



Tickets for Elaine Paige Annenberg Theater Opening Night Concert Now Available for \$95

Special "Show Only" Tickets Exclude Private Reception Following Show

Sept. 15, 2008 (Palm Springs, California) – The Palm Springs Art Museum announced today that due to popular demand, there is now a special "show only" ticket price available for the Friday, October 24 Annenberg Theater Opening Night fundraiser, featuring musical theater superstar Elaine Paige. The concert, entitled "Michael Childers presents an Evening with Elaine Paige" will feature a full orchestra on the stage of the Annenberg Theater. Tickets for this special fundraising event are \$375, which includes entry into an exclusive private reception with Ms. Paige, but for those who want to see the show but not attend the reception, the theater has now made tickets available for \$95 on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can be purchased through the Annenberg Theater Box office at 760.325.4490 or at annenbergtheater.org.

The annual "Opening Night" fundraising event is presented by the Annenberg Theater Council (ATC) of the Palm Springs Art Museum and the presenting sponsor is Wells Fargo.

About Elaine Paige

As an actress, recording artist and producer, Elaine Paige has made a major contribution to the musical theater scene and is often called "The First Lady of British Musical Theatre." Some of her signature roles include "Eva Peron" in the original London production of *Evita*, "Grizabella" in the original London production of *Cats* (she was the first actress to perform the classic song "Memory") and "Norma Desmond" in her Broadway debut of *Sunset Boulevard*.

Previous Opening Night performers have included Brian Wilson (2007), k.d. lang (2006), Renee Olstead (2005), Lilly Tomlin (2004) and Joan Rivers (2003). This marks the first time Ms. Paige will have performed at the Annenberg Theater.

About Palm Springs Art Museum

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art Museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 17 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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