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### **American Bandstand and the Ink Spots Bring Excitement to the Salute to Seniors**

**Denver, Co.** *American Bandstand* is coming to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Seniors bringing rock 'n' roll music just as it did to millions of households from 1957 to 1987. It showed Americans how to do the latest dance steps with host Dick Clark as "America's Oldest Teenager". Winners of the *American Bandstand* dance contests, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, will be announced hourly.

The Salute to Seniors will be on May 14, 2008 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Colorado Convention Center, Denver. More than 130 vendors will display products and services to help make the life of an older adult and their family easier.

With over 80 hit records and numerous million sellers, the Salute to Seniors audience will return again to hear the Ink Spots on the main stage at 10:00 am and again at 1:00 pm. The theme song "If I Didn't Care" which sold more than 19 million copies in the 1950s and 60s is guaranteed to bring you to your feet. Over the years, the unique style, sound and elegant stage presence, the Ink Spots legendary hits included: "It's A Sin To Tell A Lie", "My Prayer", "Whispering Grass", and "For Sentimental Reasons".

Lifesavers candy and Bazooka Bubble Gum became popular past times, as well as watching television commercials that were innocent and funny.

With ties to The Ink Spots, the Purnell SteinTrio featuring Charles Burrell, Sr, Todd Reid and Purnell Steen, will perform their legendary hits. Set in a 50s theme, small stage performances include authentic singer, fiddler and vocalist Loretta Thompson with memorable songs and exciting tunes. Other acts include the sixteen members of the Dancin' Divas, a Chapter of the Red Hat Society, who have a compassion for dancing before crowds of all sizes. Influenced by the folk music revolution of the 60s led by Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary and the Kingston, Francis Buckingham performs on the autoharp with his collection of favorite sing-a-long oldies from the radio days.

While using a state-of-the art VocoPro, Eddie Kirsch helps everyone enjoy singing as one of life's greatest pleasures, specializing in tunes of the 40s, 50s and 60s. Stellarforce Productions proudly presents Joseph and Nicholas on the guitar in concert. And last, but not least, Don France, Wells Music will play familiar tunes on the organ.

Hundreds of prizes will be given away during the day from the vendors. Play Old Fashioned Bingo and win \$20 gift certificates from Denny's Restaurant, fishing accessories from Sportsman Warehouse, and lighted holiday ornaments. Grand prize of the day is a three-day cruise with airfare sponsored by QueensLander Tours.

Dare to Care is the theme of an educational program led by Judy Totsch, RN, Kaiser Permanente at 9:30 am.

Enjoy the ambience of a 50s luncheon at the Colorado Convention Center. To eliminate the parking hassle, park free at Pepsi Center and ride the shuttle to the Convention Center.

Gather your friends and join your neighbors at the Salute to Seniors sponsored by the Colorado Gerontological Society. With an audience of more than 2200 seniors every year, you and your friends will want to be part of the fun, laughter, and memories. Cost is \$5 each for a group of ten or more. Individual tickets are \$7 for the first ticket and \$3.50 for the second ticket. For more information call 303-333-3482 or [www.senioranswers.org](http://www.senioranswers.org)

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