

Lynn Roberts Receives Bea Fogelman Lifetime Achievement Award

May has been an exciting month for Valley based entertainer Lynn Roberts. The singer, musician, band leader and celebrity impersonator was presented with the Bea Fogelman REEL AWARD for Lifetime Achievement for his impersonation of Bob Hope at the International Celebrity Impersonators Convention. The convention was held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas on May 24.

Each year agents and members of Celebrity Impersonators International nominate and vote to select the celebrity impersonator they feel most deserving of the prestigious award. The late Bea Fogelman was a former big band singer who went on to found the Entertainment Network. Through her efforts the impersonator industry has developed and flourished.

Roberts is well respected in the industry for his impressions of Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Jimmy Durante and others. His one man shows are popular with audiences across the country.

“I knew I was nominated for the award but I was completely shocked when my name was announced,” Roberts said. “The competition was all very top notch. When I went up on stage I was very moved emotionally. I said a few words about how much I had respected Bea Fogelman and how she had helped me with my career. I also said that since I had open heart surgery a few weeks ago there was a point after the operation when I wondered if I would really be able to perform again and that winning the Lifetime Achievement Award was a great validation. It made me feel that I have many years left to my career. I will be going on tour of the Midwest in June.”

Lynn Roberts has been performing professionally for over 50 years but he started doing impressions even before that, entertaining his family and friends by imitating people they knew.

During high school and through college he worked with a family trio consisting of himself, his mother and father, who were both excellent musicians. Later he went on the road with regional and nationally known big bands, becoming first chair sax with the Wayne King Orchestra before going out on his own.

Although he still performs with his own bands, Roberts concentrates much of his time on his tribute shows. His next show will be on June 13 in St. Paul, Minnesota where he will entertain at a large veteran's rally on the State Capital grounds.

To learn more about Lynn Roberts visit his website at www.lynnrobertsenterprises.com.