

## Donny & Marie Unveil Headlining Variety Show at Flamingo Las Vegas

Dazzling Duo Kicks off Six Month Run at Center-Strip Property

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America's favorite siblings, Donny & Marie, recently unveiled their much-anticipated headlining variety show at Flamingo Las Vegas. Aptly named "Donny & Marie," the talented twosome delivers a high-energy stage production that incorporates singing, dancing, comedy, audience interaction, and their signature brother-sister banter.

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The 90-minute production marks the first time in 29 years that Donny & Marie have performed an extended residency engagement in Las Vegas.

"The audience response to 'Donny & Marie' has been overwhelmingly positive," said Don Marrantino, President of Flamingo Las Vegas. "Each night they perform to a packed showroom and receive standing ovation after standing ovation. Donny and Marie fans are coming from all over the country and all parts of the globe to see this show; they give people another reason to come to Las Vegas."

Opening Sept. 9 to sold-out crowds, the "little bit country, little bit rock n' roll" duo dazzles audiences and takes them on an entertaining, multi-media journey, showcasing their careers both together and individually. The pair performs some of their most memorable hits including "It Takes Two," "Morning Side of the Mountain," "I'm Leavin' It All Up to You" and "Deep Purple."

Highlighting their individual successes as recording artists, both Donny and Marie perform greatest hit solo sets. Marie croons chart-topping "Paper Roses," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and a Broadway medley including "All That Jazz," "Life is a Cabaret" and "Phantom of the Opera." Donny rocks audiences with the powerful smash hit "Soldier of Love," melts hearts with "Puppy Love," and "Twelfth of Never," and gives audiences a taste of his Broadway career with Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Any Dream Will Do."

Presented by Danny Gans and Chip Lightman of GansLight Entertainment, the production boasts a cast of eight highly skilled dancers and a nine-piece band. Under the direction of award-winning director and choreographer Barry Lather, "Donny & Marie" is bursting with intricate choreography that incorporates all forms of dance, including jazz, modern, hip-hop and swing. The expertise of accomplished musical director, Jerry Williams, is evident throughout with sparkling charts and high-energy instrumentals.

"Donny and Marie are such seasoned performers that we had a lot of fun bringing out their individual personalities through dance and movement," said Lather. "They are supported by eight sensational dancers resulting in a first-class production that appeals to audiences from all walks of life."

Housed in the legendary Flamingo showroom, fans will find that there is not a bad seat in the house. With five large video monitors, and a stage thrust that jets out well into the audience, the 750-seat venue allows show-goers to be in the center of the action and get up close and personal with their favorite Osmonds.

"The Flamingo is rich in history and has been home to some of Las Vegas' finest entertainers, Wayne Newton, Gladys Knight, and most recently Toni Braxton," said Gans. "We feel privileged to be part of that legendary line up."

"Donny & Marie" performs at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday with an additional Saturday matinee at 4:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$85, \$99 and \$115 (plus tax and fees). A limited number of VIP packages are available for \$250 (plus tax and fees), which includes a special after-show commemorative photo with the stars. Tickets are available at the Flamingo Box Office, by phone at (702) 733-3333 or (800) 221-7299 or by visiting <http://www.flamingolasvegas.com/>.

### MARIE OSMOND

Singing and dancing at age three in her television debut on The Andy Williams Show marked the launch of Marie Osmond's stellar career. At age 13, Marie's first single, "Paper Roses," made history debuting as #1 on the country music charts and soon after went Gold. Her rapidly growing popularity then led to Marie's success as the youngest-ever host of a hit television variety show, Donny & Marie. From televised movies and feature

films ("The Gift of Love," "Side by Side,") to a CMA award-winning country song ("Meet Me in Montana,") Marie became a crossover star on Broadway with the lead role in "The King and I" and as Maria in "The Sound of Music." She's a New York Times best-selling author ("Behind the Smile") and created an 18-year award-winning business, "Marie Osmond Fine Porcelain Collector Dolls," which is the top-selling doll line on QVC. Marie is a co-founder of The Children's Miracle Network, which has raised almost \$4 billion for children's hospitals in North America, and will soon expand internationally. Over 22 million people tuned in each week to watch Marie's whole-hearted performances, winning her countless new fans who voted her to the finale, on season five of ABC's Dancing With the Stars. Her proudest achievement, though, is being a mother to eight beautiful children. For additional information on Marie Osmond visit <http://www.marieosmond.com/>.

## DONNY OSMOND

Beginning his illustrious career at the age of five on The Andy Williams Show performing with The Osmond Brothers, Donny has been awarded a grand total of 33 gold records. His most recent album (his 55th), "Love Songs of the 70s" immediately went Gold in the UK. His multi-faceted career includes being a national television host ("Pyramid"), a best-selling author (his autobiography debuted at #1 on the UK bestseller list) and the theater (over 2,000 performances starring in Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and most recently on Broadway starring in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"). He recently co-starred with Martin Lawrence and Raven Symone in the Disney film "College Road Trip", and performed at The Concert for Diana, seen worldwide by 2 billion viewers. He has even been a champion race car driver. Reflecting his multi-generational worldwide fan base, his web site, [donny.com](http://www.donny.com/), receives a staggering 120 million plus hits annually. Donny and Debbie, his wife of 29 years, have 5 children and 2 grandchildren. For additional information on Donny Osmond visit <http://www.donny.com/>.

## About Flamingo Las Vegas

Located in the heart of the Strip, the Flamingo Las Vegas has been home to top entertainers Toni Braxton, George Wallace and Gladys Knight. The resort features award-winning renovated Flamingo "GO" guest rooms and diverse entertainment offerings, including Nathan Burton Comedy Magic and comedian Vinnie Favorito.

## About GansLight Entertainment

In 2000, Danny Gans and Chip Lightman combined their expertise and began producing shows on the Las Vegas Strip. The first such collaboration was with Gladys Knight at Flamingo Las Vegas that resulted in a highly successful three-year run. GansLight Entertainment also introduced comedian George Wallace who is now in his fifth year at the resort. Danny Gans is one of Las Vegas' most successful and highly-acclaimed headliners while Lightman continues to advise a multitude of shows and entertainers.

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