

Under Review

Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens: Italian Cuisine at its finest

By Christian Pollock

Looming large next to the neon-encrusted Liberace Museum stands Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens. It's a place for huge portions, low prices and classic Vegas dice. Designed and owned by the king of all things that sparkle, Carluccio's was left just as Liberace wanted it: glamorous.

Take a seat at the famous bar Liberace imported from England and explore this gem of Vegas history.



The main private dining room contains Liberace's mirror dining piano and the lyrics and notes to his signature song - "I'll Be Seeing You" - are etched in gold around the room.

The bar itself is fashioned after Liberace's piano, complete with ivory and ebony keys on the bar top. Where else in Vegas will you find an entire bar in the shape of a giant glass piano? This is just one of the unique attributes of this truly special establishment recalling Vintage Vegas, when good food was cheap and people dressed up to dine.

Traditional Italian fare sets the stage and the performance deserves applause. Sip an Italian mar-



garita while perusing the dinner menu, featuring tempting veal, chicken and seafood dishes. Only the best available veal is served

at one heck of a price: \$14.99! Indulge in chicken Florentine, veal parmigiana or steamed clams while you enjoy a palate-pleasing selection off the reasonable wine list. A warning to light eaters: Before you get your entrée, you have soup or salad coming along with a side of pasta. If you choose baked lasagna, be patient! Carluccio's doesn't cut any corners and microwave is a dirty word.

Do you believe in ghosts? Rumor has it, Liberace has some unfinished business at Carluccio's. Documented by photos and audio recordings, not to mention eye-witness accounts of strange happenings, Liberace's ghost is making headlines, most recently on "The Mental Williams Show."

With two private rooms and a sizeable main dining room, Carluccio's is perfect for banquets or special events. Each private room seats from 20 to 55. Carluccio's, at 1775 E. Tropicana Ave., is only three minutes from McCarran International Airport and five minutes from the Strip. Call 702-795-3236 for reservations.

So whether you're banishing for great Italian food at a reasonable price, looking to quench your thirst at a classic bar or seeking another type of

"spirit," come to Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens. It's grandma's cooking without the guilt of having to finish everything. Buon appetito!



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The Liberace Museum

For 40 years, Liberace transported audiences with popular music based in his classical training. His glittering costumes and humor made him an early TV star, and his legend lives on at the Liberace Museum. Liberace opened the museum on April 15, 1979, to share his collections with the world and to support his mission of helping talented students pursue careers in the performing and creative arts. The Liberace Foundation has awarded over \$5 million in scholarships to almost 2,500 students at over 110 colleges and universities.



We Winters

New tribute show debuts at Liberace Museum

The Liberace Museum in Las Vegas has debuted its newest version of "A Musical Tribute to Liberace: On With the Show," starring pianist We Winters. Live piano performances are presented to guests three days each week in the new We Winters Showroom, marking the beginning of the fourth season that Winters has headlined the tribute show.

The hour-long tribute, conceived, written and produced by Winters, is performed on one of Liberace's

dazzling rhapsodic pianos, complete with a chandeliers. Winters plays Liberace's signature songs, which the late performer played for millions during his 40-year career. Included are "Saba Dance," "Tiger Rag," "Beer Barrel Polka," "I'll Be Seeing You," a Gershwin medley, "Carioca," "Bumble Boogie," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Just in Love," "Time to Say Goodbye" and "Mama."

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