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Dionne Warwick to Perform at Chinook Winds Casino

Don't "Walk on By" when Dionne Warwick brings her fantastic vocal abilities to Chinook Winds Casino on April 6 and 7.

Captivating audiences is something that she has been doing since Burt Bacharach first heard her back in 1960. While attending music college, she began doing regular session work in New York. Once composer, arranger and producer Bacharach heard her, while doing a session for The Drifters, he asked her to sing on demos of songs he was writing with new partner, Hal David. In 1962, Bacharach & David presented one such demo to Scepter Records: the label president Florence Greenberg didn't want the song but wanted the voice. Dionne began a hit-filled twelve-year association with the New York label.

During her association with Burt & Hal, they racked up thirty hit singles and close to twenty best-selling albums during their

first decade of gold. Tunes like "Do You Know The Way To San Jose," "Message To Michael," "This Girl's In Love With You," and "I'll Never Fall In Love Again" established Dionne Warwick as a consummate entertainer. Known as the artist who 'bridged the gap,' Dionne's music transcended race, culture and musical boundaries, a soulful blend of pop, gospel, and R&B. By making her debut performance at The Olympia Theater in Paris in 1963, Dionne also became the first black female pop and soul singer to achieve international stardom. As she was establishing herself as a major force in American contemporary music, she was simultaneously winning over audiences throughout Europe through early hits like "Anyone Who Had A Heart" and "Walk on By." She was the first black female performer to appear before the Queen of England at The Royal Command Performance in 1968. Since then, she has performed before numerous heads of state the world over. She became the first contemporary black female artist to popularize classic movie themes with "Alfie" and the theme from "The Valley of the Dolls," to debut in her first movie role, and to win the prestigious award for 'Best Contemporary Female Vocal Performance,' a feat only previously accomplished by one of her

She has also led the fight for AIDS Research with her various recordings and benefits to fund AIDS research, and participating in the all-star charity sing "We Are The World" and performing at "Live Dionne Warwick Aid" in 1984. The recipi-

roes, the late Ella Fitzgerald.

ent of countless awards, Dionne's status as a musical icon and humanitarian is legendary.

Don't miss your chance to see this sensational talent in person at Chinook Winds on April 6 and 7.

> The show is at 8 p.m. each night. For more information, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fred MeyerFastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX(8499).

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Entertainment Guide

Nutrition Expert on Weight Control Wednesday, March 28

Pioneering nutrition researcher Neal D. Barnard, M.D. will discuss his just-released book "Turn Off the Fat Genes: The Revolutionary Guide to Taking Charge of the Genes That Control Your Weight" at a lecture at Portland State University, Smith Memorial Center, Rm. 327-9, Parkway Commons, 1825 SW. Broadway on Wednesday, March 28, 7

Warner Pacific College **Presents Angel Street** Sat. and Sun., March 30 - April 1 and April 7 - 8

"Angel Street," characterized by Director Gary Bruner as a "Victorian psychological thriller with just the right amount of humor," will be presented March 30 - April 1 and April 7-8 in Warner Pacific College's Very Little Theatre, Performances each Friday and Saturday evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. Matinees have been scheduled for 3 p.m. April 1,7, and 8. Warner Pacific College campus is located at SE. 68th and Division. Call 503/ 517-1077.

Chinese Take-Out Saturday, March 31

"Chinese Take-Out" is an innovative and imaginative theatre production for adults, will be performed at the Deloris Winningstad Theatre located at 1111 SW. Broadway. The show varies with what the audience chooses to "takeout." Our host takes our order from a menu of Chinese food names, and then serves the order in the form of several vignettes. It is a brilliant conceptual piece, unique and fully developed. The pieces range from whimsical to bawdy. Call 503/248-0557.

Dionne Warwick to Perform at Chinook Winds Casino Friday, April 6 & Saturday, April 7

Don't "Walk on By" when Dionne Warwick brings her fantastic vocal abilities to Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City on April 6 and 7, starting at 8 p.m. each night. For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fred Meyer Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX(8499).

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