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TOM DREESEN
An Evening of Laughter & Memories of Sinatra
McCALLUM THEATRE
Saturday – December 9 – 8:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre presents Tom Dreesen’s “An Evening of Laughter & Memories of Sinatra” on Saturday, December 9, at 8:00pm. Frank Sinatra’s opening act for 14 years, acclaimed comedian Tom Dreesen delivers a superb show, sharing his unforgettable personal stories and keen insights from working closely with Sinatra. Taking audiences to Frank’s last performance, and his last days, Tom’s heartwarming and witty delivery will move and delight.

Tom Dreesen’s life is equal parts comedy and philanthropy. He excels at both, and has created an extraordinary legacy in both arenas.

Tom has made over 500 appearances on national television as a stand-up comedian, including more than 60 appearances on “The Tonight Show.” He was a favorite guest of David Letterman, and frequently hosted the show in Letterman’s absence. He opened for Frank Sinatra and appeared countless times in Las Vegas, Tahoe, Reno and Atlantic City with artists like Smokey Robinson, Liza Minnelli, Natalie Cole and Sammy Davis, Jr. Tom has acted in numerous television shows, including “Columbo,” “WKRP in Cincinnati,” and “Murder She Wrote.” He appeared in such motion pictures as *Man on the Moon* and *Spaceballs*. He has recorded comedy albums, starred in his own TV comedy special, “Dreesen Street,” and hosted a late night talk show in Chicago, “Night Time Starring Tom Dreesen.” He appears to rave reviews around the country in his one-man show “An Evening of Laughter and Memories of Sinatra.”

Tom’s comic style is down-to-earth, warm and unpretentious. *Daily Variety* called him “a thorough pro... one of the most respected family comedians of our time.” Larry Wilde, author of *The Great Comedians* said about Tom’s performances, “Excellent material, impeccable timing, Tom Dreesen is the quintessential comedian.” Frank Sinatra, who called himself a “saloon singer,” characterized Tom as a “saloon comedian.” “We’re a couple of neighborhood kind of guys,” said Sinatra.

Tom’s motivational performances, mixing inspiration and comedy, have been delivered to organizations such as Panda Express, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Entertainment Fellowship, to name a few. His performances as Corporate Master of Ceremonies have been enjoyed by companies all across America, including the *Chicago Sun Times*, The Boys & Girls Club of America, Allstate, American Airlines and more. He’s also performed as master of ceremonies for the Ellis Island Medal of Honor

Awards, ATT at Pebble Beach, the Bob Hope Classic Ball, the Frank Sinatra Classic Ball, and the Sport Fan's Choice Awards in cities all across the country. He hosts an annual golf tournament, The Tom Dreesen Celebrity Classic.

Tom has also made an indelible mark with his philanthropic activities. For more than 30 years, he has lent his talent to over 100 charities, and founded a "Day for Darlene" to benefit Multiple Sclerosis Research. He ran 26 miles on three occasions for the event, which is named for his late sister who was afflicted with MS.

And he's still going strong. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Tom continues to perform for U.S. troops all over the world, and appeared at numerous bases in Iraq. His hometown of Harvey, Illinois, named a street after him. He was a 2005 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$67, \$47, \$37 and \$27. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-ARTS. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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