

## AZ Insider: Famous Stars to Mingle in Scottsdale

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the [REDACTED] on celebrities and the social scene



**Kathy's scoop on who will be flying in from CHICAGO and who was "hamming it up" in Scottsdale with a famous OSCAR, EMMY and GRAMMY winner!**

News flash! This just in from **CHICAGO** - where **Loretta Swit**, the leading lady of the long running major hit TV series **M\*A\*S\*H** has been starring in "**Love Loss and What I Wore**." She will be leaving the **Chicago** – (which started with a successful run in New York) and joining the off-Broadway national tour. The production will open in Scottsdale, AZ, Jan. 3d at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts- through Jan. 8, 2012. The production is an intimate collection of stories based on the best-seller by **Ilene Beckerman**, which uses clothing and accessories and how they trigger memories of funny and often poignant stories in women's lives. We will let you know who Loretta will be mingling with when she's in town.

Multitalented actress/performer **Bebe Neuwirth**, for example, mingled with some VIP supporters of Scottsdale Center for the Arts after her performance there for the Center's opening night.



*At the opening featuring Bebe Neuwirth is Valerie Vadala-Homer, Tim Rodgers and Cory Baker*

### **HAMMING it up with HAMLISCH**

And look who was "hamming" it up with a famous star in Scottsdale. Yes, a group of supporters of the Scottsdale Center had the chance to mingle with **Marvin Hamlisch**, the famous star who has 3 OSCARS, 4 EMMYS, 4 GRAMMY, and a TONY.. (not to mention he's also won 3 Golden Globes!)



**Marvin-** the world renowned composer (from the numerous hit movies including "**The Way We Were**". "**Ice Castles**". "**Goodbye Girl**",..."Chorus Line." to "**The Informant.**") headlined the Scottsdale Center's recent gala fundraiser, "ARTrageous." The magnificent nostalgic performance with audience interaction includes his wonderfully entertaining "Rent A Composer" in which he takes requests from audience members for a new song title and then composes one on the spot.



After the "An Evening on Broadway" which also featured the magnificently talented **Linda Eder**, and **J. Mark McVey**, the stars joined some of the VIP's for the post cocktail reception toast.

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The ARTrageous benefit , an annual dinner and concert was chaired this year by **Lauren and Michael Meyer** and **John Morrell** and **Joan Temen**. The co-chairs ae pictured above on the red carpet and with **Marvin Hamlisch** at the post VIP reception.



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