

Slices of Cleese: An Evening with John Cleese

A Benefit for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSB

WITH HIS HUMOR AND WIT, award-winning actor and screenwriter **John Cleese** entertained

his audience at a benefit for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on Thursday, November 1st, at the Natural History Museum's Fleischmann Auditorium.

"John Cleese, an OLLI Board Member, inaugurated its public programs series by delighting a large and appreciative audience from the public and UCSB with his hilarious readings of a selection of comic passages. We are deeply grateful for his willingness to share his talent and engage our members and friends," shared **Ron Tobin**,

Associate Vice Chancellor of UCSB.

Cleese is best known as one of the founding members of the renowned comedy group *Monty Python*, and as the writer and star of the popular British television comedy *Fawlty Towers*. In 1988 he wrote and starred in the film *A Fish Called Wanda*, which received an Academy Award nomination for Best Screenplay.

More recently, Cleese portrayed the character Nearly Headless Nick in the films *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. He lent his voice to Samuel the sheep

in the film *Charlotte's Web* and to King Harold in *Shrek 2* and *Shrek the Third*. He is currently at work with Steve Martin on the film *The Next Pink Panther*. Cleese plays Inspector



Jimmy and Terri Wilson

Dreyfus opposite Martin in the role of Inspector Clouseau.

A self-described lifelong learner, Cleese is a member of the Advisory Board for the Osher

Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). OLLI's mission is to build a community of adult learners exploring the world through lifelong education. As UCSB's adult education program, OLLI offers high quality courses to people age 50 and over. It is one of



Dilling Yang; **Ronald Tobin**, Associate Vice Chancellor of UCSB Academic Programs; **John Cleese**; and UCSB Chancellor **Henry Yang**

more than 100 such institutes established nationwide through funding from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

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Ronald Tobin and **Kathryn McKee**, Chair OLLI Executive Committee



Sudi Staub, Director of Development OLLI; **Dilling Yang**; **David Edelman**, Director of Business Services, Cox Communications; **Elinor Langer**, OLLI Board of Advisers Member; and UCSB Chancellor **Henry Yang**



Peter Frisch, Granada Executive Director; **Carol Wilburn**; and **Jonathan Fox**, Executive Artistic Director of the Ensemble Theatre



Steve and Chrystal Clifton, Palmina Wines, with **Howard Scar**, winemaker of **Los Cinco Locos**.

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