

# Vegas entertainers have resolutions too

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It's the first day of the New Year and time to put your resolution into action.

Along with the rest of us, Las Vegas headliners are thinking about their plans for the upcoming year. From magicians to comedians and production shows, these artists have made Las Vegas the entertainment capital of the world. Just like their shows, they run the gamut on what they are resolving to do in 2009.

One of the most common resolutions nationwide is to lose weight and start a healthier lifestyle, but that's not necessarily the case if you live in Las Vegas, a city that thrives on indulgences. Some Vegas headliners are embracing a more "live-in-the-now" stance when it comes to their resolutions, and why shouldn't they? After all this is Las Vegas.

"No more going to the gym. No more diets. No more being faithful. No more honesty, and no more returning things I find," said Vinnie Favorito, the wisecracking comedian who performs at the Flamingo.

"I resolve to drink more champagne and order more champagne to help roll the recession back and get the economy moving in the right direction," said Robin Leach, the host of Vegasdeluxe.com.

He is not the only Las Vegas personality hoping that his resolution will help stimulate the economy in 2009.

Nathan Burton, who has a comedy magic show at the Flamingo, plans on helping the tourist economy in Vegas by "going out and spending money on shows and nightlife, while enjoying all the wonders of this awesome city."

Comedian Bobby Slayton has a more political plan to help improve the economy in Las Vegas. He resolves to collect signatures on the Las Vegas Strip to petition the government to help bail out casinos.

If that doesn't work, his back-up plan is to change his show name to "Bobby the

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Cable Guy" every time the rodeo comes in town, to ensure that all his shows at Hooters sell out.

Lance Burton, who has been amazing audiences for more than 10 years in his show at Monte Carlo, wants to utilize his craft as a magician to help the economy.

"I resolve to use all of my magical powers this year to make the recession disappear," said Burton.

Famed magician David Copperfield, who performs at MGM Grand, also wants to utilize his talent as a master magician to improve the world but in a greener way. He resolves to "magically shrink our nation's carbon footprint."

Siegfried and Roy are also planning on using the New Year for making changes that everyone can benefit from. They are going to continue their conservation efforts of the royal white lions, white tigers and all creatures big and small.

"We promise to inspire others through the art and majesty of magic itself," said Siegfried and Roy.

While these headliners are hoping to make improvements with their resolutions, others are planning on sticking to what they do best: entertain audiences in Las Vegas.

Comedian George Wallace resolves to "make 20,000 people smile" in his show at Flamingo.

Penn Jillette, the larger, louder half of



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Penn & Teller, is going to continue to wow audiences with one of the most astounding illusions in his show at Rio.

"I'm going to resolve this year, like every year, to shoot Teller in the face with a .357-caliber Magnum every night and not hurt him. I can do that without getting up earlier every morning and going to the gym, but it takes so much willpower," said Jillette.

Comedian and magician, Mac King has a list of things that he plans to do for the New Year.

His resolutions are a true indication of his personality and the hilarity you can expect from his afternoon show at Harrah's.

"This year I plan to: start brushing my teeth proper, destroy all Astro-men, be kind to all monkeys, switch to Velcro, eat my way to good health, treat adverbs with the respect they deserve, hone my pig call, avoid all Renaissance fairs and install black lights in my bedroom," said King.

Other entertainers are looking forward to 2009 as another year to be thankful for their success and to share their passion for performing with others.

"My resolution is to never lose the appreciation I have for every single person who helped me achieve my dream, and my goal for 2009 is to make myself available after every show to meet any of those people who want to say hello," said ventriloquist, impressionist and singer Terry Fator, a former winner of the television show "America's Got Talent." His show at Mirage is opening in 2009.

Fator uses several puppets in his show and one of them, Winston the impersonating Turtle, has his own resolution.

"I resolve to be not so shy. I really need to come out of my shell," said Winston.

Donny Osmond is another entertainer who is also planning to make his mark in 2009, but he is not shy about admitting it. Osmond resolves to prove that he's a better dancer than his sister Marie, despite her appearance on "Dancing with the Stars." It's part of the playful jabs that they take at one another during their show at the

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Flamingo.

High energy performances and the rigorous show schedule of being a headliner in Las Vegas is prompting Kevin Burke who performs in "Fitz of Laughter" at Fitzgerald's and "Defending the Caveman" at Excalibur to "actually take a full week off in '09." Vacation time is usually a normal part of most peoples' work schedules, but not for Burke. He performs in at least two shows every night of the week.

With the non-stop hustle and bustle of living in a 24-hour city, one entertainer is focusing on making more time to cherish the little things in life, a resolution we could probably all consider.

"I resolve to live in the moment but look to the promise of a brighter future," said Tony Award-Winner Anthony Crivello, who plays the Phantom in "Phantom - The Las Vegas Spectacular" at the Venetian. "I resolve to appreciate the little things, my two-year-old son and the children of Make-A-Wish Foundation have taught me that."