

The Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities  
Announces its  
*Dazzling 2007 Season*  
*A Salute to the Wild and Wonderful Women*  
*of the Musical Theatre Stage*  
Favorites from Duke Ellington,  
Irving Berlin,  
Cole Porter and Rogers & Hammerstein grace  
the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center



Executive Producer James A. Blackman III and The Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities have announced the 16<sup>th</sup> season of classic hits featuring four dazzling award-winning Broadway musicals – all about beautiful, brave or bawdy women!

“Women rule the stage in 2007 at the CLO!” says Executive Producer James A. Blackman III. “It’s so exciting that our 16<sup>th</sup> season is a tribute to some of the greatest female characters of the theatre -- the elegant *Sophisticated Ladies*, sassy innocent Annie Oakley, the fiery ‘shrew’ Kate, and the fairy tale princess Cinderella. This is going to be one of the hottest seasons we’ve ever had!”

Visit the sizzling Jazz Age and celebrate the genius of **Duke Ellington** in the Tony Award-winning musical extravaganza *Sophisticated Ladies* February 14 to March

**4, 2007.** This high-stepping hit features songs by some of the greatest songwriters and performers of the day including Harry James, Johnny Mercer, Billy Strayhorn and many more. Transport yourself back in time with *Mood Indigo, Take the 'A' Train, I'm Beginning to See The Light, It Don't Mean a Thing, Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me, Don't Get Around Much Anymore, Satin Doll* and *I Got it Bad and That Ain't Good*. With 10 Nominations including Best Musical ***Sophisticated Ladies*** garnered Tony Awards for Hinton Battle (Best Supporting Actor) and Willa Kim (Best Costumes).

**Irving Berlin's** Tony Award-winning sharp shooting musical fantasy ***Annie Get Your Gun*** hits the stage **May 2 to May 20**. When the great Ethel Merman belted *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better* and *There's No Business Like Show Business* in 1946, she created musical theatre classics. Add to those hits *Doin' What Comes Naturally, I Got the Sun in the Morning* and *They Say It's Wonderful*, and it's a love story that targets heart-filled summer fun -- especially when Annie realizes she "*Can't Get a Man With a Gun.*" Annie's 1999 revival won the Tony Award for Best Musical and star Bernadette Peters and Reba McIntire scored the 2001 Drama Desk and Theatre World Awards.

It'll still be *Too Darn Hot* in the South Bay when ***Cole Porter's*** **Tony Award-winning *Kiss Me Kate*** takes the stage **September 26 to October 14**. Life mirrors art in this comedic musical within a musical based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. Enjoy the snarling, biting and bickering as former husband and wife put each other through hell as they star together for the first time since their bitter divorce. So many musical hits fill this show – *So in Love, Wunderbar, Faithful in My Fashion, Too Darn Hot, Why Can't You Behave?, Brush Up Your Shakespeare* and *From This Moment On*, a song Porter picked up from another of his other shows for the movie version. Of course, love wins out for the Shrew and her tamer.

And to celebrate the holidays with fairy tale sparkle is Rogers and Hammerstein's timeless story of ***Cinderella***. Make you and your children's holiday wishes come true and see this magical feast for the senses from **November 28 to December 16**. Join the Prince and his future Princess as they sing *Impossible*, and *Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful?*. *Cinderella* was recorded for television in 1957 starring Julie Andrews and again in 1998. Both television productions won Emmy Awards. It has played in regional theatres around the world for the past 40 years.

Don't miss this special season of Broadway at the Beach! For information and to purchase tickets, call 310-372-4477 or visit [www.civiclighthouse.com](http://www.civiclighthouse.com) or the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center Box Office, located at 2224 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach.

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