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***Dear Jolson Enthusiast***

**M**ay I extend an invitation to all Al Jolson enthusiasts and friends to attend the 2015 Al Jolson UK Festival which this year takes place over the weekend of 23rd, 24th & 25th October 2015 at our usual venue, The Bromley Court Hotel in Kent.

As usual we start the Festival at 7pm on Friday evening with our friendly Al Jolson Social/Welcome Evening where old friends can meet up together with first time attendees in an easy going social environment.....chat, food and drink!. There will be Jolson music playing during the evening and for those brave souls that wish to sing there will be plenty of opportunity to get up and have a go. There may even be a competition to find the best Karaoke singer!

The Festival registration opens on Saturday at 12 noon with the programme of events commencing at 12:30pm and running through to approximately 5pm. The doors open again at 7pm at which time you can settle in for an evening of entertainment with our Jolson Cabaret which will take us up to approximately 11:30pm. Complimentary sandwiches will be served during the evening.

Sunday has always been the main Jolson Festival day and registration will commence at 9.45am with the programme starting at 10:15am. This year we have several 'new' presenters, **Jon Sonneborn** and **Paul Bowers** are joining us from America. **Paul** has access to the Shubert Archives in New York and has a wonderful presentation of Al Jolson's Broadway years working for the Shubert Brothers. **Jon Sonneborn** will be talking about Al Jolson and his importance to the world of show business. I can guarantee that you will love both of these presentations. I am also told that either Jens and/or Andrea and Wyman will be joining us over the weekend. The feature film this year has been requested by many of you and is the classic "Big Boy"

The hotel has agreed to keep the accommodation at the special rate shown on the booking form. Please get your bookings in early as the hotel is very busy and gets booked up quickly.

It's only by having a good attendance and making use of the hotel facilities i.e. staying at the hotel, having the Sunday meal and of course drinking at the bar that I can continue to get good rates for the Jolson weekend and to keep it running so please come along and help to keep alive the memory of the Worlds GREATEST Entertainer - Al Jolson.

There will be plenty for all to see and hear at this Al Jolson UK Festival so please complete the enclosed booking form and send it to me at the address shown on the booking form, together with cheque made payable to Al Jolson UK Festivals to ensure your place at the 2015 Al Jolson UK Festival. Please get your bookings in no later than Friday 1st October.

Regards

*David*