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Shirley Jones coming to Bucks County Playhouse



One of the greats: Shirley Jones will be inducted into the Bucks County Playhouse Hall of Fame.

Shirley Jones will be inducted into the Bucks County Playhouse Hall of Fame during the Playhouse's third Oscar Hammerstein Festival, April 22-23.

The induction is part of a benefit concert on April 22 at 8 p.m. entitled Hammerstein in Hollywood, which features current Broadway talent saluting Oscar Hammerstein's achievements in film and television. The Playhouse is at 70 S. Main St. in New Hope.

"What better way to honor both Hammerstein's contributions to Hollywood, and the incredible film adaptations of some of his most popular musicals, than welcoming Oscar winner Shirley Jones into our Bucks County Playhouse Hall of Fame," said Alexander Fraser, a Playhouse producer. "Shirley Jones spent significant time in Bucks County working with Oscar Hammerstein at Highland Farm, and again with her husband, Jack Cassidy, when he performed at the Playhouse in 1957. She is an exceptional connection to Oscar Hammerstein and his extraordinary musical legacy."

Jones will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during the benefit concert, created and hosted by the Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization's Ted Chapin, with direction by Josh Rhodes and musical direction by Grammy nominee David Dabbon.

Jones will chat about her experience working on two Rodgers and Hammerstein classic films (Oklahoma and Carousel) as well as take questions from the audience about her career in stage, theater and film. The benefit concert also will feature performances by a cast of Broadway singers. Jones has starred in over 30 motion pictures, including The Music Man.

At the age of 25, she received an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in Elmer Gantry. She gained fame with a new generation as the star of the musical sitcom The Partridge Family. In 2004, Jones made a return to Broadway opposite her son, Patrick Cassidy, in the revival of 42nd Street. Ticket prices cost \$45 to \$150 for the Saturday evening benefit. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit buckscountyplayhouse.org or call 215-862-2121.