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ERNEST BORGNINE NIGHT AT TORTILLA FLATS

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Nonagenarian actor and American National Treasure Ernest Borgnine will be honored for the 17th consecutive year at Tortilla Flats Restaurant on Wednesday, the 18th of February 2009 commencing at 6:00 PM.

Attendees, donning Borgnine masks and “We Love Ernie” emblazoned sailor hats, celebrate the life and work of the legendary actor by answering Ernie trivia questions, playing Pin the Grin, (whereby blindfolded contestants try to stick cutouts of Mr. Borgnine’s trademark gap-toothed smile onto an oversized poster of his face), and competing in the Ernest Borgnine Look-Alike Contest. Would-be champions read from cue cards to perform a short scene from a famous Borgnine film. Past winners include Karen Duffy and the late Chris Farley. Three-time winner Madeline Gilford has achieved Ernie Emeritus status.

Classic Borgnine films such as *Marty* (1955), *Emperor of the North Pole* (1973) and *The Wild Bunch* (1969) play continuously on the restaurant’s small television set but the evening climaxes with an on-site reenactment of the tidal wave impacting the ocean liner scene from *The Poseidon Adventure* (1972), followed by dry tee shirts for all. Hand-signed Ernest Borgnine DVDs and other collectibles are among the prizes to be awarded.

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