Dragon Acrobats,
Pam Tillis & Lorrie Morgan, Into the Woods, Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Amongst Few of the Exciting 2016-2017 Line Up!*

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – It's our 10th anniversary! Since 2006, the Lewis Family Playhouse has been an unforgettable destination for local quality entertainment, a pride of Rancho Cucamonga and a place where families can experience and honor the arts. With 10 seasons under our belt, we are thrilled to kick off a new decade providing fabulous arts and entertainment for our residents and community.

Ticket sales begin Wednesday, July 6th at 12:00 p.m. via the Lewis Family Playhouse website (www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com), via phone order at (909) 477-2752 or at the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office located at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center at 12505 Cultural Center Drive in 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.

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Known for their outrageous blending of magic and comedy, **Penn & Teller** commence our 2016-2017 season with their provocative, hilarious and unique performance, September 16, 2016 at 8:00 pm. These Emmy award-winning entertainers and Las Vegas superstars have redefined the genre of magic and invented their own very distinct niche in comedy. No need to travel to sin city, these "Bad Boys of Magic" bring their celebrated live show to the Playhouse!

One of LA's original new wave bands, **Martha Davis & The Motels** performs September 17, 2016 at 8:00 pm playing their incredible hits including "Only the Lonely," "Suddenly Last Summer," "Total Control," "Mission of Mercy," "Shame" and "Danger" netting two gold albums. With an 80's revival now in full swing, Martha Davis & The Motels are back on the road pleasing their legions of fans.

MainStreet Theatre Company presents **Stuart Little**, October 1 – 16, 2016. The beloved book about a mouse named Stuart who is born into an ordinary New York family comes delightfully to life in this charming adaptation. Follow Stuart's many adventures in this classic tale about loyalty and friendship. For ages 4 & up!

America's most hilarious political satirists, **The Capitol Steps**, return to the Lewis Family Playhouse with their latest show, *What to Expect When You're Electing*, October 21, 2016 at 8:00 pm. Did you ever want to hear Donald Trump sing a rock song, Bernie Sanders sing a show tune, and Hillary Clinton do stand-up comedy? All will be subjects in this hysterical performance perfect for election season!

Join us for a special one-night performance in **Tribute to Rosemary Clooney & Mel Tormé**, October 22, 2016 at 8:00 pm. Grammy Award winner Debby Boone performs the hits of her mother-in-law Rosemary Clooney, along with her own hits such as "You Light Up My Life," and Steve March Tormé sings his father Mel Tormé's classic songs which he continues to perform all over the world. In addition to the lyrical music and the 10 piece band, both stars feature entertaining videos of their families along with humorous stories of their famous relatives.

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Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre presents **Pride & Prejudice**, November 5 - 13, 2016. Elizabeth and her four sisters are in dire need of financial security and escape in the shape of husbands. Ms. Elizabeth Bennet is young, clever and pleasing on the eyes. Her mother is foolish and brash. The timely arrival of an agreeable Mr. Bingley and the arrogant Mr. Darcy turn everyone's lives upside down in this witty drama of friendship, rivalry, enmity and love. Join us as Jane Austen's universal beloved romantic comedy comes to life on stage.

Grammy-Award winning powerhouse **Ozomatli** make their Lewis Family Playhouse debut, November 18, 2016 at 8:00 pm with one of the most exciting, captivating, and high energy, live concert shows touring today. Fusing an impressive variety of genres from latin salsa, electro-cumbia and mambo, to jazz, reggae and hip-hop, Ozomatli offers a sound like no other! Be there as Latin rockers perform hits from their star-studded music compilation including "Cumbia de los Muertos," "Monster," "Chango," "Cut Chemist Suite" "La Gallina" and countless others.

Kick-off the holiday season with Inland Pacific Ballet's spectacular holiday production of **The Nutcracker**, November 26, 27 and December 3, 4, 2016. This annual holiday favorite features dazzling sets, beautiful costumes, and 100 dancers on stage. Be prepared to set out on a wondrous journey to the Land of the Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets in a fantastic dream with battling mice, dancing snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and the delightful Sugar Plum Fairy. Meet the cast after the performance for photos and autographs.

Join us for one of the hottest country concerts around as **Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan** bring the **Grits & Glamour Tour** to the Playhouse stage, December 8, 2016 at 8:00 pm. Veteran recording artists and performers grace the country format with style, flair and undeniable talent harmonizing to each other's material including Tillis' "Maybe It Was Memphis" and "Mi Vida Loca" and Morgan's "Something In Red" and "Except for Monday."

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Mark your calendars for this multiple Grammy-award winning artist and one of the world's most distinct R&B singers, **Aaron Neville** in **A Christmas Celebration**, December 10, 2016 at 8:00 pm. Join us for a special one-night only performance as Mr. Neville showcases his remarkable voice with holiday favorites “White Christmas” and “Silent Night” and chart topping hits, “Tell It Like It Is” and “Everybody Plays the Fool.” With a career that spans over 50 years crossing from R&B to country to doo-wop and everything in-between, audiences will be stunned by a playlist that reprises and celebrates this remarkable artists’ career.

Experience the new Irish dance phenomenon that is sweeping the country, **Rhythm in the Night, The Irish Dance Christmas Spectacular**, December 16, 2016 at 8:00 pm. This mesmerizing performance breaks the mold of traditional holiday and Irish dance to take the audience on an epic and empowering journey like no other Christmas show ever experienced. This world-renowned Irish dance troupe performs lightning fast hard shoe rhythms and graceful soft shoe jigs to an epic orchestral soundtrack, while state of the art lighting ignites the stage into an explosive display of dance and music.

Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre presents **Disney’s Frozen Sing-Along**, December 17, 2016 at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Get ready for the season by reliving the magic of Disney’s animated hit *Frozen* in a sing along event the whole family can enjoy. Watch the beloved movie play out on a large screen and sing along to all of the movie’s most popular songs, including “Let It Go.” On-screen lyrics make it easy to join in the fun, and dressing up as your favorite character only adds to the enjoyment

Wilson Phillips, one of the biggest selling all-female groups in music history hits the Playhouse stage for an unforgettable evening of nostalgia and chart-topping songs, January 7, 2017 at 8:00 pm. Be there as Chynna Phillips, Wendy Wilson and Carnie Wilson light up the night performing their #1 hits “Hold On,” “Release Me” and “You’re in Love,” amongst countless others.

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Stars of Doo-Wop & Rock ‘n Roll features original recording artists Chris Montez, Kathy Young, Randy Safuto along with the Dukes of Doo-Wop singing hit after hit from that golden age of doo-wop and rock & roll. Join us January 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm for a star-studded afternoon as we take a trip down memory lane with such hits as “Let’s Dance,” “A Thousand Stars,” “Denise,” “Call Me” and many more!

MainStreet Theatre Company presents **The Secret Garden**, January 28 – February 12, 2017. The cantankerous and orphaned Mary Lennox is taken away from her home in India to live with her reclusive uncle in the Yorkshire Moors. This award-winning adaptation stays true to the cherished book as Mary discovers a garden that changes her life, and that of those around her. For ages 7 and up.

Ukulele virtuoso, **Jake Shimabukuro**, returns to the Playhouse February 17, 2017 at 8:00 pm, bringing his musical innovations grounded in Hawaiian tradition. Known for his energetic strumming and island style pieces, Jake’s performance incorporates elements of thoughtful, sophisticated arrangements to spontaneous, improvised passages. Don’t miss this breathtaking performance!

Join us in welcoming legendary Rock & Roll Hall of Famers, **The Drifters**, as they perform their signature classic hits spanning over 50 years of entertainment, February 24, 2017 at 8:00 pm. Transport to the era of American Bandstand with hits like “Up on the Roof,” “Under the Boardwalk,” “This Magic Moment,” “There Goes My Baby,” “Dance with Me,” “Spanish Harlem” and “Stand by Me.” Come experience these legends in this special one-night performance you won’t want to miss!

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Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation presents **Golden Dragon Acrobats**, February 25, 2017 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The world famous Golden Dragon Acrobats return to the Lewis Family Playhouse with their amazing feats of athleticism, daring, heart-stopping stunts and the grace of the centuries-old art form. This unique cirque spectacular showcases traditional Chinese acrobats showcasing their remarkable skills and physicality, accompanied by a traditional musical score.

Broadway at the Gardens presents **Into the Woods**, March 10 – 19, 2017. An ambivalent Cinderella? A blood-thirsty Little Red Ridinghood? A Prince Charming with a roving eye? A Witch... who raps? They're all among the cockeyed characters in James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim's fractured fairy tale. When a baker and his wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door, they embark on a quest for objects required to reverse the spell. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. What begins as a lively irreverent fantasy, becomes a moving lesson about community responsibility and the stories we tell our children.

Grammy Award winning famed guitarist **Lee Ritenour**, also known as "Captain Fingers" brings his diverse musical style to the Playhouse stage, April 1, 2017 at 8:00 pm. With a sound all his own, Mr. Ritenour is one of the most versatile and sought after guitarists in popular music. From rock to blues, to jazz, his diverse music features an innovative mix of world music and contemporary jazz.

MainStreet Theatre Company presents **Stiles and Drewe's Goldilocks and the Three Bears**, April 29 – May 13, 2017. When the worlds of bears and people collide, everyone learns that girls and bears aren't as ferocious as they may seem! Featuring an unforgettable score and some fun twists to a classic story every child knows and loves, this humorous adaptation is "just right" for the whole family! For ages 4 and up.

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The McCartney Years is a period-true, technically stunning and explosive live concert featuring the music of Paul McCartney. This concert is guaranteed to make you jump out of your seat to clap, sing and dance to hits like “Hey Jude,” “Jet,” “Let It Be,” “Band On The Run,” “The Long and Winding Road,” “Live and Let Die” and countless others. Don’t miss this timeless live concert experience, May 19, 2017 at 8:00 pm, honoring one of the most prolific artists of all time.

Back by popular demand, Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood return to the Playhouse for a night of hilarious and original scenes in **Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood – Two Man Group**, May 20, 2017 at 8:00 pm. Known for their work on *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, this dynamic duo improvise sidesplitting scenes based on audience suggestions and even invite members up on stage to add an extra element of the unexpected. Get ready for a night of non-stop laughter and big belly laughs in this interactive comedy!

Go back to the age of the Golden Era and relive the good old days in **Swinging Down Old Broadway** featuring Richard Leibell, Mara Getz and the All Star Big Band. The great songs of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin, and other great composers of the 1920’s and 1930’s during the heyday of early Broadway, come to life as Richard and Mara sing hits from the greatest days of early Broadway musicals done in our own swinging way. Don’t miss it, May 21, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

In addition to the many public performances, the Lewis Family Playhouse offers special school group performances of MainStreet Theatre Company productions for teachers and students in elementary and middle school. These unique Theatre for Young Audiences productions are supplemented with curriculum material and resource guides that are available on-line at www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com/education. For more information, contact the Box Office School Bookings Specialist at 909-477-2752 ext. 3704.

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An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the three-acre, 89,000-square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex at 12505 Cultural Center Drive and is conveniently located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with free parking available.

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!” #LewisFamilyPlayhouse



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