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McCallum Theatre Announces Added Event To The 2024-2025 Season

LEGENDS OF COUNTRY

Tributes to Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, Reba McEntire & Kenny Rogers

Two Performances Only!
Tuesday & Wednesday, April 15-16, 2025 at 7:00pm

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Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre is pleased to announce the addition of another exciting show to our 2024-2025 Season. From Legends In Concert, known as the pioneer of live tribute shows, comes **Legends of Country - Tributes to Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, Reba McEntire & Kenny Rogers**, which will play two performances only, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Each legendary performer not only looks like the star they portray, but use their own natural voices to pay homage to their iconic music counterpart. Legends in Concert live tribute shows are known for their elaborate theatrical sets, magnificent costumes and full array of incredible special effects, including three dimensional multimedia and multimillion dollar, state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems.

Appearing in *Legends of Country* are Dave Karl as Kenny Rogers, Stacey Whitton Summers as Shania Twain, Corrie Sachs as Reba McEntire, and Dean Simmons as Garth Brooks.

Tickets for **Legends of Country** go on sale to the general public this Friday, September 27 at 12:00 Noon. Current McCallum Theatre donors will be given presale access on Wednesday, September 25. All others who have opted in to receive email offers from the McCallum will be given presale access on Thursday, September 26. To qualify for presale access to this and other events, please subscribe to the McCallum email list [here](#).

Tickets for **Legends of Country** are priced at \$95, \$75, and \$45 and are available at [McCallumTheatre.org](https://mccallumtheatre.org) 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 Box Office is currently open Monday-Friday from 12:00noon-5:00pm. The Box Office is closed on all major holidays, and hours vary on show days.

[About The Cast](#)

Dean Simmons (Garth Brooks) is a combination of talent, dedication, and impeccable performance – that's the recipe for how Dean Simmons recreates the music of Garth Brooks. Coming from a family of professionally performing musicians, Dean Simmons is a third

generation country music singer. With early encouragement to engage in music, Simmons started playing at age seven, started his first band at 21, performed around the world, and has since gone on to create an entire business revolving around the reproduction of Garth Brooks music. It was in 1992, after playing for American troops overseas with his own band, that he first started listening to Garth's popular country music. Quickly gaining an appreciation for and learning Garth's music, Dean regularly started hearing that his renditions of the famous country singer were spot on. Honing his musical ear and studying countless clips of footage of Garth in concert, Dean took the encouragement to become a masterful Garth Brooks impersonator. Now, he is able to emulate his mannerisms, the walk, the talk, and Garth's irresistible onstage charisma. In 1996, Dean showed the team at Legends in Concert just how high his caliber of performance is, and has been playing for audiences in Vegas, and around the country, ever since. You may have seen him performing at NBA halftime performances, at the Ms. Universe Pageant, or at the Milwaukee Summerfest, and, of course, at Legends in Concert. But, no matter where it is you catch his performance, Dean Simmons is bound to inspire, and make you wonder if that isn't actually Garth Brooks performing himself!

Stacey Whitton Summers (Shania Twain) has worked since 1994 as a professional tribute artist. Stacey is one of Legends' impeccable veterans. Where it all began for Stacey was at age five, harmonizing with her mother's tunes. Throughout her adolescence, Stacey developed her musical passions by ceaselessly playing classical saxophone and continued her performance training as a major in theater and opera. With years of experience, Stacey has traveled around the world with her hand-made costumes and beautiful performances. She has played for U.S. troops, shared the stage with Dolly Parton, and earned a place as a finalist on ABC's *The Next Big Thing*. Aside from gracing audiences with her renditions of Shania Twain, Stacey also performs as Madonna, Marilyn Monroe, Gretchen Wilson, and Martina McBride. She even had the opportunity to perform as Shania Twain *for Shania Twain!* She is a performer of versatility and experience, and while live performances can always have unseen complications, she handles every hurdle with grace and ease.

Corrie Sachs as Reba

Corrie Sachs has enjoyed a prolific career spanning stage, television, and radio. She has performed as a headliner in Las Vegas, in Atlantic City, and on national tours. Corrie has performed for the USO throughout the world and has opened for such stars as Bob Hope, Bob Newhart, Debbie Reynolds, and Allen & Rossi. As a native of Las Vegas, Corrie was honored as "Las Vegas Singer of the Year" in 2004, 2006 and 2010. She has been paying tribute to Reba McEntire for the past 25 years and has even been offered to tour with Reba herself. In 2001, Corrie was awarded "Tribute Artist of the Year" from the Las Vegas Review Journal. Corrie appears weekly as co-host of the syndicated live *Dennis Bono Radio Show*, which is now in its 18th year at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

Dave Karl (Kenny Rogers) was born in Illinois in 1953, the fourth of five children. Tribute artist, singer, and song-writer, Karl grew up in a very old town of Wooddale, where his father worked in construction and his mother was a stay-at-home mom. He started out as a kid doing cartoon character voices for family and friends - an early discovery of impersonating! His mentor was Mel Blanc, the voice behind all the Warner Bros.® cartoon characters. At age eight, Dave learned the guitar and at that time he took an interest in singing as well. Impersonating the styles of Elvis, the Beatles, along with other rock-n-roll artists. He spent a lot of time writing music with fellow musicians and going into recording studios to cut 45 rpm records to sell to their followers, trying to make it into the music industry. When he turned 18 years of age, he turned to country music, impersonating stars like Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, Kenny Rogers, and even actors such as Walter Brennen, who released a song in 1962. In the mid-1970's, Dave learned the bass guitar along with teaching himself to play piano. From 1986 to 1993, Dave was invited to be a member of a well-known Chicago country music group Heartland, playing keyboard and guitar. They opened for stars such as Marie Osmond, Lee Greenwood, Ronnie Milsap, and others. After the band split in 1993, he focused on being a solo act, and he continued to impersonate as he worked local clubs. In early 2008, Dave put together a Tribute Act to Kenny Rogers called *A Touch of Kenny*, as his ability to impersonate came easily, because even his own speaking voice is dead-on to Kenny's. In January of 2010 he moved to Arizona, and in March of that year, he was cast to play the part of Kenny Rogers in a film called *Queens of Country*.

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