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CAROL O'SHAUGHNESSY CD RELEASE PARTY
"LUCKY" FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2006
MOSELEY'S ON THE CHARLES - 7:30 pm

A SWINGING DANCE PARTY
WITH THE NEW CD
RING-A-DING-DING! . . . THE MUSIC OF THE RAT PACK
FEATURING CAROL O'SHAUGHNESSY AND
THE TOM LAMARK ORCHESTRA!

Singer/actress/funnywoman Carol O'Shaughnessy is releasing a new CD: *Ring-a-Ding-Ding! . . . The Music of the Rat Pack* on Friday, January 13, 2006. A special **Swinging Dance Party with Carol O'Shaughnessy and the Tom LaMark Orchestra** will be held in sync with the release on Friday, January 13 at 7:30 pm at Moseley's On The Charles [50 Bridge Street, Route 109, Dedham, MA]. Doors open at 7:30. Reservations at \$22.00 each [limited seating] are available in advance by calling **617-325-8666**; cash and checks will buy tickets at the door, if available. For Moseley's on the Charles information, call: **781-326-3075**.

Ring a-Ding-Ding! . . . The Music of the Rat Pack features a rip-roaring romp of the wonderful music introduced by the late "Rat Pack" greats Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. Celebrated songs like "One For My Baby," "Chicago," "That's Life," and "Once In A Lifetime," all classics from the mid-Twentieth Century "show-biz" era distinguish this recording. The musical concept for this CD was born from Carol's highly successful one-woman show of the same title. Furthering the ring-a-ding-ding concept, Carol is scheduled to perform a two week run of new musical for two weeks beginning May 10, 2006. Entitled fully **Ring A Ding Ding, A New Musical by Jack Neary**, this Broadway-style show was written by Lowell-based playwright Neary especially for Carol! The musical will be presented at the historic Firehouse Theatre in scenic Newburyport, Massachusetts.

One of Boston's star entertainers for over twenty years, Carol has earned the title of "Boston's First Lady of Cabaret" through her highly praised appearances in premier venues such as New York City's Town Hall and Boston concert settings and hot spots such as Jordan Hall, the Regattabar, The Copley Plaza, The Theater Lobby and Scullers Jazz Club. Her one-woman shows entitled **"Stuff In The Box . . . Provincetown, The Early Years"** and **"Ring-a-Ding-Ding! . . . The Music of the Rat Pack"** were named two of the "Top 10 Best Cabaret Shows" in 2002 and 2003. Both received rave reviews. Carol was also nominated by the Independent Reviewers of New England as "Best Female Cabaret Entertainer of 2004."

O'Shaughnessy has received critical acclaim for her other rousing one-woman shows entitled ***A Talent To Amuse: The Music of Judy Garland*** and ***Just For Laughs***. Working in one-woman vignettes such as her now famous "Mamma Scugliachi," a humorous Italian character she first added to her shows in 1978, she also won accolades such as Provincetown's Hall of Fame Award, The Entertainer of the Year Award, the Pride Lights Bridge Builder Award and numerous other honors over the years. But the ultimate praise came from comedienne Joan Rivers with whom she shared a bill at the North Shore Music Theatre in 1991. After her set, Joan had exclaimed, [Carol is] "the best singer in her price range!"

As a member of Actor's Equity New England, Carol has played "Matron Mama Morton" in the Worcester Foothills Theatre productions of *Chicago*, directed by Susan Streeter. She has also played Fraulein Schneider in *Cabaret* and Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* but she is probably best known locally for her portrayal of "Reverend Mother" in numerous productions of *Nunsense*. She has also not only performed alongside comedienne Joan Rivers but opened for comic David Brenner as well. These roles and appearances demonstrate the comedic sense and theatrical depth focused within her performances. It has been said that Ms. "O" is in fact, "a delightful mixture of Ethel Merman and Bette Midler, with a dash of Donna Reed!"

Carol has traveled the world as a highly in-demand cruise ship entertainer as well. In fact, she has performed on more than 35 cruises--heading to many ports in the Caribbean, to New Orleans and Key West, to various points in South America, to Alaska, to Florence, Rome, Monaco, Athens, Israel, Istanbul, Nice and an assortment of other Mediterranean destinations. Carol is already signed up and "on board" to perform on yet another great cruise this coming summer of 2006. This trip will head to the exotic and historic cities of Budapest, Vienna and Prague. Carol's remarkable "life on a boat" has given her the amazing opportunity of singing "New York, New York" and "Let Me Entertain You" . . . in, of all places, the Holy Land! As well, she has had the unforgettable and more reverent experience of singing "Ave Maria" in the ancient temple at Ephesus, where Carol is quick to note that the acoustics in that remarkable setting are absolutely pristine.

O'Shaughnessy has two previous releases, ***The Way I See It*** which features a collection of songs from the classic American Songbook and Broadway and ***Live At Scullers*** [2001] which showcases Carol's dynamic acting and singing abilities. Each received rave reviews.

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