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LIVE FROM JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET, IT'S DANA CARVEY

SPARKS, Nev. – Best known for his six-season run on Saturday Night live, legendary comedian Dana Carvey hits the stage for three shows July 14 through 16 at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

A cast member of Saturday Night Live for a number of years, Carvey is best known for his characters and impersonations of famous figures. He grew up in California and attended San Francisco State University. After college, he started performing stand-up comedy.

Moving to Hollywood, Carvey's first television efforts failed to capitalize on his comedic talents. In the 1982 sitcom *One of the Boys*, he starred as a college student who invites his grandfather to leave his retirement home to live with him and his roommate. Carvey ended up as the straight man to Mickey Rooney who played his grandfather. The cast also included Meg Ryan as his girlfriend and Nathan Lane as his roommate. Despite the show's talented performers, it was canceled after nearly eight months on air.

Carvey tried his hand at action with the television adaptation of the hit film, *Blue Thunder*, in 1984. He played a young electronics expert in this short-lived police drama. Taking a break from television, Carvey returned to doing stand-up comedy. It was at a show that he was discovered by Saturday Night Live producer Lorne Michaels. He joined the cast of the late-night comedy series in 1986.

For seven years, Carvey delighted audiences with such characters as the Church Lady and bodybuilder extraordinaire Hans, part of the Hans and Franz duo. He also excelled at impersonation - taking on such personalities as President George Bush, Ross Perot, and more. In fact, President George Bush liked Carvey's version of him so much that he invited Carvey to perform at the White House.

One of Carvey's characters, Garth, made the leap to the big screen in *Wayne's World* (1992). Garth was the shaggy heavy-metal sidekick to his friend Wayne played by Mike Myers, and the two appeared together on Wayne's cable access show. The comedy proved to be a box office hit and led to a sequel *Wayne's World 2* the following year.

In 1993, Carvey left Saturday Night Live, and finally won an Emmy Award for his work on the show after four previous nominations. He kept himself busy with a number of film projects. He appeared in *Clean Slate* (1994), *The Road to Wellville* (1994), and *Trapped in Paradise* (1994). He returned to television in 1996 with *The Dana Carvey Show*.

Returning to acting, Carvey appeared in the 2000 Adam Sandler comedy, *Little Nicky*. He also starred in the 2002's *The Master of Disguise* and a recent Home Box Office stand-up special, "Squatting Monkey's Tell No Lies."

Dana Carvey performs Thursday, July 14 and Friday, July 15 and 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 16 at 9 p.m. in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget. Tickets \$60 and are available by calling (800) 648-1177 or (775) 356-3300 or by visiting janugget.com. Dinner and show packages are available.

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