

# PRESS RELEASE

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# FEATURED DECEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Las Vegas, NV-The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District will offer a variety of

programs throughout the month of December. Highlights of the month include:

#### Las Vegas Stories: Origins of the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort

Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m. Clark County Library | 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. | 702.507.3459 In 1855, Mormon missionaries from Utah built a 150-square-foot adobe fort, the first permanent structure erected in the valley. Learn about the tumultuous history of the fort from its early beginnings to various acquisitions. Free.

#### **December to Remember - Bluegrass for the Holidays**

Saturday, December 6 at 1 p.m. Las Vegas Library | 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N. | 702.507.3512 Enjoy classic Bluegrass tunes and holiday songs from local favorites Stuck in Reverse and the Sagebrush Stringband. Free.

#### The Beatles and Their Songs – A Musical Revolution

Saturday, December 6 at 2 p.m. Rainbow Library | 3150 N. Buffalo Dr. | 702.507.3716 Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m. West Charleston Library | 6301 W. Charleston Blvd. | 702.507.3964 Featuring information about the Beatles music history, form and influences, Dr. Dulais Rhys will showcase pictures and music samplings. Rhys has been a professional musician and studied music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Free.

#### Christmas Harmony with CSN Big Band

Saturday, December 6 at 4 p.m. Sahara West Library | 9600 W. Sahara Ave. | 702.507.3631 Under the direction of Dr. Dick McGee, the College of Southern Nevada's 17-piece jazz band will provide a festive performance of familiar holiday and Christmas tunes including *White Christmas* and *Silent Night*. Free.

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoes for Children Drive and Benefit Performances

Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library | 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. | 702.507.3989

Join us as Broadway in the Hood, A Source of Joy Theatricals, Inc. performs the one-act musical *Once on This Island*, a calypso-flavored retelling of a peasant girl who uses the power of love to bring people of different social classes together. Based on Rosa Guy's *My Love, My Love*, with book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty.

New pairs of children's athletic shoes sized to fit preschoolers to high school youth will be accepted at these benefit performance events. Donations will also be accepted from November 18 through December 23 at all LVCCLD branches. All donated shoes will be distributed to children within neighboring elementary schools and local charities.

Co-sponsored by Broadway in the Hood, A Source of Joy Theatricals, Inc. Co-founded by "Sweet" Lou Collins. Free, but tickets are required and available at the box office two hours prior to curtain on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit two per person. Donations are tax deductible under the LVCCLD Foundation federal tax I.D. 27-0035192.

## **December to Remember - Duo Mystique**

Saturday, December 13 at 1 p.m. Las Vegas Library | 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N. | 702.507.3512 Experience classical pieces, Celtic tunes and other musical fare tossed in to celebrate all that December has to offer. Free.

## Nevada Chamber Symphony - Music with a Classic Touch

Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

Clark County Library | 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. | 702.507.3459 Celebrate the season with traditional songs and melodies guaranteed to spark the holiday spirit. Guest artists include the Dean Petersen Elementary School Choir. Free.

#### Kwanzaa 2014

Saturday, December 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. West Las Vegas Library | 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. | 702.507.3989 Join Master of Ceremonies Keith "The Modern Griot" Brantley in celebrating the meaning of Kwanzaa and embracing the best of African culture, community and the accomplishments of youth graduate participants in the annual Rites of Passage mentoring workshops. Program and activities include marketplace vendors, a book signing by author Dr. Sarann Knight Preddy, yoga class, a community musical and spoken word tribute and more. Free.

## **Two Trains Running**

Saturday, December 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 28 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library | 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. | 702.507.3989

*Two Trains Running* by playwright August Wilson, produced by the Ira Aldridge Theatre Co. of Nevada, co-directed by Walter Mason and Kent Jackman, featuring community artists; explores the social and psychological manifestations of changing attitudes toward race from the perspective of urban blacks. For mature audiences. Co-sponsored by the Ira Aldridge Theatre Co. of Nevada and the city of Las Vegas. Free.