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THE SHELDON'S 2016 GALA:

# CHITA

A LEGENDARY CELEBRATION

STARRING

## CHITA RIVERA

IN A UNIQUE SOLO CONCERT EVENT

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 8:15 p.m.

**Where:** Sheldon Concert Hall

**Gala Patron Tickets:** Gala tickets are on sale now, starting at \$500, and include pre-concert cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, preferred concert seating, complimentary valet parking and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

**Concert-only tickets:** \$50 orchestra/\$45 balcony available through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or online at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org). For more information, call The Sheldon during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Come celebrate the one and only Broadway legend Chita Rivera in a unique solo concert event, April 9 at 8:15 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. The incomparable Tony Award winner will recreate signature moments from her legendary career including numbers from *West Side Story*; *Sweet Charity*; *Chicago*; *Kiss of the Spider Woman*; *Bye, Bye, Birdie*; *The Rink* and *The Visit*. In addition to a special tribute to her dear friends John Kander and Fred Ebb, the timeless music of Leonard Bernstein, Charles Strouse, Jerry Herman and Stephen Sondheim will also be featured, with live orchestral accompaniment conducted by Michael Croiter.

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*Sheldon Concert Hall/ Chita Rivera: A Legendary Celebration cont'd.*  
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A theatrical icon and one of Broadway's greatest triple-threat talents, Chita Rivera has won two Tony Awards as Best Leading Actress in a Musical and received eight additional Tony nominations for an exceptional 10 Tony Award nominations. She recently starred in *The Visit*, the final John Kander/Fred Ebb/Terrence McNally musical directed by John Doyle and choreographed by Graciela Daniele on Broadway (2015) following the acclaimed production at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in the summer of 2014. Rivera starred in the Broadway revival of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, the Broadway and touring productions of *The Dancer's Life*, a dazzling new musical celebrating her spectacular career, written by Terrence McNally and directed by Graciela Daniele and the revival of the Broadway musical *Nine* with Antonio Banderas. She trained as a ballerina (from age 11) before receiving a scholarship to the American School of Ballet from legendary George Balanchine. Rivera's first appearance (age 17) was as a principal dancer in *Call Me Madam*. Her electric performance as Anita in the Broadway premiere of *West Side Story* (1957) brought her stardom, which she repeated in London. Her career is highlighted by starring roles in *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Rink* (Tony Award), *Chicago*, *Jerry's Girls*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (Tony Award), and the original Broadway casts of *Guys and Dolls*, *Can-Can*, *Seventh Heaven* and *Mr. Wonderful*. On tour: *Born Yesterday*, *The Rose Tattoo*, *Call Me Madam*, *Threepenny Opera*, *Sweet Charity*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Zorba* and *Can-Can* with The Rockettes. Rivera was awarded The Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in August, 2009. She received the coveted Kennedy Center Honor in Washington, D.C. in December 2002 and is the first Hispanic woman ever chosen to receive this award. In May 2013, she was appointed to a special Kennedy Center Honors Advisory Committee. Rivera's current solo CD is entitled *And Now I Swing*.

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