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Capitol Steps
McCallum Theatre
Sunday – January 12 – 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre welcomes the return of The Capitol Steps for two performances on Sunday, January 12, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm. The 7:00pm show is made possible through the generosity of Jerry and Sarah Mathews

The Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. In the years that followed, many of the Steps ignored the conventional wisdom (“Don’t quit your day job!”). Although not all of the current members of the Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together, the performers have worked in a total of 18 Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience.

Since they began, the Capitol Steps have recorded more than 35 albums, including their latest, *The Lyin’ Kings*. They’ve been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC and PBS, and can be heard twice a year on National Public Radio stations nationwide during their *Politics Takes a Holiday* radio specials.

The Capitol Steps were born in December 1981, when some staffers for Sen. Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Ronald Reagan was president when the Steps began, so co-founders Elaina Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala figured that if entertainers could become politicians, then politicians could become entertainers! Their first idea was to stage a nativity play, but in the whole Congress, they couldn’t find three wise men or a virgin ... so they decided to dig into the headlines of the day, and created song parodies and skits which conveyed a special brand of satirical humor that is as popular in Palm Desert as it is on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill—some for Democrats, some for Republicans, and others for politicians who firmly straddle the fence. No matter who holds office, there’s never a shortage of material.

And no matter who or what is in the headlines, you can bet the Capitol Steps will tackle both sides of the political spectrum and all things equally foolish. What more would you expect from the group that puts the “MOCK” in democracy?!

www.capsteps.com

Tickets for these performances are priced at \$70, \$60 and \$30. Tickets are available at

the Theatre's website at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. 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.

*The McCallum Theatre Box Office, its phone center and website, are the **only** authorized outlets for tickets to performances presented at the Theatre. Tickets purchased from any other sources, such as brokers or secondary market websites, are purchased at consumer's own risk and cannot be guaranteed as valid.*

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