

***Limited Amount of \$95 Tickets Now Available for Rita Moreno
Performance at Annenberg Theater, November 7, 2009***

October 5, 2009 (Palm Springs, CA) – The Annenberg Theater of the Palm Springs Art Museum announced today that it has set aside a limited amount of tickets for just \$95 (for the performance only) for the upcoming November 7 event *An Evening With Rita Moreno*. Regular tickets for this benefit performance include access to the private reception following the performance and are priced at \$295 (\$275 for members of the museum’s Annenberg Theater Council). The limited amount of \$95 tickets are expected to sell out quickly, but all tickets for this performance can be purchased by calling the Annenberg Theater Box Office at 760.325.4490.

Rita Moreno is one of only eight individuals to have earned each of the major entertainment awards. Her performance will be the opening act for the Annenberg Theater's 2009-2010 season on Saturday, November 7 at 6 p.m. The concert will feature a full orchestra on the stage of the Annenberg Theater and is presented by the Annenberg Theater Council. The presenting sponsor is Wells Fargo. Previous Opening Night performers have included Elaine Paige (2008), Brian Wilson (2007), k.d. lang (2006), Renee Olstead (2005), Lilly Tomlin (2004) and Joan Rivers (2003). This marks the first time Ms. Moreno will have performed at the Annenberg Theater.

About Rita Moreno

A petite dynamo whose career has encompassed stage and screen, Rita Moreno is one of the few entertainers to have earned an Oscar®, a Grammy®, an Emmy® and a Tony®. She is principally known for her roles in *The King and I* (1956), *West Side Story* (1961) *The Ritz* (1975) and for her television appearances on *The Muppet Show*, *The Rockford Files*, *B.L. Stryker* and the HBO series *Oz*. At this event, she will perform classic American Standards and Latin favorites.

Other events at the Annenberg Theater in the 2009-2010 season include:

November 15, 3 p.m.

ATC Speaker Series: Rick McKay “The Golden Age of Broadway”

Rick McKay is the award-winning producer, director, writer and cinematographer of the hit film *Broadway: The Golden Age*. His passion for the theater and experience in film, television, live entertainment and journalism makes him one of the most popular film and theater lecturers around the world. Nonmembers \$20, ATC members \$15. The Presenting Sponsor is Wells Fargo The Private Bank.

November 18, 6:00 p.m.

Cabaret 88: Brent Barrett

American actor and tenor Brent Barrett has frequently performed in musicals and in concerts with important theatres, symphony orchestras, opera houses, and concert halls internationally. Most recently Barrett was back on Broadway as "Billy Flynn" in the revival of *Chicago*. All seats \$88.

November 21, 8:00 p.m.

Lorenzo Lamas in concert

Lorenzo Lamas (son of singer Fernando Lamas and actress Arlene Dahl) will sing popular American standards and Latin numbers. Tickets are \$40-\$55.

November 28, 8 p.m.

Melissa Manchester in concert

Grammy Award-winning artist Melissa Manchester will perform her international hits, including *Through the Eyes of Love*, and *The Promise*. Tickets are \$40-\$55.

December 6, 3:00 p.m.

ATC Speaker Series: Donna McKechnie: *Time Steps: My Musical Comedy Life*

American musical theater dancer, singer, actress and choreographer Donna McKechnie will do readings with visuals from her autobiography sing "What I Did for Love" from *A Chorus Line*. Nonmembers \$20, ATC members \$15. The Presenting Sponsor is Wells Fargo The Private Bank.

December 12, 8:00 p.m.

The Diamonds present "A Rockin' Christmas"

A Yuletide rock 'n' roll revue starring Santa's favorite helpers! The Diamonds will perform their classic hits as well as holiday favorites. Tickets are \$40-\$55.

January 20, 6 p.m.

Cabaret 88: Ann Hampton Callaway

Callaway is a multiplatinum-selling singer, pianist, composer and lyricist and is the only composer to have collaborated with Cole Porter. She will perform classics from the Great American Songbook. All tickets are \$88.

January 29, 8 p.m.

Lynda Carter in concert

Lynda Carter's stunning velvety voice will regale the audience with an exhilarating display of vocal versatility with songs from her two solo musical albums. Tickets are \$40-\$55.

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The Contemporary Opera with Jake Heggie and Suzanne Guzman

Jake Heggie has composed the acclaimed operas *Dead Man Walking*, *Three Decembers*, *The End of the Affair* and more than 200 songs, concerti, orchestral works and chamber music. He will discuss aspects of composition and Mezzo-soprano Suzanna Guzman will perform songs composed by Mr. Heggie. Nonmembers \$20, ATC members. The Presenting Sponsor is Wells Fargo The Private Bank.

April 3, 8 p.m.

Karen Akers in concert

Grammy-nominated Karen Akers is one of America's most arresting and successful concert and cabaret stars. She has performed in prestigious venues worldwide, on Broadway, in film and on television. Tickets are \$40-\$55.

April 6, 7 p.m.

American Chamber Trio in concert

The American Chamber Trio has appeared nationally and internationally for more than two decades. They have played at Alice Tully Hall, have given four series of concerts at Carnegie Recital Hall and have presented retrospectives of music by Brahms, Beethoven, Ravel, Ives and Bartok. Tickets are \$40-\$55.

April 14, 6 p.m.

Cabaret 88: Alix Korey

Alix Korey is a veteran of eight Broadway shows and has had costarring roles in *Chicago*, Neil Simon's *45 Seconds from Broadway*, *Triumph of Love*, *Ain't Broadway Grand* and *Pirates of Penzance*. All tickets are \$88.

Tickets for all performances can be purchased by calling the Annenberg Theater Box Office at 760.325.4490 or at annenbergtheater.org.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of modern, contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian and glass art in 28 spacious galleries and in its two outdoor sculpture gardens. The museum offers educational lectures, films and an assortment of programs and art workshops for all ages. The museum's Annenberg Theater features outstanding musical performances. The museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. with free admission from 4 – 8 p.m. sponsored by the City of Palm Springs. Admission is free to members; youths 12 and under and active-duty military and their families. Regular admission is \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; and \$5 for adult students. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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