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The Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities presents  
***Direct From Vegas...THE RAT PACK***

Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities, James A. Blackman, Executive Producer, presents *Direct From Vegas, The Rat Pack*, starring Steve Apple, Gary Corsello, and Dezhon Fields.

*Direct From Vegas, The Rat Pack* opens for previews February 8, 9, 10 with a gala press opening Saturday, February 11, and runs through February 26 at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

In 90 minutes flat, Apple (Dean Martin) Corsello (Frank Sinatra), and Fields (Sammy Davis, Jr.) capture the heady days of the martini, the lounge lizard and the too-smooth-to-be-believed crooner. Compiled from actual show material, the trio perform in the same style as the "Ocean's 11" stars did at The Sands Hotel during the 1960s.

The famous trio will be accompanied by the Direct From Vegas 12 piece orchestra. Hits include "Luck Be A Lady," "Lady Is A Tramp," "My Way," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Mack the Knife," "That's Amore," "That's Life," "New York, New York," and more.

Apple, who also produces the show, has been performing as an actor/singer for over 18 years. Apple played Dean in the first headliner Rat Pack Show to hit the Las Vegas strip (produced by David Cassidy and Don Reo), which became the 6th top-rated show in Las Vegas during his engagement. According to critics, Apple's impersonation of the King of Cool is flawless as he captures the very essence of Dean's crooning style, vibrato, charisma, and classic good looks.

Dezhon Fields brings over 18 years of experience as a performer on stage and in the theatrical circuit to *Direct From Vegas, The Rat Pack*. He starred in his own one-man show called, "Tribute to an Era," and since has performed internationally in theaters and showrooms. Fields brings a unique element to the show having trained with world-class dance instructors.

The Sunday Star-Ledger stated that Gary Corsello displays "not only the Sinatra voice, but – no less important – the body language that went with it." After an extensive cross-country search, Jeff Kutash, veteran Emmy and Golden Globe winner, selected Gary Corsello to portray Frank Sinatra in the long running Atlantic City engagement, "The Main Event." Gary has performed throughout Las Vegas and New York and portrays the voice of Frank Sinatra in television and radio "Luck Be A Lady" commercials for the Pechanga Casino & Resort, and has also been featured in an industrial gaming video.

### Calendar Listing

**What:** Direct From Vegas The Rat Pack

**When:** Previews: Wednesday, February 8 to Friday, February 10 at 8 P.M.

Gala Press Opening: Saturday, February 11 at 8 P.M.

Closes: Sunday, February 26 at 7 P.M.

Regular Schedule: Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 P.M.

Saturday Matinees: 2 P.M. February 18 & 25

Sunday Matinees: 2 P.M. February 12, 19 & 26

**Where:** The Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center is located at the corner of Manhattan Beach Blvd. and Aviation Blvd. in Redondo Beach

**Tickets:** Previews – \$42.50, \$37.50, \$32.50

Weeknights (Tue – Thu) – \$47.50, \$42.50, \$37.50

Weekends & Matinees – \$52.50, \$47.50, \$42.50

**Call 310-372-4477 for tickets and information.**

