

Carol Channing on campus Oct. 8, 9

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Carol Channing Broadway stage and film legend Carol Channing will visit the Hayward campus of California State University, East Bay on Monday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday, Oct. 9 to perform and offer professional advice to students of the university's Theatre and Dance Department.

The Tony Award winner for her role as Dolly in the long-running Broadway musical production of "Hello Dolly" is visiting Cal State East Bay as part of her support of arts education in California.

Channing will be at the center of two fundraising events in support of scholarships for students of the university's Theatre and Dance Department during both days she is on campus.

She will be honored at a supporter's dinner on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. in the New University Union on the campus located at 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. Channing will perform on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre. Tickets for the dinner are \$75 per person and tickets for her performance are \$60 per person.

Information about the purchase of tickets and about Channing's visit to Cal State East Bay is available online at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Carol_Channing.php^[1].

Additional information is available by contacting Tom Hird, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, at (510) 885-4813 or by e-mail at thomas.hird@csueastbay.edu.

The goal, according to Hird, is to raise \$25,000 for a scholarship fund that will be named in honor of the entertainment icon. Her arts education foundation will be donating \$10,000 to be used for scholarships at CSUEB.

"Still we have to remember more than these scholarships," Hird said. "Miss Channing wants to raise awareness of the value of a good educational foundation in the arts."