

This Free E-Book is brought to you by Natural-Aging.com.

100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment
Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances
Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!

Tony Bennett – The Ageless Wonder Touring Once Again

By Jay Nault

Tony Bennett has wowed audiences around the world for generations, and this ageless artist

continues to perform live. Bennett has had one of the more interesting lives in all of music, and as he approaches his 80th birthday, he shows no signs of slowing down. His style has changed at times, but the classic Tony Bennett sound will live on long after he's sung his last note.

Early Life

Anthony Dominick Benedetto was born in Astoria, Queens in New York City on August 3, 1926. His family was part of the working class, as his father was a grocer and his mother a seamstress. Bennett almost immediately fell in love with the art of singing, and by the age of 10 he was already gaining recognition.

This was definitely an interesting age for Bennett. He was chosen to sing in a ceremony headed by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia at the opening of the Triborough Bridge. Bennett also met with tragedy, as his father died suddenly after a lingering illness. This forced Bennett's mother to add to her workload to support the family, and motivated Bennett to help out in any way possible.

Bennett worked odd jobs and attended high school for a time, but he found it difficult to create the opportunity to advance his singing. Therefore, at age 16, he dropped out of school to dedicate himself to helping support his family with more work and to continue to sing. His first "singing gig" was as a singing waiter in an Italian restaurant in Queens.

When Bennett was 18 in 1944, he was drafted into the US Army, and saw combat action in Europe in World War II. Bennett fought on the front lines and helped push the Germans back across the Rhine River. He also was part of the battalion that liberated a concentration camp near Landsberg, Germany.

Career Beginnings

After his discharge from the Army in 1946, Bennett used the GI Bill to study music at the American Theater Wing, learning the bel canto singing discipline, which would keep his voice in good shape for

his entire career. Bennett continued to work as a waiter and to sing when he could, and in 1949 he was discovered by Pearl Bailey. She invited him to open for her show in Greenwich Village.

Bennett did so, but was unaware that Bailey had invited Bob Hope to attend the performance. Hope was impressed with what he saw, and invited Bennett to tour with him. Hope also suggested that Bennett adopt his now-famous name, and his career was on the way up.

The following year, Bennett signed a record deal with Columbia Records and began releasing albums. One of the busiest singers in the business, he released 49 albums that sold millions of copies worldwide over the next 25 years. His style was instantly-recognizable, and his tours were the stuff of legend. As a result, Bennett was looking at a lifetime of commercial success and sold-out shows. However, that was not to be the case.

Struggles

The mid-1970's were a strange era in American music, as rock and roll, disco and funk were the styles that the public was buying. As a result, Bennett was without a label for a few years, and even started his own record company, which ultimately failed. He was reduced to a recurring stage show in Las Vegas, and became increasingly miserable.

In 1979, Bennett had tax problems and nearly died of a cocaine overdose. He had hit rock bottom, and with the help of his son Danny, he began to pull himself back up into prominence.

Resurgence

Bennett returned to Columbia Records in 1986, and he kept his style instead of trying to adapt to the music themes of the time. As it turns out, the public was ready for a return to music from the past, and Bennett released 17 albums over the next 18 years. These works were classic Bennett – a mix of crooning, blues and jazz that catapulted him back to the top of the sales charts in many locations.

Bennett has come full circle in his life, and anyone who sees him live is not only going to see a legend firsthand, but will also be told the story of an interesting life.

By Jay Nault sponsored by

<http://www.stubhub.com/>

. StubHub sells sports tickets, concert tickets:

<http://www.stubhub.com/concert-tickets/>

, theater tickets and more. Please link to this site when using

this article.

Golf With Tony

By Joe Pena

Golf With Tony by Joe Pena

Golf With Tony

Did I ever tell you about the time I called my cousin Rick to round out a foursome with Tony Kukoc (one of the World Champion Chicago Bulls)?

Rick's a big guy, he's got a great sense of humor and we usually end up having a lot of laughs.

Anyway, my friend Augie invited me to join him and his friend Tony the next day. This was back when I was playing everyday. So, naturally, I said sure. Besides, I thought it was nice of Augie to invite me along.

Even nicer, I thought, when he said I should invite someone else along too.

That's where Rick came in.

I phoned him at the office and here's how the conversation went:

Joe: "Hey, Rick. What's up?"

Rick: "Just takin' care of business." (One of Rick's businesses is in Translation – www.wwtinc.com)

Joe: "How would you like to join me for a round of golf tomorrow? We need a fourth."

Rick: "Aw man, I'd love to. But Karen would kill me if I went out again. I played four out of the last 5 days...It seems like all I've been doing is playing golf lately. I don't think so. No. There's no way I can go. Thanks though."

Joe: "That's too bad. I guess I'll have to keep lookin'"

Rick: "Hey, who you playing with anyway?"

Joe: "Me, Augie, Tony and whoever I get as a fourth?"

Rick: "Tony? Tony who?"

Joe: "Tony Kukoc"

Rick: "Ok. What Time Should I Be There?"

And when he said that. We both just busted out laughing!

So, the next day, Rick shows up in the locker room. And he asks...

"Hey, you think it'd be alright if I brought a camera along?"

Rick loves to hang pictures in his office. And he has a story for every one. But, I suggested – "Why not save it for after the round. You know. After we've all had a chance to get to know one another."

It seemed to make sense and reluctantly, Rick put his camera away.

So, we all met up at the first tee...

Did introductions...

Teed off...

Had a few laughs...

A little conversation here and there...

Good time.

After we finished the round we all shook hands and Augie said they were going to be on their way. Rick asked if Tony would mind a picture, but Augie and Tony were heading right out. No time for a shot.

I don't have to tell you how Rick felt. If he had brought his camera, he'd have been able to snap a shot. Instead, he listened to me...and didn't get the picture.

To say he was disappointed would be putting it mildly.

But being the good guy that he is, he never said an ill word to me for my bad advice.

And now I have some advice for you.

Don't take my advice.

Joe Pena has been a technology consultant working with large companies for nearly 20 years, and loves the game of golf. He created ClubWebSolutions.com and publishes a regular newsletter..."In And Around The Game".



This Free E-Book has been brought to you by Natural-Aging.com.

[100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment](#)
Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances
Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!