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WHAT: American Celebration, a Broadway-style song-and-dance revue performed entirely by the talented students of Chapman University’s College of Performing Arts, followed by a black-tie gala, dinner and dancing. American Celebration is Orange County’s single biggest annual fund-raising gala in terms of money raised.

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2008
Outdoor reception: 6 p.m.
Stage show begins: 7 p.m.
Gala dinner begins: 8 p.m.

WHERE: Memorial Hall on the Chapman University campus, One University Drive, Orange, CA 92866

HOW MUCH: Patrons pay $2,000 per individual ticket; tables of 10 start at $10,000 and go up to $100,000. It is expected that this year’s American Celebration will raise more than $2 million. The event always sells out. Proceeds go to the Chapman University Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to deserving students.

WHO: Broadway legend TOMMY TUNE, nine-time Tony Award winner, will be there in person to be honored with Chapman’s Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award. Orange County business leaders and philanthropists JIM AND KELLY MAZZO will be honored as Corporate Citizens of the Year.

DETAILS: This year’s stage show theme is “The Movies That Made Us Sing and Dance,” with students performing scenes from “Singin’ in the Rain,” “Band Wagon,” “An American in Paris,” and a salute to Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.