

"Ride For Kids" Ride Scheduled

Sun., Oct. 9 motorcyclists will ride together in the Inaugural Las Vegas Ride for Kids to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Local brain tumor survivor, Nico, along with his brother, Frankie, Jr. and father, Frank, will participate in the ride. For more info, log on to www.lvriderforkids.com.



Brain tumor survivor Nico

Sheryl Crow to Entertain at Epicurean Club "Night of 100 Stars" Scholarship Fund-raiser

The Epicurean Club's annual scholarship fund-raising dinner is Sat., Oct. 22, at the Hard Rock Hotel. Sure to be an evening of distinction, it will be a night of extraordinary cuisine, fine wines, world-class entertainment and fabulous socializing. The event will feature delicacies prepared by world-class chefs from the finest Las Vegas restaurants, accompanied by outstanding wines. Jim and Heather Murren, co-founders of the non-profit Nevada Cancer Institute, will be honored during the evening. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by international singing sensation Sheryl Crow. Tickets: \$500 per person or \$5,000 for a table of 10. For further information or to make reservations, contact Jaclyn Ford at (702) 248-3312.

Sheryl Crow



Project Shero and Futrell Financial Announce Golf Tourney

Proceeds from golf tournament on Sep. 21 at the Silverstone Country Club will benefit Project Shero, a National Heritage Foundation, 501(c)(3) Organization. Lunch plus two drinks included in fees, from \$150 to \$1,000. Funds go directly to underwrite classes for girls at the Boys and Girls Clubs in the Las Vegas area. For more information call Kevin Auguste, vice president of marketing (702) 946-6400 or Eileen Oser at (702)-242-1517.



Mark McGrath with his band Sugar Ray

Nina's Night Out Fund-raiser for Rape Crisis Center Features Sugar Ray

On Thu., Sep. 22, KVBC Channel 3 anchor Nina Radetich, Mix 94.1 and The Palms Hotel & Casino present the 2nd annual "Nina's Night Out" at the Palms Casino Resort. Performance by Mark McGrath and his band, Sugar Ray, and an acoustic set by Vertical Horizon. All proceeds benefit the Rape Crisis Center, which provides crisis intervention, advocacy, support and education to victims of sexual violence. VIP reception at Ghostbar precedes concert, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and will include appearances by Mark McGrath and Vertical Horizon, hor d'oeuvres, cocktails and a silent auction. Tickets: VIP \$100; general admission \$50; available at Ticketmaster, (702) 474-4000 or www.ticketmaster.com or at Stuff (702) 94-STUFF at the Palms Casino Resort.

Philharmonic Opens Seventh Season with All-American Concert and Tribute to Las Vegas

Sep. 17-18, the Las Vegas Philharmonic, under the music direction of Harold Weller, will open its seventh classical season with "Jackpot," which will feature one of America's leading pianists and an original composition celebrating the city's Centennial. Leon Bates will join the Philharmonic at UNLV's Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall for a performance of George Gershwin's Concerto for Piano & Orchestra in F major. Starts at 8 p.m. in Ham Hall; Sun. matinee 2 p.m. Tickets: from \$25 to \$66, with 10 percent discount for seniors and students (18 and younger).



Leon Bates

They are available by calling 895-ARTS (2787). Visit www.lvphil.com for more information. Shuttle bus service from the Starbright Theatre parking lot in Summerlin at 6:20 p.m., Sat. and 12:30 p.m., Sun. To sign up, call (702) 895-2787.

2005-2006 Nevada Repertory Company Begins Season at UNR

Nevada Repertory Company at the University of Nevada, Reno announces its new 2005-2006 season, featuring a spectacular and diverse selection of the finest theatrical productions in the region.

Free by Simon Bowen: Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Directed by Dr. Bob Dillard; Redfield Studio Theatre; individual tickets available after Sept. 15: general \$17; university students, seniors and children \$15; mid-week special (Wed. or Thurs.) \$14; Opening weekend special \$13. To request a season ticket order form or for information, call (775) 784-4046 or visit www.unr.edu/nevadarep. For tickets call 1-800-225-2277, or www.unr.edu/arts.

Get Your Act Together for the Las Vegas Senior Idol Competition

Talented performers ages 50 and older may pick up an audition packet through Sep. 21 at the Las Vegas Senior Center for this year's Senior Idol Competition. Singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, or other performers who wish to audition may call the senior center at (702) 229-6454 to request a registration packet be mailed or pick one up at the center, 451 E. Bonanza Rd. Center open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Competition held Sat., Nov. 5, at 1 p.m., Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. N.; tickets \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. Advance tickets go on sale at the center Mon., Oct. 3. For more information, call the Las Vegas Senior Center at (702) 229-6454.

ABWA Trade/Craft Show & Spaghetti Dinner

Sat., Oct. 1, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; American Legion, 425 W. Van Wagenen, Henderson. No entrance fee; open to the public. It's sponsored by American Business Women's Association (ABWA), Desert Dawn Chapter, to support scholarships and educational growth both locally and nationally. The primary purpose of Desert Dawn, now in its 39th year, is the professional and personal development of women everywhere. For information call (702) 274-6771 or (702) 498-7883.

2005 Vegas Valley Book Festival

Popular writers and humorists Stan Freberg and Joe Queenan will be featured at the fourth annual Vegas Valley Book Festival, Oct. 13-22, 2005. Over 60 writers are slated to participate in the 10-day-long festival, which features readings, panel discussions, poetry, film, and children's programs. For more information on the festival, visit www.vegas-valleybookfest.org or call (702) 895-1878.

Annual "Nevada Shakespeare in the Park" Scheduled for Oct. 21-23

The 19th Annual "Nevada Shakespeare in the Park" - one of the most visible cultural arts event in Southern Nevada - will be held Fri.-Sun., Oct. 21-23, at the Henderson Pavilion, located at 200 S. Green Valley Pkwy., just off I-215 South. The three-day celebration will feature Shakespeare's comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* presented by the nationally-renowned Arkansas Repertory Theatre. Performances: 7 p.m. on Fri. and Sat.; Sun. 6 p.m., and will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. Lawn seating is free; all other sections are \$10. To purchase tickets or for more information on "Nevada Shakespeare in the Park" call (702) 867-4849 or visit www.artsCouncilhenderson.org.

54th Annual Regional Fall Art Roundup Call for Entries by Las Vegas Art Museum

Entries due by Sat., Sep. 24. Opening reception featuring the participating artists is planned for Sun., Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The museum, located at 9600 W. Sahara Ave., will display the accepted entries of paintings, photographs, sculptures and other media through Dec. 31, 2005. Artist entry forms are available now at the museum, online at www.lasvegasartmuseum.org and by calling (702) 360-8000.