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**RIVER ROCK CASINO RESORT  
PRESENTS**

**GLADYS KNIGHT**

**LIVE AT THE RIVER ROCK SHOW THEATRE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

The great ones endure and Gladys Knight has long been one of the greatest. Very few singers over the last fifty years have matched her unassailable artistry. This seven-time Grammy winner has enjoyed #1 hits in pop, R&B and Adult Contemporary and has triumphed in film, television and live performance. Georgia born, Knight began performing gospel music at age four in the Mount Mariah Baptist Church and sang as a guest soloist with the Morris Brown College Choir. Three years later, she along with her brother Bubba, her sister Brenda and her cousins William and Elenor Guest formed The Pips. After Brenda and Elenor left, her cousin Edward Patten and good friend Langston George joined the group which was then renamed Gladys Knight & The Pips.

The group released their first album in 1960 when Knight was just sixteen. She sang lead while The Pips provided lush harmonies and graceful choreography ... soon the group found themselves achieving icon status having recorded some of the most memorable songs including "Every Beat of My Heart," "Letter Full of Tears," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "The Nitty Gritty" and "If I Were Your Woman" ... all of which set the stage for an amazing run in the mid-1970s with several Top Ten Gold certified singles. Additional hits included "Friendship Train," "Neither One of Us (Wants to Be the First to Say Goodbye)," "Midnight Train to Georgia," "I've Got to Use My Imagination" and "Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me." All told, Knight has recorded more than thirty-eight albums over the years including four solo albums during the past decade. In 2006, she released her most recent album, *Before Me* ... a heartfelt homage to the great legends of song who paved the way for her to become a legendary performer in her own right including Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington and Lena Horne.

Knight's involvement in other creative undertakings, business ventures and humanitarian activities has been extensive and has brought her honours from industry and community alike. She has taken on several acting roles including the CBS sitcom, "Charlie & Company" opposite Flip Wilson which aired in 1985. Today, she helps oversee her busy career from the Las Vegas headquarters of Shakeji, Inc. which is her personal entertainment corporation. Gladys Knight will be returning to the River Rock Casino Resort for one engagement only in February, 2009.

**TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 10:00 AM**

**DOORS: 7:00 PM      SHOW: 8:00 PM**

**Tickets: Reg. \$69.50 & Golden Circle \$84.50 (+ Service Charge & Facility Fee)**

Tickets available at all Ticketmaster Outlets or Charge-by-phone (604) 280-4444 or order on-line at [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

All shows: 19 years and over unless noted

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