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The President and Mrs. Ford have invited Actress-Singer-Dancer Ann-Margret, to entertain Thursday, May 15, at the State Dinner honoring Their Imperial Majesties, The Shahanshah of Iran and the Empress Farah.

This will be Ann-Margret's first performance at the White House. She will be performing with the accompaniment of six singers and four dancers. Her show will include the song "I Won't Last a Day Without You" by Paul Williams; "Swedish Lullaby" (with film clips taken by Roger Smith during a visit to Sweden); and a "Salute to the Bicentennial."

Ann-Margret has been acting in movies since 1961 and has appeared in more than 20 motion pictures. She was an Academy Award nominee for Mike Nichols' "Carnal Knowledge" and received the Hollywood Foreign Press Golden Award as the year's Best Supporting Actress for that performance. She also received the Donatelli Award in 1970 for her performance in the movie. The award is the Italian motion picture industry's highest honor for international filmmaking.

Ann-Margret has received the National Theater Owners "Actress of the Year" award twice: in 1971, for "Carnal Knowledge," and in 1975 for her performance in "Tommy." She was the guest of honor in 1968 at Queen Elizabeth's Royal Command Performance in London.

Ann-Margret was born in Stockholm, Sweden. She moved to the U.S. at the age of five and was raised in Illinois. Ann-Margret married producer-writer, Roger Smith, May 8, 1967. Her interest in music and dance led to her discovery by George Burns in Las Vegas where she was performing with a combo. In 1961, she was signed to play her first role as Bette Davis' daughter in the movie, "A Pocketful of Miracles."

