

Rancho Mirage Cultural Commission
PRESENTS
CULTURAL FESTIVAL
April 10-13, 2014



Thursday, April 10, 2014 - 5:00 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The opening event, in partnership with Palm Springs Women in Film and Television presents *“Different Shades of Lipstick ... Women Influencing Culture”*, will offer a dynamic discussion of how women in our industry have effected change in our popular culture! Seating in the Rancho Mirage Council Chamber is limited! Kindly RSVP at 760-324-4511.

Location: Rancho Mirage City Hall



ABOUT THE PANELISTS

Shari Belafonte, best known as a model who has graced over 300 magazine covers, is also a photographer, actress, host, singer, author and fashion designer.

Germaine Franco is an accomplished and respected film composer, orchestrator and musician. Her body of work includes scoring and producing music for both feature films, documentaries, song production, and TV.

Stefanie Kramer, singer, Emmy nominated actress and three time winner of the Best Actress Award from The First Americans in the Arts, is best known for her role as Sgt. DeeDee McCall in the NBC series “Hunter.”

Ruta Lee the youngest of “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” (her first film, 1954), has had an impressive career with extensive film, TV and stage credits.

Event catered by: Acqua Pazza California Bistro. Accommodations by: Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa.

Friday, April 11, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

A magical open-air event under the stars will showcase **Mariachi Los Palmeros**, a group of seven professional musicians who share a passion for the lively, extroverted sound of mariachi music – from the latest rancheras to romantic boleros. Two sets of dancers from Mexico’s Ballet Folklórico will add a special element to the performance.

Location: The River Amphitheater



Saturday, April 12, 2014 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tour the homes and studios of our local artists. A printed program available on the day of the event at City Hall will be your passport ticket, which includes a map and information on the homes and artists. This artful day kicks off at Rancho Mirage City Hall at 11 a.m. with introductory remarks and video from the participating artists.

The artists' homes will be open from noon - 5:00 p.m. The public will have a rare opportunity to have an insider's tour, engage the artists in conversations and view their homes & studios.

Artists Participating in Tour of Artists Homes/Studios:

Mario Pikus - Painter & Sculptor
Mia Luzajic - Paintings & Printmaking
Mandy Main - En Plein Air Painter
Elaine Mathews - Impressionist Landscape Painter

Artists to Exhibit at City Hall

Joe Novak - Painter
Karen & Tony Barone - Sculptures,
Paintings, Lithos

[Click here](#) to view video of three participating artists.

LOCAL ARTISTS PARTICIPATING:

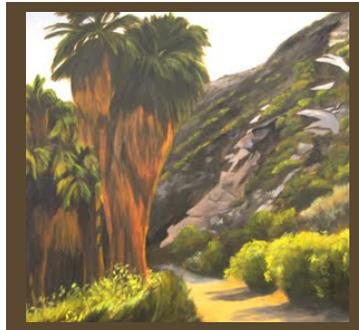
MARIO PIKUS

**EXPRESSIONIST PAINTER
& SCULPTOR**



MANDY MAIN

**LUMINOUS OIL PAINTINGS
OF THE WESTERN LANDSCAPE**



ELAINE MATHEWS

EN PLEIN AIR PAINTER



JOE NOVAK

PAINTER



KAREN & TONY BARONE

SCULPTURES, PAINTINGS & LITHOS



MIA LUZAJIC

PAINTINGS & PRINTMAKING



Emerging Young Artists –

Our artful day continues with a delightful display of fabulous and feisty art of some unbelievably talented “emerging young artists” ages 8- 10. The works of our talented young people are presented by Tools for Tomorrow, a local nonprofit serving hundreds of Coachella Valley school children after regular school hours with free, engaging, and professionally designed classes. Their paintings are simply amazing and will be on display at City Hall, Conference Room 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



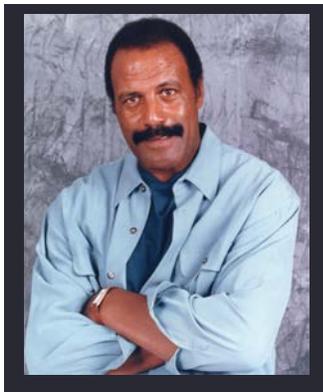
Sunday, April 13, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This closing event at Sunnylands Center & Gardens features **A CULTURAL TRIBUTE TO RANCHO MIRAGE**, honoring the city's past and present residents, which include celebrities, a president of the United States, an ambassador, and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. The evening will also include a **PATRIOTIC SALUTE TO WOUNDED WARRIORS**, hosted and emceed by actor, director, producer, and former Kansas City Chiefs all-pro defensive back FRED "The Hammer" WILLIAMSON.

ENTERTAINMENT will include Broadway singer-dancer-actress and Vietnam Veteran Michelle DellaFave, Company B (Andrew Sisters), Cathedral City High School Color Guard, Palm Springs High School Band, Palm Desert High School Chamber Singers. A celebrity mystery guest is also scheduled for the night.

This event at Sunnylands Center & Gardens is limited to residents of Rancho Mirage, and tickets will be available starting March 19th at Rancho Mirage City Hall.

No parking at Sunnylands Center & Gardens. Park at Children's Discovery Museum, shuttle provided to Sunnylands Center & Gardens.



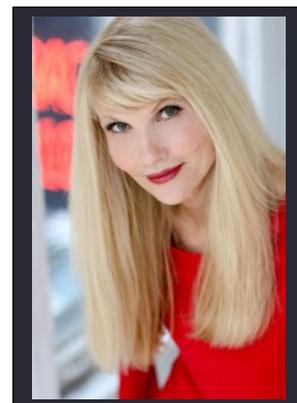
*Fred "The Hammer" Williamson
National Spokesman, Wounded Warrior Project
Host and Emcee*



*Lt. Kevin P. Schaeffer, US Navy (Retired)
to narrate his 911 experience working in
the Pentagon when his life – and those of
all Americans – changed forever.*



*Also participating in this event:
Cathedral City High School Color Guard
Palm Springs High School Band
Palm Desert High School Chamber Singers
"Celebrity Mystery Guest"*



*Singer-dancer-actress and Vietnam
Veteran **Michelle DellaFave**.
Bob Hope and DellaFave entertained
America's Armed Forces abroad and
at home.*

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