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Laugh with a Legend Vicki Lawrence & Mama: A Two Woman Show August 28, 2010 at Casa Mañana Theatre

(Fort Worth, Texas) – Casa Mañana is excited to have Emmy Award-winning actress and comedian Vicki Lawrence for this year's *Laugh with a Legend* Gala on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at Casa Mañana Theatre in Fort Worth.

Casa Mañana continues its long-standing tradition of presenting world-class entertainment when it launches Fort Worth's 2010 – 2011 social season with the *Laugh with a Legend* Gala. Martin Short, Jay Leno, Larry Hagman and Bob Newhart are a short list of stars that have appeared at previous Galas. The exclusive event will benefit Casa Mañana's Arts Education & Outreach Program that reaches more than 155,000 children each year across North Texas, the largest program of its kind in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The event is the theatre's largest fundraiser. The 2010 Gala is co-chaired by Jackie Harris and Glen Hahn, both are members of Casa Mañana's Board of Directors.

"Our Gala is a wonderful way to not only celebrate the education programming of Casa Mañana but also to ensure that the theatre is able to continue this programming far into the future," said President & Executive Producer Wally Jones.

Prior to Vicki Lawrence's performance at 8:45 p.m., the full evening will include pre-show cocktails, dinner, and auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. Following the performance, guests will enjoy an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and dancing 'til dawn. This show is suitable for some audiences; parental discretion is advised. For more information, go to www.casamanana.org/gala.

Artist

Vicki Lawrence is best known for her portrayal of Carol Burnett's kid sister on *The Carol Burnett Show*, the role that inevitably launched her career. Eleven years, one Emmy Award, and five Emmy nominations later, she went on to star in her own successful series, *Mama's Family*. Also a successful recording artist, Vicki Lawrence's *The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia* reached Gold Record status. Most recently, she could be seen on the *Hannah Montana* television series.

Further Information

Tables for 10 guests to the Gala range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 with benefits appropriate to the respective level. A special Premium Couple's Package for 2 guests is available for \$2,500. An individual Gala seat is available for \$550. Seats at the Gala include a pre-show cocktail reception, dinner catered by the Ashton Depot in Casa Mañana's Grand Lobby, opportunity to participate in the live and Big Board auction, preferred seating for Vicki Lawrence's performance, and admission to the after-party in the Grand Lobby with open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing to live music. Purchased Gala seats are partially tax-deductible. For more information on table packages, contact Whitney Weaks at **(817) 321-5005**.

Tickets to the performance only are \$75 and can be purchased by calling the Casa Mañana Theatre box office at **817-332-2272**, going to **www.casamanana.org/gala** or visiting the Casa Mañana Theatre box office at 3101 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, 76107. Performance-only tickets reserve a seat at Vicki Lawrence's performance, offer the opportunity to participate in the Big Board auction and grant admission to the after-party.

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The *2010 Laugh with a Legend* Gala is co-chaired by Jackie Harris and Glen Hahn. Glen W. Hahn is the President and CEO of Innovative Developers, Inc. Hahn's visionary leadership and loyalty to his employees has enabled IDI to win both the Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award and the Greater Tarrant Business Ethics Award. Hahn is actively involved in numerous organizations and is very passionate about giving back to the community.

The Gala Committee includes Sarah Anderson, Greta Beckerman, Jay Blackmon, Barbara Boulware, Rebekah Byrne, Sherry Choate, Elizabeth Clayton, Sharon Crockett, Millie Crowe, Karen Denney, Connie Fagg, Sarah Gentry, Kelly Greenwell, Elizabeth Hertel, Susan Howell, Teresa Hubbard, Kip Hyde, Corrine Otis, Ronica Patterson, Pam Pigman, Martha Prioleau, Denise Procaccino, Lori Richards, Jan Simus, Judy Siratt, Gloria Siratt, Sue Stalzer, Elizabeth Webb and Susan Weik.

The *2010 Laugh with a Legend* Gala benefits Casa Mañana's Arts Education and Outreach Program, which offers comprehensive theatre education through performances in the schools by the Casa Playaz, in the community with the Casa Kids, and at its theatre with productions in the Children's Theatre. Children also receive extensive theatre training at the Casa Mañana Performing Arts Conservatory and in public schools through the Adopt-a-School Program and Artist-in-Residence Program with the Fort Worth and Everman ISD's. The Betty Lynn Buckley Awards is a scholarship program that recognizes student achievement in the dramatic arts in Tarrant County. In addition, Casa Mañana offers Fort Worth ISD continuing education for public school teachers.