

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Monty and Marilyn Hall

Marilyn & Monty Hall, Richard Benjamin & Paula Prentiss Honored Sunday By BHTG

Two noted Beverly Hills couples—Marilyn and Monty Hall and Richard Benjamin and Paula Prentiss—are being honored by the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild at its “Sunday in the Park” luncheon at noon, Jan. 22 at the Four Seasons on Doheny Drive.

Howard Storm will emcee and winners of the nationwide Julie Harris Playwright Awards competition will be announced along with the winner of the Marilyn Hall Award for a youth-oriented play.

Remaining event tickets will be available at the door or by calling 310-271-1900.

Dancer Rosen, Singer Rita In Concert For Israel’s Save A Child’s Life

Resident and professional 14-year-old dancer Sage Rosen and Israel’s acclaimed singing star Rita will highlight the Save A Child’s Heart (SACH) benefit concert, “Symphony Of The Heart,” at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Valley Performing Arts Center on the Cal State Northridge campus, at 18111 Nordhoff St.

Rosen, who grew up in Beverly Hills and is following in the footsteps of older brother dancer and choreographer Shai Rosen, has been dancing professionally since 11 after starting at 9. He’s appeared in music videos for Sia and Usher, and in performances with Mariah Carey and Justin Bieber.

For the benefit, Rosen will be a guest artist with Keshet Chaim (Hebrew for “Colors of Life”) an American-Israeli contemporary dance company, combining modern Israeli dance with Jewish folk dance.

He first became acquainted with the group when his mother Tiffany engaged them for his bar mitzvah and he joined in with members.

To promote the benefit and cause, which Rosen and his family have grown to “love and support,” Rosen and his duet



Sage Rosen

partner have produced a promotional YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdH7VVponQw>).

Multi-platinum selling artist Rita is making a special trip to America to perform a selection of Persian, Israeli and English songs for the concert. And she promises some surprises.

She is a kind of ambassador for the organization, based in the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, Israel.

The mission of SACH is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from countries around the world where the life-saving heart surgeries they need are virtually unobtainable. SACH provides



Rita

medical care at no cost to all children, regardless of race, religion, sex, cultural preference or financial status. More than 4,500 children with congenital heart defects from more than 50 countries have been saved by SACH’s volunteer doctors and medical professionals.

“It’s an amazing organization,” says Rita. “People around the world love to talk about Israel; but it’s important to see what we really do. We’re a small country with a big heart.”

She’s visited the hospital “where you see an Israeli boy or girl next to a Syrian child.

“They take care of everyone the same,” says Rita. “And when they asked for my sup-

port, I thought ‘who am I not to help?’”

She’s headlined fundraisers in Tel Aviv and Holland for the organization that also trains medical personnel from developing countries.

The Tehran-born singer, known for her passionate love ballads, sees herself as a bridge between Israel and Iran. Her 2012 album, *All My Joys*, in Persian, went “gold” in Israel within three weeks of its release.

Rita also enjoys a built-in local fan club. After the Islamic revolution in Iran most of her family in Iran split between Israel and L.A., and she maintains close ties with her L.A. and Beverly Hills family.

Also taking part in the benefit will be the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, with Artistic Director/Conductor Noreen Green, and Grammy-winning vocalist Melissa Manchester, who will sing a mix of hits including *Through the Eyes of Love*, plus new material.

Tickets range from \$45 to \$150; and all proceeds benefit SACH. For more information and for tickets, visit symphonyoftheheartla.com, or call 818-677-3000. —Steve Simmons