



## **William “Barrie” Cunningham**

bio

### **PRODUCER, ENTERTAINER, SINGER, TRIBUTE ARTIST, MUSICIAN AND THEATRE OPERATOR.**

Barrie has spent most of his life entertaining in clubs, lounges, showrooms, concert halls, performing arts theatres and on cruise ships around the world. He performs as a solo act or with full accompaniment. He began performing in coffeehouses singing folk music when he was 15 in California, Maryland, Florida and New York. He later made his mark in Southern California with the popular rock-a-billy group Black Slacks. He has received several awards including Entertainer of the Year-San Diego, California and Vacation Hero-Norwegian Cruise Lines. He was a principal artist in a show voted Show of the Year in Reno, NV for 3 years. In 2008, he performed a concert for the opening of the new American Embassy at the historic Brandenburg Gate-Berlin, Germany. He has also performed for The National Governor’s Convention in Biloxi, MS and for many large corporate events (See Notables below).

Since 1991, Barrie has entertained more than 3 million show-goers. He performs in theatres, main casino showrooms, at major corporate events, festivals, fairs and aboard cruise ships. Although best known for his live performances, he is also a recording artist with several releases. Barrie performs original material as well as songs composed by other artists. Barrie also has extensive experience in entertainment booking, marketing, production and showroom/theatre operations. Barrie operated several full production theatres and showrooms in Branson, MO, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Laughlin, NV. Barrie is experienced in sound, stage, and lighting production.

Barrie is probably best known for his incredible tributes to the legendary Neil Diamond and Jimmy Buffett. Barrie performs these tributes in main showrooms and theatres around the world including Japan, Russia, Germany, Hawaii, Canada, Australia and Europe. He has been the main Diamond and only Buffett tribute artist for Legends in Concert, American Superstars, Superstars Live in Concert and Stars in Concert (Germany) since 1991. He produces and stars in his own productions Hot August Nights-The Ultimate Tribute to Neil Diamond and Adventures in ParrotDise-The Ultimate Tribute to Jimmy Buffett featuring actual Jimmy Buffett Coral Reefer Band members and alumni. His tributes to Diamond and Buffett were the first tributes to have a residency in a main showroom in a major Las Vegas Casino.

In addition to the above productions, Barrie produces other shows including Superstars of Country, Superstars Live in Concert, “with love, E”-Elvis, IDOLIZED-former finalists from

American Idol and several others. Barrie also works for Legends in Concert and TAD Management.

From 2010-2012, Barrie produced shows at Superstars Live Theatre and The ICON Theatre-Branson which featured Superstars of Country, The Rat Pack, The World-Famous Platters, The Original Comets, Chubby Checker, Jukebox Journey, Liverpool Legends, The Lennon Morning Show and a rotating cast of music Icons from the 60's and more.

**Recent engagements include:** Bally's-Atlantic City-Summer 2012, Norwegian Cruise Lines-EPIC-Oct 2012-May 2013, The Gateway Playhouse-Bellport, NY-July 2013, Foxwoods Resort Hotel Casino Ledyard, Connecticut-July 23-Sept 1, 2013, Norwegian Cruise Lines-EPIC-Oct 2014-May 2015, 4 Seasons-Punta Mita, Mexico, Corporate for Adobe-May 2015, Fallsview Casino-Niagara Falls, Ontario-Oct 2015, Gateway Playhouse-Bellport, NY-Nov 2015, Fireside Theatre-Ft. Atkinson, WI-Jan-Feb 2016, Pearl River Resort-Chocktaw, MS-May 2016, Hondah Casino-Pinetop, AZ Aug 2016, Desertview PAC-Tucson, AZ-Jan 2017, Mesa Spirit RV Resort-Mesa, AZ-Jan 2017, Cottonwood CC-Sun Lakes, AZ-Jan 2017, Prescott Elks Theatre-Prescott, AZ-Jan 2017, Palmbrook CC-Sun City, AZ-Jan 2017, Sundance RV Resort-Sun Lakes, AZ-Feb 2017, Viewpoint RV Resort-Mesa, AZ-Feb 2017, AZ Broadway Theatre-Peoria, AZ-Feb 2017. Ritz Carlton-Kapalua Maui, Corporate for Motorola-May 21-15, 2017, Hard Rock Resort-Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Corporate for Scenzzy-June 13, 2017, Legends in Concert Theatre-Myrtle Beach, SC-May 21-Sept 1, 2018, Tour of SW Florida-Venice/Fort Myers Area-Jan 2019, Legends in Concert-Crown Entertainment Complex-Melbourne, Australia Jan 9-26, 2020, **COVID-19 - ALL SHOWS CANCELLED - Feb 1-Dec 31, 2020**, Legends in Concert Theatre-Foley, AL-June 5-Sept 5, 2021, E. Sierra Fairgrounds-Bishop, CA-Oct 22, 2021, Arizona State Fair-Phoenix, Arizona-Oct 24, 2021, Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI-Jan 20-23, 2022, Arizona Tour Various Cities-Jan 31-Feb 4, 2022, The Polo Club, Indio, CA-May 27, 2022, Starbright Theatre, Las Vegas, NV-May 28, 2022, Corta Bella Country Club, Sun City West, AZ-Oct 16, 2022.

**Notable Corporate Shows:**

ADOBE – 4 Seasons Punta Mita, Mexico

MOTOROLA – Ritz Carlton Kapalua Maui, Hawaii

SCENZZY – Hard Rock Resort Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

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