



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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#### CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH A GLANCE BACK IN TIME

SANTA FE, N.M.— If you've ever fantasized about the perfect New Year's Eve Party, Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino has the event for you. Reminiscent of glamorous prewar parties immortalized by Hollywood, Buffalo Thunder is presenting a dinner dance to the sweet sounds of Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson, replete with fine dining, flowing Champagne and party favors. The tradition of Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians playing at New York City's Waldorf Astoria is an intrinsic part of millions of people's New Year's Eve celebrations, whether they enjoyed the orchestra in person or via the famous radio broadcasts. Since the death of Lombardo in 1977, the playing of "Auld Lang Syne" at the stroke of midnight reminds many of this tradition.

Coming from a musical family, Guy Lombardo formed his first dance band with his brothers in 1916 in Ontario, which later evolved into Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians. Lombardo led the orchestra with great charm and camaraderie for sixty years. Besides their signature song "Auld Lang Syne," the most important ingredient of the Guy Lombardo Orchestra was its consistency in playing wonderful tunes like "Seems Like Old Times," "Boo Hoo," "Coquette," "Sweethearts on Parade" and "Ain't She Sweet," all written by Carmen Lombardo. With the blessings of the Lombardo family, the baton was literally passed to Al Pierson in 1989. Under the leadership of Pierson, the Royal Canadians continue to delight audiences, playing a mix of nostalgic tunes and modern arrangements.

"This event promises to be the most charming, most romantic and certainly the most nostalgic New Year's Eve celebration around," says Executive Director of Marketing, Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, David Oakeley.

**WHAT:** New Year's Eve with Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians

**WHERE**: Tewa Grand Ballroom at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino,

30 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Santa Fe, NM.

Highway 84/285 in Pojoaque, only minutes from historic Santa Fe

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 31, 7:45 p.m.

Cocktails will be available beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ballroom doors will open at 7:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:15 p.m. The orchestra will start at 8:30 p.m. and continue through 12:30 p.m.

## TICKETS:

\$125, tickets available only at the Box Office located in the Buffalo Thunder Casino Cage. These tickets will not be available through Tickets.com.

Ticket price includes an elegant sit-down dinner consisting of salad, filet of beef and scampi, ice tea or coffee and dessert; two drink tickets good for alcoholic beverages at the bar and complimentary champagne at midnight; and party favors (price includes gratuity). For more information or to book a hotel room, please call 877-944-8477.

#### **Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino**

Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino offers a variety of world-class amenities: 395 luxury guest rooms, Hale Irwin-Bill Phillips designed golf course; full-service luxury spa; Mark Miller's signature Red Sage Restaurant; Blue Tower Lounge; Turquoise Trail Bar & Grille; two heated pools; tennis courts; walking trails; the official Indian Market Store and other retail stores. The property boasts 66,000 square feet of meeting and convention space.

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