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VERSATILE ENTERTAINER RITA MORENO MAKES NORTHERN QUEST CASINO DEBUT JULY 26

SPOKANE, Wa. (July 8) – Rita Moreno, the first entertainer ever to win the four most prestigious awards in show business, will make her Northern Quest Casino debut July 26 with a single performance in the Pend Oreille Pavilion.

Show time is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$45 and are available at the Northern Quest box office at 509-440-6700 or through TicketsWest at (800) 325-7328 or ticketswest.com.

Born Rosita Dolores Alverío in Puerto Rico, Moreno was 5-years-old when she moved to New York with her mother. She began her show business career at age 11 by doing voiceovers for Spanish language films. She made her Broadway debut at 13 in “Skydrift,” which attracted the attention of Hollywood producers and directors, and made her film debut with a small role in the big-screen classic “Singin’ In The Rain.”

Moreno was a rare show business triple-treat as an actress, singer and dancer. Those skills were tapped by director Robert Wise in his 1961 film adaptation of the Broadway classic “West Side Story,” for which Moreno won an Academy Award as best

supporting actress.

Ultimately, Moreno won Tony Awards for her Broadway performances in “The Ritz” and in the female version of “The Odd Couple,” Emmy Awards for performances in the television series’ “The Muppet Show” and “The Rockford Files” and a Grammy Award for her participation in the cast recording of children’s series “The Electric Company.” (It was Moreno’s voice that opened the show with the scream, “Hey, you guys!”)

Through the years, Moreno also developed a critically acclaimed cabaret act, which drew its material from her vast and varied career.

In recent years, Moreno has appeared as a guest star on a variety of television series, including “The Nanny” and on three franchises of “Law & Order” (“Criminal Intent,” “SVU” and “Trial By Jury”) and is seen regularly on the television series “Cane.”

She received a Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Bush in 2004 and last was inducted into the California Hall of Fame by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Schriver.

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