

**For Immediate Release**  
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**BY POPULAR DEMAND!**  
**BEA ARTHUR BACK AT THE EL PORTAL**  
With Billy Goldenberg at the Piano  
February 16 - 19

Bea Arthur and Billy Goldenberg will return in the much acclaimed Tony-nominated Broadway show *Bea Arthur on Broadway* at the El Portal on February 16th, 17th, and 18th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, February 19th at 3 pm. The historic El Portal is located on Lankershim Blvd, in the theatre arts district of NOHO in North Hollywood .

David Nichols of the Los Angeles Times said this of her first engagement at El Portal in 2004: " (Bea) generates howls from an audience that hangs on her every deadpan word, no matter how blue...remind(s) you that the best comedians play from a wellspring of darker emotions." Julio Martinez of Daily Variety added "Her superb comic timing was on ample display throughout this trip down memory lane...(with) Billy Goldenberg serving as both foil and ally...proving that a gifted comic actor can make anything funny..."

In the show (with the subtitle of *Just Between Friends*), Bea recalls the highlights of her remarkable stage and television career intertwined with favorite songs by Cy Coleman, Jerry Herman, Stephen Sondheim, Marilyn and Alan Bergman and many more. Bea Arthur and Billy Goldenberg, long time friends, have toured the United States and the world since 2001 with this mesmerizing hit show playing the Booth Theatre on Broadway, the Savoy in London, the Parade Theater in Sydney as well as Johannesburg and Cape town, South Africa. Recently Bea and Billy played to sold out houses at Symphony Space in Manhattan and the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco.

In addition to receiving a Tony nomination in 2002 for this one woman tour de force, Ms. Arthur received a Tony Award opposite Angela Lansbury in *MAME* as the savagely witty and serpent tongued woman Vera Charles. She then reprised her role in the movie *MAME* opposite Lucille Ball. Bea Arthur is probably best known for her Emmy Award winning roles in the classic television comedies *Maude* and *The Golden Girls*. In fact, a search of television programming proves that you can find Bea Arthur on television every day, of every month on an ongoing basis.

Billy Goldenberg has been working as a composer and musical director for many years. His

impressive list of credits includes the scores for the films Play It Again Sam, Reuben, Reuben and Red Sky in the Morning. TV credits include the music for Queen of the Stardust Ballroom, Columbo and theme songs for Rhoda, Kojak among others. He has garnered more than 30 Emmy Nominations and has won the award four times. Over the years major artists such as Liza Minnelli, Barbara Streisand, Gladys Knight and Helen Reddy have recorded his songs. Goldenberg was also the musical director and orchestrator for Elvis Presley's 1968 comeback special.

Ben Brantley of the New York Times: What Ms. Arthur brings to the crowded field of one person star fests is the professional sheen of her comic timing...

**WHAT:**

BEA ARTHUR BACK AT THE EL PORTAL:

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Tony Nominated in 2002

WHEN: Thursday, February 16 at 8 pm  
Friday, February 17 at 8 pm  
Saturday, February 18 at 8 pm  
Sunday, February 19 at 3 pm

**TICKETS:**

[www.elportaltheatre.com](http://www.elportaltheatre.com)

1-866-811-4111

Or El Portal Box Office 818-508-4200

**PRICES:**

" Thursday, Friday and Saturday: \$55, center, \$40-\$45 terrace

" Premium Seating \$75 (first four rows, champagne reception with Bea and Billy; contact El Portal Box Office only)

" Sunday at 3 pm : \$55 center, \$40-\$45 terrace

**WHERE:**

El Portal Theatre is located at 5269 Lankershim Blvd.  
in North Hollywood, CA 91602

There is complimentary parking

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