



## Monty Python's SPAMALOT Opens at Wynn Las Vegas Starring John O'Hurley as King Arthur!

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**Preview Performances Begin March 8th Opening Night Is March 31st TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

LAS VEGAS, Jan 12, 2007 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- 1969 is remembered as the year that man walked on the moon; Elvis Presley took up residency in Las Vegas; and Monty Python's Flying Circus first aired on BBC television.

2007 will go down in the history books as the year that the inspired lunacy of Monty Python came to The Grail Theater at Wynn Las Vegas with the smash hit show Monty Python's SPAMALOT.

With SPAMALOT, Eric Idle has created a deliriously funny live spectacle which tells the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and their quest for the Holy Grail. The show features lusty maidens, dancing divas, a killer rabbit and the only legless knight appearing on the Las Vegas Strip.

Monty Python's SPAMALOT will star John O'Hurley, best known as J. Peterman on Seinfeld. O'Hurley was the ultimate champion on season one of Dancing with the Stars and is the new face of Family Feud. O'Hurley, who has worked on stage throughout his career, starred on Broadway in Chicago, as Billy Flynn.

Monty Python's SPAMALOT is written by Eric Idle and is lovingly ripped off from the motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin. SPAMALOT features lyrics and a Grammy Award-winning score by Eric Idle and long-time Python collaborator John Du Prez. The show is directed by Oscar and Tony Award-winning legend Mike Nichols.

Mike Nichols has been acclaimed as one of the great American directors in film, theater and television. His best known movies include Closer, Primary Colors, The Birdcage, Working Girl, Silkwood, Carnal Knowledge and The Graduate.

On the announcement that SPAMALOT was opening at Wynn, Eric Idle commented, "I love Las Vegas. It will be wonderful when it's finished." Steve Wynn added that he was pleased to announce "that the search for The Holy Grail has finally ended at Wynn Las Vegas. This achievement is in no small part due to the relentless energies and psychotic obsession of Eric Idle and Mike Nichols. The world owes these two a great debt of gratitude and prompt payment of their Medicare checks!"

Aside from his work with Monty Python in films and on TV, Eric Idle has written a West End play, Pass the Butler; three novels, including The Road to Mars, The Rutles - A Mockumentary; and many songs too rude to mention. He has sung opera, acted in movies, appeared on television and crossed America performing comedy on The Greedy Bastard Tour. His diary of his 15,000 mile journey by bus was published by Harper Collins. There's no saying what he might do next...

John Du Prez has composed over 20 feature film scores including A Fish Called Wanda, A Private Function, The Meaning of Life, Personal Services, UHF, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles I, II & III. He has worked with Eric Idle since 1978.

With choreography by Casey Nicholaw, Monty Python's SPAMALOT features sets and costumes by Tony Award-winner Tim Hatley, lighting design is by Hugh Vanstone and sound design is by ACME Sound Partners. Others on the creative and production teams include David Brian Brown (Hair & Wig Design), Gregory Meeh (Special Effects Design), Elaine McCarthy (Projection Design), Joseph A. Campayno (Make-Up Design), Larry Hochman (Orchestrations), Glen Kelly (Music Arrangements), Todd Ellison (Music Supervision and Vocal Arrangements), Peter Lawrence (Associate Director), Tara Rubin (Casting), and Gene O'Donovan (Production Manager).

Monty Python's SPAMALOT has been honored with dozens of awards, including the Grammy Award for Best Original Cast Recording and three Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The production has been proclaimed the World's Funniest Show by audiences and critics around the world...

The Sunday Times (London) says SPAMALOT "raises silliness to an art form -- glorious, irresistible silliness."

Joel Siegel of WABC-TV and Good Morning America said "I LOVED EVERY MINUTE! They're going to have to reupholster the seats at the theatre once a week, that's how hard you'll be laughing."

The Independent (London) worried that "I felt I might actually die of laughter."

The original cast recording of Monty Python's SPAMALOT is available on Decca Broadway.

In case you've been living under a giant foot for the past 40 years, Monty Python isn't a person, but a group of British actors and writers (and one American) that performed their famous comedy show Monty Python's Flying Circus on BBC television from 1969 to 1974, with subsequent fame and success. Changing comedy forever, a series of hugely popular motion pictures and live tours made Monty Python and their members into international superstars.

Tickets for Monty Python's SPAMALOT will go on sale on Tuesday, January 16. A priority booking period for groups of 10 or more begins January 8.

TICKET PRICES:

\*\$99, \$89, \$69, \$49

All preview performances (March 8 - 30) will be discounted 25 percent. All ticket prices include local entertainment tax.

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

Thurs 03/08/07 8pm

Fri	03/09/07	9pm
Sat	03/10/07	7pm
Sun	03/11/07	8pm
Mon	03/12/07	8pm
Tues	03/13/07	7pm & 10pm
Wed	03/14/07	8pm
Thurs	03/15/07	DARK
Fri	03/16/07	7pm & 10pm
Sat	03/17/07	7pm
Sun	03/18/07	8pm
Mon	03/19/07	8pm
Tues	03/20/07	7pm & 10pm
Wed	03/21/07	8pm
Thurs	03/22/07	DARK
Fri	03/23/07	7pm & 10pm
Sat	03/24/07	7pm
Sun	03/25/07	8pm
Mon	03/26/07	DARK
Tues	03/27/07	7pm & 10pm
Wed	03/28/07	8pm
Thurs	03/29/07	8pm
Fri	03/30/07	8pm
Sat	03/31/07	8pm OPENING NIGHT

REGULAR PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE BEGINS APRIL 1, 2007:

Sunday	8pm
Monday	8pm
Tuesday	7pm & 10pm
Wednesday	8pm
Thursday	DARK
Friday	7pm & 10pm
Saturday	7pm & 10pm

TO RESERVE TICKETS:

By phone: 888 320 7110 or 702 770 WYNN  
 Online: [www.montypythonsspamalot.com](http://www.montypythonsspamalot.com) or [www.wynnlasvegas.com](http://www.wynnlasvegas.com)  
 In person: At Wynn Las Vegas

Groups of 10 or more persons may contact 702 770 3720 or [showsales@wynnlasvegas.com](mailto:showsales@wynnlasvegas.com).

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