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## The Blue Eyed Soul Appears During Loyalty Days

The Blue Eyed Soul will be appearing in Newport, Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at Newport High School. This one hour show makes commemorates two touring groups of the 1970's and continues to honor American service men and women under the billing of Blue Eyed Soul.

Back in the 60's, the Ding A Lings and Golddiggers traveled with the Bob Hope Christmas Show touring U.S. military bases all over the world.

At the heart of the Blue Eyed Soul pairing are two beautiful talented women with rich histories of show business experience working both separately and together. Their paths first intersected early in their careers – when each was barely into her twenties – and in front of tens of millions of television viewers who watched them on a weekly basis. The setting was one of the medium's highest-rated regular series, The Dean Martin Show.



Michelle DellaFave had already become a familiar face and well-established presence on that program, having started in 1969 as a member of The Golddiggers, the show's gorgeous female singer-dancers who also occupied Dean's time slot during the summer months. She then graduated to The Dingaling Sisters, a quartet of women who eventually succeeded The Golddiggers as performers on Dean's program. It was in 1972 that Lindsay Bloom received her first big break by being selected to become what would turn out to be the final girl chosen to be one of The Dingaling Sisters. And it was in that group that she and Michelle first became acquainted. Even though The Dingalings took their final bow at the end of that '72-'73 season the two blonde, blue-eyed members of the ensemble kept in close touch as each continued to pursue her own career and eventually started a family.

During the summer of 2007, when Michelle joined two of the other original Dingaling Sisters for the first time in over 36 years, they performed in a concert that brought down the house at the annual convention of the Vietnam Veterans of America organization. The trio performed "Funky Chicken" – the very same number that they had played to America's armed forces during their 1970 USO tour with Bob Hope – and the reaction of the

crowd was every bit as wildly enthusiastic in 2007 as it had been in 1970. So well received was that show that Michelle and the other two Dings were asked back for an encore at the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall this past November. However, far and away the biggest surprise and most crowd-pleasing part of the whole event was the unveiling of a brand new combo – the first to branch off an existing group of femal singer-dancers from Dean’s show in more than a generation.

Dubbed Blue Eyed Soul, the new duo reunited Michelle DellaFave with her longtime friend and onetime Dingaling sister-in—arms, Lindsay Bloom – the latter making her triumphal return to show business after more



than 15 years and a post-Dean Martin Show legacy. Her career included leading parts in motion pictures and a supporting role on the popular weekly CBS television series of the 1980s, Mickey Spillane’s Mike Hammer, which starred Stacy Keach. Although, as noted, Michelle and Lindsay had remained close over the years, it had been more than three decades since they had last performed together. Yet, to all who watched them steal the show at that November concert, it was as if time had stood still for both of them.

Looking and sounding as fresh and dynamic as ever, Michelle and Lindsay proved that the magic never left and that their chemistry was as potent as ever. And now, these two radiant artists are bringing the energy and passion of their craft to audiences hungering once again for pure, organic, exciting and exhilarating live musical entertainment.

Admission for the May 2nd performance of the Blue Eyed Soul is \$5 or by student voucher. The event is a benefit for the Field of Honor and Medal Ceremonies to be held south of the bridge on Port of Newport property April 29 through May 3.