

It's her party and she'll rock if she wants to

BY LYNN A. CHORNE
Staff Writer

Much to her surprise, Lesley Gore's still going strong after four decades in the music business. The difference between now and the 1960s is all in her perspective. At age 36 she was living every teenager's dream as her first hit song, *It's My Party*, soared to the top of the charts. Today, at 50-something, she's less impressed with success and more interested in rocking her audience.

On Saturday, March 29, Gore headlines the American Golden Music Spectacular Concert at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Sonny Geraci, Randy and the Rainbows, Kathy Young, and Earl Lewis & The Channels fill the list of the bill.

"When I recorded 40 years ago I didn't expect these songs to still be played," said Gore in a phone interview from her home in New York City. "And I never thought that after 40 years I'd be getting up in front of an audience. I didn't think my music

AMERICAN GOLDEN MUSIC SPECTACULAR

What: A concert featuring golden oldies by Lesley Gore, Sonny Geraci, Earl Lewis & The Channels, Kathy Young, and Randy & the Rainbows

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29

Where: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15901 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn

Tickets: \$35, \$45, call (313) 943-2354



Gore

was helping the world back then. I have a different opinion now of what I do.

"Now when I meet

people I realize it's some

kind of connection to a time

that was more innocent. It

zaps people back. It's a wonder-

ful energy. It's important

especially during these trying

times to make people happy."

There's no doubt Gore's

career is a long way from singing

in the junior high school choir

in Englewood, New Jersey. She credits part of her success to Quincy Jones who discovered her. Hit songs like *Judy's Turn to Cry* (Mercury Records) kept the public asking for more. She gave them one of the first feminist songs *You Don't Own Me*, her favorite.

SWITCHING GEARS

In later years her popularity seemed to dwindle but hadn't Gore simply switched gears. She went on to entertain audiences in musicals and dramas on stage, and in TV series like *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Donna Reed Show*, and

Matman, playing cat woman's sidekick.

All the while she continued to write songs. She earned an Oscar nomination for co-writing *Out Here on My Own* for the film *Fame* with her brother Michael Gore. Current projects include composing music for a pop album - and performing. Gore spends 50-60 days on the road a year.

So what keeps her going? When Gore's music director is checking out the sound system in Dearborn in the afternoon, she'll be heading to the gym for 45 minutes on the treadmill. When she plays a city that doesn't have a health club she runs around town. Other wise Gore says she's not able to do her 45-minute show.

"In winter most of the audiences are really bouncers," said Gore. "In summer families bring kids, grandparents. It's interesting to see these young kids sing these songs."

"I'm excited about doing the show in Michigan. We're going to rock your socks off."

lchorn@24h.com
(313) 953-7145

THEATRE

FROM PAGE B1

McCann, who volunteers at the Redford Theatre, knows in detail how theaters used to operate. He worked as an usher and chief of service at Detroit's former Michigan Theatre in the '40s, during the heyday of theater-going.

"Running up and down the aisles, your legs get a little tired," says McCann. "Back then, going to the movies was a big night out."

Times have changed for sure, says McCann. Different is the movie-

going public's attitude and the atmosphere of theater auditoriums. But because of the efforts of people like McCann, the Redford Theatre represents and captures some of the past. The theater not only has been showing films for 75 years but also has undergone almost full interior restoration.

To commemorate the venue's anniversary and showcase the restoration progress, a celebration featuring silent film and live performances is slated Saturday, April 5.

"They're going to take patrons through the history of the theater year by year," explains McCann, a member of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, which runs the venue.

Performers include Michigan Opera Theatre singers, the Redford Harmony Club barbershop quartet and Tony O'Brien on the theater's original organ. Old show programs and tickets issued for such movies as

Singin' in the Rain and *National Velvet*, as well as other memorabilia, will be on view in the lobby.

John Skelly, a theater volunteer from Livonia, is in charge of such artifacts and currently is organizing and cataloguing them.

"It's a touch of the past," said Skelly, 41. "These things and the theater are from a bygone era that's not coming back."

That may be true, but the theater's 1,575-seat auditorium now has the power to transport visitors back in time. Done in the Oriental style, the theater seems to be an entrance into a Pajama complete with golden gates, original painted landscapes and stenciled warriors. The domed ceiling is painted a deep midnight blue like the sky. Light projected on to the surface creates moving clouds.

"If you would have seen it in 1928," says McCann, "this wall was all gray, painted to look like gray blocks."

The organ, which is in its original location, is now regularly used, a half hour before each film screening and during intermission.

And although the auditorium's seats are reproductions, there are plenty of original details, including the exit signs, to admire.

"The ambience, the warmth," remarks McCann. "It just takes you back in time."

The Redford Theatre is always looking for assistance. Donations can be sent to the box office, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, Mich. 48219. To volunteer your time, request an application, call (313) 537-2560.

matt@redfordtheatre.org (313) 928-2567

ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS
TOMMY LEE JONES
BENICIO DEL TORO

ROGER EBERT, ALBERT & ROSEBER
"THUMBS UP!"

AMC 118 COOL NEWS.COM
TOMMY LEE JONES - I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS IN A FILM
HE'S ABSOLUTELY CAPTIVATING TO WATCH

HUNTED
SOME MEN MUST BE FOUND

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20
AMC WONDERLAND	BEACON EAST	BIRMINGHAM PALLADIUM
MIR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CTR. 8	SHOWCASE DEARBORN
SHOWCASE PORTAGE	SHOWCASE STERLING HTS.	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR FAIRLANE 21	STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R	STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR ROCHESTER
STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM

THE BEST POOH FILM YET!
A gentle, heart-warming celebration that no Pooh fan should miss.

Piglet's BIG MOVIE
"a honey pot of a film!"
"Big, big fun!"

Disney.com/piglet

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LIVONIA 20	MIR SOUTHGATE 20
NOVI TOWN CENTER 8	PHOENIX AT 8th & E	SHOWCASE DEARBORN
SHOWCASE EASTLAND	SHOWCASE WESTLAND	STAR FAIRLANE
STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MI	SEE IT NOW!	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R AT 14 MI	STAR ROCHESTER HILLS	STAR SOUTHFIELD
STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM	UPTOWN PALLADIUM 12

NO PASS & OR DISCOUNT COUPONS ACCEPTED
CHECK NEWSPAPER DIRECTOR'S FOR SHOWTIMES

PHENOMENAL!
A first-rate edge-of-your-seat thriller loaded with suspense, white-knuck action and creepy excitement.
Shores Edwards, 10A-TV

"EVERY BIT THE GENIUS YOU WOULD EXPECT"
Mark Edwards, 10A-TV

"DREAMCATCHER LEAVES A HAUNTING SENSE OF CREEPY TERROR"
Susan George, 10A-TV

"HAUNTING!"
Mark Edwards, 10A-TV

TERRIFYING SUSPENSEFUL!
Jeffrey M. Hays, 10A-TV

"STYLISH SCARY AND SUPERBLY ACTED"
Julie Chesnut, 10A-TV

"A RIVETING CLASSIC"
Michael Kline, 10A-TV

DREAMCATCHER

ALSO PLAYING
FINAL FIGHT OF THE GOZIRIS

AMC FORUM 30	NOW SHOWING	AMC LAUREL PARK
AMC LIVONIA 20	AMC WONDERLAND	BEACON EAST
BIRMINGHAM PALLADIUM	CANTON 6	MIR SOUTHGATE 20
NOVI TOWN CTR. 8	PHOENIX AT 8th & E	SHOWCASE DEARBORN
SHOWCASE PORTAGE	SHOWCASE STERLING HTS.	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR FAIRLANE 21	STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R	STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR ROCHESTER
STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM

For More Information About This Movie
Search Online: www.dreamcatcher-movie.com

"A THRILLER THAT WILL GRAB YOU FROM START TO FINISH"

INITIALLY MISFIRING
IT'S A...
TRAVOLTA'S BEST PERFORMANCE IN YEARS

TRAVOLTA, NIELSEN, JACKSON
BASIC

STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 28 AT THEATERS EVERYWHERE

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20
AMC WONDERLAND	BEACON EAST	BIRMINGHAM PALLADIUM
MIR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CTR. 8	SHOWCASE DEARBORN
SHOWCASE PORTAGE	SHOWCASE STERLING HTS.	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR FAIRLANE 21	STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R	STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR ROCHESTER
STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM

Visit Showtimes.SonyPictures.com

THE ONLY WAY OUT IS IN

THE CORE

TruCoreMovie.com

STARTS FRIDAY!

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20
AMC WONDERLAND	BEACON EAST	BIRMINGHAM PALLADIUM
MIR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CTR. 8	SHOWCASE DEARBORN
SHOWCASE PORTAGE	SHOWCASE STERLING HTS.	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR FAIRLANE 21	STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R	STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR ROCHESTER
STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM

Check Times & Showtimes for this movie at www.TruCoreMovie.com

Sugarloaf Art Fair

115 Fine Artists & Craft Designers

Novi Expo Center • Novi, MI
April 11, 12, 13, 2003

Daily Adult Admission \$6.00
Children Under 12 FREE
Parking FREE Compliments of Sugarloaf
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10-6

For Discount Admission Coupons:
Visit your local Paper Jack
Print them from www.SugarloafCrafts.com
Call 800-210-9900

Directions: Take I-96 to Exit 142, turn south on Novi Road. Turn right onto Expo Center Road. The Expo Center is located one block to the right.

1K&F Arts & Crafts
Buy crafts online at www.CraftsOnline.com