WOMEN'S FORUM

Sharing Wisdom

Dear Ladies,

THE DIVAS

Inspired by the current release of the Maria Callas movie starring Angelina Jolie, I decided to retrieve this topic from my WF "inspiration folder" where it's been residing for some years - waiting for just the right moment.

Those luminous artists, whom we come to refer to as "Divas" command the stage and bring to life an ethereal yet powerful presence when they perform. Legions of fans wait faithfully, sometimes camped out overnight at the box office for a chance to purchase a ticket to experience their magic.

This March, Women's Forum is pleased to honor two legendary Divas ~ Maria Callas ~ & ~Dame Margot Fonteyn.

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MARIA CALLAS

Born in Manhattan in 1923, Maria was an American and Greek soprano who was one of the most celebrated operatic artists of all time. Her musical and dramatic talents led to her being titled *La Divina!* As powerful as was her beauty and talent on stage; her private life was as stormy and passionate. Join us as we celebrate this icon with a documentary telling her story through presentations, TV interviews, family photographs and private letters.
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MARIA CALLAS LUNCHEON: Thursday March 13, at noon. Dillon Library, Bedminster NJ. Admission 20. *To register see below.

DAME MARGOT FONTEYN

Born in Surrey, England in 1919, Margot was a classical ballerina. From early childhood she demonstrated an ability for dance prompting her enrollment in ballet classes at the age of four. As a prima ballerina with *The Royal Ballet,* she became an international sensation. Her appearances on the *Ed Sullivan Show* ignited a popularity for dance in the United States to the profit and joy of dancing schools nationwide. (I would venture to guess that many of you were given ballet and tap-dancing lessons as a little girl! I was!!) In 1981 as she was considering retirement she was paired with the young Rudolf Nureyev - a defector from the *Kirov Ballet* in the Soviet Union and 19 years her junior. The duo was a triumph from his debut performance in *Giselle*. Margot went on to be honored as *Prima Ballerina Assoluta of the Royal Ballet Company* by Queen Elizabeth II. Join us for a documentary screening of the life and career of this icon at:

THE MARGOT FONTEYN LUNCHEON: Thursday March 27, at noon. Dillon Library, Bedminster NJ. Admission 20.

*To register see below.

Upcoming dates for WF events: Thursdays, April 10 & 24.

Keep learning and share your wisdom.

As always,

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