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## **THE UNSINKABLE DEBBIE REYNOLDS RETURNS TO NORTHERN QUEST CASINO JUNE 24**

SPOKANE, Wa. (June 11) – Screen legend Debbie Reynolds, whose career has successfully embraced virtually every facet of the entertainment industry, returns to Northern Quest Casino by popular demand with a special matinee performance June 24.

**Show time in the Pend Oreille Pavilion is 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30/\$40 and are available at the Northern Quest box office at 509-481-6700 or through TicketsWest at (800) 325-7328 or [ticketswest.com](http://ticketswest.com).**

An actress, singer, dancer, comedian and Hollywood history preservationist, Reynolds burst onto the American movie scene in 1952, when dancer and actor Gene Kelly selected the 19-year-old unknown to be his partner in the now-classic movie “Singin’ in the Rain.” Previously, the El Paso, Texas native’s biggest claim to fame had been winning a Betty Hutton look-alike contest in 1948.

With “Singin’ in the Rain” as her career launching pad, Reynolds’ star quickly rose because of her versatility, especially in

big screen musicals. In 1964, she was nominated for an Academy Award as best actress for her performance in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

When Hollywood stopped making big-budget musicals in the mid-1960s, Reynolds turned her attention to stage musicals and created her first cabaret act which became the foundation for the live shows she does today.

Never one to back away from an artistic challenge, Reynolds made her Broadway debut in the 1973 revival of the musical "Irene," which earned her a Tony Award nomination. A decade later, she in her only other Broadway appearance, she replaced Lauren Bacall in the hit show "Woman of the Year."

On television, she's played everyone from Dan Connor's lunatic mother in the 1980s sitcom "Roseanne" to a recurring character in the long-running sitcom "Will & Grace."

During the height of her career in the 1950s, Reynolds' love life received as much attention as her films. In 1955, she married singer Eddie Fisher and had two children with him, actress Carrie Fisher and actor Todd Fisher. Eddie Fisher subsequently left Reynolds and married Elizabeth Taylor.

Away from the spotlight, Reynolds has become virtually obsessed with preserving Hollywood's legacy. She has amassed a collection of more than 3,000 movie posters, 4,000 costumes dating back to the silent film era and has acquired over 46,000-square-feet of famous props and film sets.

In 2002, Reynolds opened the Hollywood Motion Picture Collection near the new Kodak Theater. There, some of the most treasured pieces in her collection are on public display, including Carmen Miranda's turbans, Judy Garland's ruby slippers from *The Wizard of Oz* (1939), John Wayne's guns, and Marilyn Monroe's windswept dress.

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