

Hellooooooo.....Carol



Singing for the arts: Carol Channing and her husband will visit CSUEB Oct. 8 for fundraising event.

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On Oct. 8, Tony Award winning actress Carol Channing and her husband, Harry Kullijian, will be on campus to promote the support of arts education.

Channing will speak at a supporters' dinner in the New

University Union and will teach a master class and perform at the University Theatre the following night.

Money from regularly priced tickets will go to the CSUEB Dance and Theatre Scholarship Fund.

"She put her earnings from the last two years into establishing the scholarships," said Kullijian.

Channing took a few minutes to talk with the Pioneer this week

as she prepares for her visit to the Hayward campus.

Channing told The Pioneer how she first got involved with stage performance.

At the age of seven, she was nominated to be student council secretary at Commodore School in San Francisco.

"I was in the fourth grade," she said. "I did not have a speech prepared, so I impersonated the principal, Miss Bernard."

"I spoke in her voice and said 'you all should vote for Carol,'" said Channing. "All the kids laughed and Miss Bernard laughed. I didn't know why they laughed, but I kept on doing it."

Channing believes that students as well as teachers should be praised for what they do.

She said that when she was in grade school, a teacher put up one of her paintings in class.

"I was so happy. I said 'would you look at that,'" said Channing. "It's a thrill far greater than sex or drugs."



Channing and Kullijian encourage art from kindergarten all the way through the college level. "We need art to fertilize the brain," said Channing.

The couple will be visiting 22 of the 23 CSU campuses including San Jose State, CSU San Bernardino, and Cal State Northridge.

Information on tickets for the supporters' dinner and performances are available at: <http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre>.

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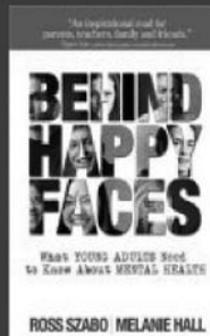
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