

*Tenth Anniversary 2010*

**THE MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERTS**

**present**

**SHIRLEY JONES**

**Saturday, August 28, 2010, 7:00 pm**

**Burton Chace Park - Marina del Rey**

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## **Shirley Jones**

**Born in Smithton, Pennsylvania, Shirley Jones was the only child born to Marjorie and Paul Jones. From an early age, Marjorie Jones recognized that her daughter had a natural gift for singing. Shirley went on to study drama at the Pittsburgh Playhouse, after which she performed with the Civic Light Opera Company. While in her teens, she was crowned Miss Pittsburgh, a title that started her on a path to a career in show business.**

**While vacationing in New York City with her parents, the 19-year-old Jones auditioned for the songwriters Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. Her wholesome appearance and well-trained soprano voice impressed the team, who cast her in a minor role in their Broadway production of *Me and Juliet*.**

**Standing out among the large cast, Jones was eventually signed to play the lead on tour.**

**The following year, with some stage experience under her belt, Jones was cast to star in Rodgers and Hammerstein's film version of *Oklahoma!* Released in 1955, the multimillion-dollar**

production met with acclaim from critics, who felt Jones was the perfect choice to play the movie's heroine. She followed the success of her film debut with the 1956 feature adaptation of *Carousel*. Opportunities continued to come her way, and she landed leading roles in the films *April Love* and *Never Steal Anything Small*, which paired her with leading man James Cagney.

In 1960, Jones shed her girl-next-door image by taking a dramatic turn in the film *Elmer Gantry*. Her performance as a jilted girlfriend turned prostitute earned her admiration and an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. For the remainder of the decade, Jones continued to work in films. She returned to her musical roots as Marian the Librarian in *The Music Man*; she took on lighter roles in the comedies *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* and *Bedtime Story*; and showed her flair for the dramatic in *The Happy Ending* and *The Cheyenne Social Club*.

In 1970, Jones made a transition to the small screen in ABC's musical sitcom *The Partridge Family*. She was cast as the

recently widowed mother of a singing family. The show was a hit, making household names of its actors and actresses – David Cassidy (Jones’ real-life stepson with Jack Cassidy), Susan Dey, and Danny Bonaduce. The cast capitalized on the show’s popularity by recording a few albums which included songs like *I Think I Love You and Doesn’t Somebody Want to Be Wanted*.

In the early 1990s, Jones focused her efforts on a successful concert career, touring the U.S. as a singer. Most recently, she continued to work in television and this year is nominated for a television Emmy as Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series, “The Cleaner.”

Jones has been married to actor Marty Ingels since 1977.

## **Please Join Us**

This is the final concert of our 2010 season.

We hope you will want to join us for our 2011 Marina del Rey Summer Concert series.

## **Special Mention**

- Yamaha is the official piano of the Marina del Rey Summer concerts.
- Technical Director for the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts is James Ciancaglini.
- Chief Sound Engineer is Martyn Claes.
- Sound, power, backline, and lighting equipment provided by Auntie M Creative Consultants.
- Tents and stages provided by AAA Rents and Events, Van Nuys, California.
- Chairs are available for rent at the concert site. Call Hornblower Café at 310-823-8400 for advance rental orders.

- Hornblower Café in the Park is open for sunset dining on concert nights, offering a varied selection of food and beverages.

## **Transportation**

We offer two methods of transportation directly to and from the concert site. The WaterBus, operating from eight locations throughout Marina del Rey, serves concert-goers exclusively on Classical Thursdays from 5 pm to midnight. On Pop Saturdays the WaterBus operates from 11 am to midnight. \$1.00 per person, each way.

You can also catch a ride on land with the free Beach Shuttle, which runs shuttle service directly to and from Chace Park on concert nights.

You can download Marina del Rey WaterBus and Beach Shuttle brochures from the Beaches and Harbors website at [marinadelrey.lacounty.gov](http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov).

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