

SIN CITY RINGS IN 2006

Sizzling Celebs Offer Las Vegas a World of Holiday Entertainment Options

The holidays are always a time when Las Vegas' show rooms, nightclubs and theaters pull out all the stops, making for incredibly memorable experiences. And this 2005 holiday season will be no different.

When it comes to comedy, these days it just doesn't get any bigger or better than the hysterical musings of **Jerry Seinfeld**. Returning to the Colosseum at Caesars Palace after his triumphant run last year and hot off of receiving The Comedian—the first-ever legacy award presented at this year's inaugural TCF (The Comedy Festival) at Caesars Palace and the Flamingo in November—Mr. Seinfeld will amuse the crowd with his special kind of “observational humor” on December 26th and 27th.

A few nights later, Grammy Award-winning DJ **Paul van Dyk** will be burning up the decks on December 30th at Ice, while back at Caesars Palace the following night, media darling and fashion designer **Nicky Hilton** will be counting down to the New Year with boyfriend **Kevin Connolly** (of HBO's hit series *Entourage*) at Pure, which was recently voted the number-one nightclub in the country by E! Entertainment. And speaking of countdowns, the lovely Miss **Shannon Elizabeth** will be handling the honors over at Tangerine at TI.

Meanwhile, on the hip-hop tip, **Kanye West**, that platinum artist who—singing over the amazing Dame Shirley Bassey as she belts out her iconic Bond classic “Diamonds Are Forever”—tells us to “feel the magic of Vegas on acid seen through Yves St. Laurent glasses,” comes to the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts



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for a New Year's Eve date on his Touch the Sky Tour with a special guest. I doubt it'll be Bassey, but it might just be **Jamie Foxx** (à la Ray Charles), who duets with West on his hit single “Gold Digger.” But as the saying goes, “You've gotta be in it to win it,” so if you're curious, get a ticket!

Moving down the street (and the radio dial), one comes to the House of Blues at Mandalay Bay and rock 'n' rollers the **Goo Goo Dolls**—perhaps best known for their riveting ballad “Iris” (which is far and away the only redeeming feature of the Meg Ryan/Nic Cage schmaltz-fest *City of Angels*). The Goos are actually responsible for more hits than one might at first recall and are an excellent live act, making this yet another fantastic choice with which to ring in the New Year. Last, but not least, the triple threat of **Cheap Trick**, the **Gin Blossoms** and the **Spin Doctors** will be sharing the bill at downtown Las Vegas' New Year's Eve Street Bash at the Fremont Street Experience.

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