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**Jennifer Lopez Debuts New Show “Jennifer Lopez: All I Have”**

Hollywood and glamour arrived on the Las Vegas Strip with Jennifer Lopez’s premiere performance of her headlining residency “Jennifer Lopez: All I Have” at The AXIS at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. Directed by Nappytabs, the husband and wife team of Napoleon and Tabitha Dumo, the spectacular show features Lopez’s hit songs, including “On The Floor,” “Jenny From The Block,” “Get Right” and “Love Don’t Cost A Thing.” A truly unique production supported by a five-piece live band and 16 dancers, showcasing extravagant costumes and state-of-the-art technology in sets, lighting, video and special effects, the audience experiences Lopez up close and personal, yet larger than life. Seamlessly interweaving different parts of the life of Jennifer Lopez - the Actress, the Dancer, the Pop Star - Lopez’s Las Vegas show truly portrays who she is, where she’s been and where she’s going. For more information, contact Kelly Frey, Caesars Entertainment, kfrey@caesars.com.

**Mandalay Bay Completes Convention Center Expansion**

The Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center expansion is now complete with this month’s opening of the 70,000-square-foot Oceanside Ballroom. The $70 million expansion includes 350,000 square feet of new exhibit space, a 20,000-square-foot foyer and underground parking, which all opened in August. The Mandalay Bay Convention Center now boasts more than two-million total square feet and more than 900,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space with the ability to grow current shows and attract new corporate, association and incentive groups. Now that the expansion is complete, the final phase of Mandalay Bay’s multi-year transformation can begin; the $100 million redesign of more than 3,000 guest rooms and suites, scheduled to wrap up in February. For more information, contact Sandy Zanella, MGM Resorts International, zanellas@mgmresorts.com.

**Caesars Entertainment Las Vegas Resorts Launch Self Check-In and Key Retrieval Kiosks Citywide**

Caesars Entertainment debuts new self-check-in kiosks at its Las Vegas Resorts, beginning with The LINQ Hotel & Casino, Flamingo Las Vegas and Caesars Palace. This is the first fully-integrated self-check-in program in Las Vegas that incorporates email, text, web, mobile app and kiosks, completely reinventing the way guests arrive and begin their stay. Caesars Entertainment’s rollout of its new kiosk program is the latest stage in a technology solution to completely automate the check-in process, eliminating wait times and allowing customers to start enjoying all Las Vegas has to offer even faster. For more information, contact Kristin Soo Hoo, Caesars Entertainment, ksoohoo@caesars.com.

**Las Vegas Strip's First Park to Open April 4**

MGM Resorts International will debut its dynamic park, dining and entertainment district on the Las Vegas Strip April 4. An eclectic blend of restaurants, bars and entertainment tucked into rich desert landscaping, The Park will become a central gathering place on The Strip’s west side connecting New York-New York and Monte Carlo resorts as well as the new 20,000-seat world-class T-Mobile Arena. An interactive and social environment, The Park aims to build a sense of community through innovative programming and events. For more information, contact Natalie Mounier, Kirvin Doak Communications, nmounier@kirvindoak.com.

**The Irreverent and Unpredictable Comedy Show 'Puppet Up! - Uncensored' Will Debut Spring 2016 as Newest Resident Show at The Venetian Las Vegas**

After performing to sold-out crowds throughout the country, the original and unruly comedy production "Puppet Up! - Uncensored" will debut at its new home this spring at the Sands Showroom located inside The Venetian Las Vegas. Created by award-winning director, producer, and writer Brian Henson and actor, director, and improvisational guru Patrick Bristow ("Ellen," "Seinfeld," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"), the newest entertainment residency to hit the Strip will be a completely unique experience, expertly combining dynamic and spontaneous off-the-cuff comedy and outrageous scripted story lines with the unmatched talent and creativity of Henson puppeteers. For more information, contact Kristin Weddingfeld, Allied Integrated Marketing, puppetup@alliedim.com.

**Golden Nugget Las Vegas Unveils New Spa and Salon Renovations**

The Spa and Salon at Golden Nugget Las Vegas was recently enhanced with an $800,000 renovation. The 15,000-square-foot retreat features eight treatment rooms in the spa, including couples massage rooms and male and female spa lounges designed to serve as downtown Las Vegas' rest and relaxation destination. The spa lounges offer whirlpool Jacuzzis, dry saunas with cedar wood benches, herbal steam saunas, showers, vanity areas and refurnished locker rooms overlooking the downtown Las Vegas skyline. In addition to these amenities, The Spa also offers an upgraded fitness center featuring state-of-the-art fitness and cardio equipment and a premium view of The Tank pool, Golden Nugget's picturesque year-round outdoor swimming experience. For more information, contact Brianna Vargas, golden Nugget, bvargas@goldennugget.com.

**Human Nature to Launch “Jukebox,” A New Resident Show at The Venetian Las Vegas**

The Venetian Las Vegas, SPI Entertainment and Las Vegas headliners Human Nature are delighted to announce a forthcoming three-year residency with the brand new show “JUKEBOX,” specially crafted for its home at the Sands Showroom in The Venetian. Australia’s Human Nature, one of the world’s greatest vocal groups and a true Las Vegas success story, has set the Strip on fire and kept sold-out audiences dazzled and dancing during their internationally celebrated “MOTOWN Show,” which premiered at The Venetian in 2013. “JUKEBOX” will include Human Nature’s foursome, Toby Allen, Phil Burton and brothers Andrew and Mike Tierney, backed by a dynamic six-piece band and world-class dancers, as they celebrate a mix of pop classics with doo-wop, boy band with Bandstand, soul standards with Motown… and even some “Uptown Funk.” For more information, contact Keith Salwoski, The Venetian Las Vegas, keith.salwoski@venetian.com.

**ARIA Resort & Casino Redefines Guest Experience with Launch of Unprecedented In-Room Technology**

Reimagining the guest experience with modern-day convenience, ARIA Resort & Casino has collaborated with Crave Interactive, a cutting-edge guest service software company, to create the largest-ever installation of the provider’s in-room hotel tablets. Enhancing the resort’s AAA Five Diamond service, the tablets will offer a hyper-tailored guest experience with new amenities such as digital in-room dining orders, one-touch spa service requests and an endless stream of news in multiple languages. The new tablets have been created specifically for ARIA and its distinct array of services. This revolutionary in-room technology will change the way visitors build their Las Vegas itineraries with just one touch. For more information, contact Suzie Rugh, MGM Resorts International, srugh@mgmresorts.com.

**Virtual Tours via Robot Coming Soon to Mob Museum**

Your next tour of The Mob Museum, the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, could be via a robotic device you control from the comfort and privacy of your own home. Beginning Monday, April 1, “Moe-Bot,” a BeamPro telepresence robot created by Suitable Technologies, will enable Museum guests to “visit” the Museum via their computer screen or mobile device and direct their experience almost as personally as if they were physically there. Introduced as a way to expand the Museum’s audience reach to include anyone who cannot visit the Museum in person, Moe-Bot will be used to enable visitors to participate in live, immersive, interactive, guided tours of the museum by a computer from virtually anywhere in the world. For more information, contact Erika Pope, Vox Solid Communications, epope@wearevoxsolid.com.

**Bellagio Introduces Harvest by Roy Ellamar**

Bellagio Resort & Casino adds to its portfolio of celebrated restaurants with the debut of Harvest by Roy Ellamar showcasing New American cuisine and seasonal menus inspired by regional farms. For his first restaurant concept, Las Vegas’ own Chef Roy Ellamar crafts creative market-driven dishes that celebrate regional produce in spectacular Vegas fashion. For more information, contact Ashley Farkas, MGM Resorts International, afarkas@mgmresorts.com.

**Excalibur Hotel & Casino Enhances Royal Treatment with Remodel of Guest Rooms and Suites**

Adding a modern twist to the medieval flair for which Excalibur Hotel & Casino is known, the hotel is remodeling 1,995 guest rooms and suites in its newly renamed Royal Tower. Vibrant accents and splashes of color match the energy and atmosphere of Excalibur. The upgraded accommodations feature a completely smoke-free experience, new carpeting and bedding, modern furnishings and 40-inch flat-screen TVs. Excalibur has a total of 3,981 rooms and 41 suites ranging from the Resort Tower King to the newly remodeled Royal Luxury Suite. With a selection of remodeled rooms now available for reservation, the overall project is scheduled for completion in April 2016. For more information, contact Krista Gilbertson, MGM Resorts International, kgilbertson@mgmresorts.com.

**Pitbull to return to The Axis at Planet Hollywood Resort& Casino**

After an extremely successful engagement last year, global music superstar Pitbull will return to The AXIS at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino with his show, “Time Of Our Lives Las Vegas,” March 12 – 26, 2016. The show is being presented by Caesars Entertainment in conjunction with Live Nation. Now that he has a feel for the state-of-the-art theater’s production capabilities, the international music sensation plans to make this show even bigger than the last engagement, which originally debuted last fall and was praised by fans and critics alike. For more information, contact Kelly Frey, Caesars Entertainment, kfrey@caesars.com.

**First Burger Lounge in Nevada Brings Fresh Flavors to ARIA Resort & Casino**

Beloved fast-casual concept Burger Lounge is coming to the Las Vegas culinary community with the debut of its first-ever Nevada location at ARIA Resort & Casino this March. The Southern California burger chain takes the classic burger and elevates it with clean ingredients and flavors that pack a punch. At the heart of the Burger Lounge brand is the belief a hamburger should not only taste great, but that the guest should feel good about eating it. With that in mind, burgers start with fresh American grass-fed, grass-finished beef, perfectly seared and served on a toasted handmade bun. With the addition of crisp lettuce, tomato, organic aged white cheddar and house-made Thousand Island dressing, the restaurant delivers one seriously good hamburger. For more information, contact Ashley Farkas, MGM Resorts International, afarkas@mgmresorts.com.

**Twisted Vegas to Debut this February at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino**

Beginning this February, Las Vegas will be delivered the ultimate French treat: Alex Goude, a wildly popular French celebrity, and his new live production show, Twisted Vegas. A show about the show, Twisted Vegas is an all in one, all-you-can-handle, insanely interactive Las Vegas highlight reel for everyone to enjoy. Set within the famed walls of the International Theater at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino (the same room where Elvis gave his most legendary performances), Goude and his talented cast will usher in a new era for high-concept Las Vegas entertainment, importing (and then exporting to the stage) Las Vegas’ most impressive large-scale singing and dancing productions, world-class magicians, artistic circus shows, contortionists, dancers, singers and even a scene-stealing finale. For more information, contact Michelle Loosbrock, Jeff Wagner Agency, michelle@jeffwagneragency.com.

**Forever Resorts Announces First-Ever “Scenic and Savory Houseboat Excursion”**

In celebration of the National Park Service’s 100th anniversary, Forever Resorts is introducing the newest iteration of the popular “glamping” phenomenon with its Scenic and Savory Houseboat Excursion, to be held on Lake Mead April 29 through May 1. This exclusive, intimate experience pairs houseboating on Lake Mead’s picturesque blue waters surrounded by varicolored desert landscapes with an immersive culinary weekend presented by two of Las Vegas’ most talented chefs. Guests will be able not only to partake in boating activities, fishing, hiking and plenty of relaxation, but also indulge in the masterful epicurean experiences presented by acclaimed Chef Mark Purdy and Pastry Chef Tammy Alana from Las Vegas’ iconic restaurant, Alizé at the Top of Palms Casino Resort. For more information, contact Marina Nicola, Vox Solid Communications, mnicola@wearevoxsolid.com.

**Loco Cantina at Town Square Las Vegas**

"Mexican street eats and fiesta—where flavor and fun is a way of life." This slogan defines Las Vegas' newest Mexican drinks and dining experience, Loco Cantina. The bar and restaurant will open to the public at Town Square Las Vegas on Monday, Feb. 8. From the kitchen, guests can look forward to delicious modern Mexican street food at reasonable prices. Located on Town Square’s second floor, overlooking Town Square Park, Loco Cantina will serve lunch and dinner daily in a fun and vibrant setting. For more information, contact Marina Nicola, Vox Solid Communications, mnicola@wearevoxsolid.com.

**Station Casinos Opens New Oyster Bar at Santa Fe Station**

Station Casinos' acclaimed seafood bar concept, The Oyster Bar, has opened a new location at Santa Fe Station. The new restaurant showcases a number of the seafood specialties that have made The Oyster Bar experience so special at many of its sister restaurants, including its most well-known location where it all began 20 years ago at Palace Station. For more information, contact Lori Nelson, Station Casinos, lori.nelson@stationcasinos.com.