FRIDAY PRIMETIME/LATE NIGHT — JUNE 5, 2015

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BROADCAST STATIONS																						
PBS KUSD 2 8 2	Arthur CC (DVS)	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts CC	Cyber-chase	Martha Speaks	Nightly Business Report	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) CC		Suze Orman's Financial Solutions for You Finding financial solutions. (In Stereo) CC				Aging Backwards With Miranda Es-monde-White CC		Dr. Fuhrman's End Dieting Forever! Treating medical conditions naturally. (In Stereo) CC				Tavis Smi-ley (N) CC	America's HeartInd	Women Who Rock Female musicians. (In Stereo) CC	
KTIV 4 4 4	Meredith Vieira		Ellen DeGeneres		News 4	News	News 4	Ent	★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. CC						News 4	Tonight Show		Seth Meyers		Daly	Extra (N)	Paid
NBC KDLT 5 5 5	Hot Bench CC	Hot Bench CC	Judge Judy CC	Judge Judy CC	KDLT News (N) CC	NBC Nightly News (N)	KDLT News (N) CC	The Big Bang Theory	★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park. CC						KDLT News (N) CC	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo) CC		Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo) CC		Last Call With Car-son Daly	KDLT News CC	(Off Air)
KCAU 9 6 9	Dr. Phil CC		The Dr. Oz Show		News at	ABC	News	Inside	Shark Tank		What Would		20/20 CC		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline	Paid	Inside	Castle "Lucky Stiff"	
CBS KELO 11 3 11	Dr. Phil (In Stereo) CC		The Dr. Oz Show (In Stereo) CC		News	CBS Evening News	News	Entertain-ment Tonight	Undercover Boss Maaco President Jose Costa. CC		Hawaii Five-0 McGar-rett reopens a cold case. CC		Blue Bloods "Most Wanted" An elusive international felon.		News	The Mentalist Lisbon and Jane's future is in jeopardy.		The Late Late Show With James Cor-den CC		News	The Inside-r (N) CC	Weather NOW
ABC KSFY 13 7 13	Jeopardy! (N) CC	Inside Edition (N) CC	The Ellen DeGeneres Show Howie Mandel; Loni Love.		KSFY News at 5 in HD	ABC World News	KSFY News at 6 in HD	Wheel of Fortune (N) CC	Shark Tank A flexible device that eases pain.		What Would You Do? (In Stereo) CC		20/20 (In Stereo) CC		KSFY News at 10 in HD	Jimmy Kimmel Live (In Stereo) CC		Nightline (N) CC	Paid Pro-gram	Extra (N) CC	Paid Pro-gram	Paid Pro-gram
KMEG 14 13 6	The Doctors CC		Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy	News	CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	Undercover Boss		Hawaii Five-0 CC		Blue Bloods CC		News	The Mentalist CC		James Corden		Paid	Paid	Paid
FOX KTTW 21 9 7	The Real Angela Bas-sett ("Whitney"); Mel B. CC		Steve Harvey (In Ste-reo) CC		Modern Family CC	Modern Family CC	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? "Paul/Robin (Pt. 1)"		Bullseye Contestants vie for a $50,000 prize.		Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Dish Na-tion (N) CC	RightThis-Minute (N)	Maury (In Stereo) CC		How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	TMZ (N) CC	TouchVi-sion News
KLKN	The Dr. Oz Show		Dr. Phil CC		News	ABC	News	Ent	Shark Tank		What Would		20/20 CC		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline	Dr. Phil CC		Leverage CC	
KOLN	Ellen DeGeneres		First	Jeopardy	10/11	CBS	News	Wheel	Undercover Boss		Hawaii Five-0 CC		Blue Bloods CC		News	The Mentalist CC		James Corden		Paid	Friends	Gallery
KPTH	Hot	Hot	Celebrity	Celebrity	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mike	Mod Fam	Are You Smarter		Bullseye (In Stereo)		News at	Mod Fam	Mike	Two Men	Two Men	Cleve	Mother	Middle	Middle	Office
KSCB 97	Heart for the World						Heart for the World												Heart for the World			
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PAY CHANNELS																						
HBO 17 401	★★ "The Wolverine" (2013) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)			★★ "Divergent" (2014, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. (In Stereo) CC					Game of Thrones "The Gift" CC		Game of Thrones "Hardhome" CC		Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC		VICE (N) CC	Real Time With Bill Maher CC		VICE CC	Silicon Valley	Veep "B/ill"	★★ "2 Guns" (2013) (In Stereo)	
HBO2 432 405	Good Lie	Last	Veep	Silicon	★★★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"				2015 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony CC						"A Million Ways to Die in the West"				"For a Good Time, Call..."			Thrones
MAX 441 420	★★★ "Charlie's Angels" (2000, Action) Cam-eron Diaz, Lucy Liu. (In Stereo) CC				★★★ "The Interpreter" (2005) Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn. (In Stereo) CC				★★ "Hollow Man" (2000) Kevin Bacon, Elisa-beth Shue. (In Stereo) CC				★★ "Death Sentence" (2007) Kevin Bacon, Garrett Hedlund. (In Stereo) CC			"Naked in Space" (2015) Jazy Berlin.		★★ "Lucky You" (2007, Drama) Eric Bana, Drew Barrymore. (In Stereo) CC			
MAX2	★ "The Unborn"			★★★ "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"					★★★ "Rush" (2013) Chris Hemsworth.				★ "As Above/So Below"		Chemis	Chemis	★★★ "16 Blocks" (2006) Bruce Willis.		"Atomic Hotel"			Carrie
SHOW 451 435	★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" CC			★ "Scary Movie V" (2013)			"Twilight Saga: Breaking 2"				One Direction: Where We Are			Happyish	Penny Dreadful		Nurse	3AM	★★ "Fear" (1996) Premiere.			Scary 5
SHOW2	"Finding Vivian"		★★★ "The Paper" (1994, Drama) CC				★★★ "Philomena" (2013) Judi Dench.				Penny Dreadful		Happyish	Nurse	"Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning"				"Erotic Engagement" (2013)			Earth.
TMC 461 455	"Delivery Man"		★★ "Last Holiday" (2006) (In Stereo)				★★ "Around the World in 80 Days"				★★ "Need for Speed" (2014) CC				★★ "Hellion" (2014) Aaron Paul. CC				★★ "Delivery Man" (2013)			After
CABLE STATIONS																						
A&E 57 41	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC 41 54	★★★★ "Jaws" (1975, Horror) Roy Scheider. CC					★★ "Jaws 2" (1978, Horror) Roy Scheider. CC					★★★ "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton. CC						★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, War) Clint Eastwood. CC					
ANPL 19 43	To Be Announced						Flipping Ships		Tanked (N)		Flipping Ships		Tanked (N)		Flipping Ships		Tanked (In Stereo)		Tanked (In Stereo)		Flipping Ships	
BRAVO 25 55	Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Bravo First Looks		To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced			
CMTV 38 77	Dukes-Hazzard		Dukes-Hazzard		Reba	Reba CC		Reba	Reba	Reba	Movie					Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Raising	Raising
CNBC 53 52	Closing Bell (N)		Fast Mny	Options	Mad Money (N)		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mexico's Drug War		Paid	Paid
CNN 33 49	Jake Tapper		The Situation Room (N)				E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		High Profits		Anthony Bourd.		Special Report		Crimes of the		Crimes of the		Crimes of the	
COM 45 61	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Nightly	Daily Show		★ "Joe Dirt" (2001) David Spade. CC				Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer
CSPAN 49 17	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.				Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.				Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.				Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.				Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.		Capitol Hill			
DISC 34 44	Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Catching Monsters		Alaskan Bush		Catching Monsters		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush	
DISN 64 36	I Didn't	I Didn't	Jessie	Jessie	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Dog With a Blog		Jessie	Girl	Star-For.	Star-For.	K.C.	Liv-Mad.	Jessie	Girl	Jessie	Dog	Girl	Liv-Mad.	K.C.	Cheetah
DISXD 65 103	Mighty	Kickin' It	Kickin' It	Lab Rats	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001) Premiere.				Kirby	Kirby	Kickin' It	Kickin' It	Gravity	Kirby	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Gravity	Rebels	Wander	Pac-Man	Fish	Fish
E!TV 51 62	★★★ "Sex and the City" (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker.						E! News (N)		Kardashian		Kardashian		Soup	Money	E! News (N)		Rich Kids of		Soup	Money	"Evan Almighty"	
ENC 400 480	LastHero	★★★ "Higher Learning" (1995) CC			"Buffy the Vampire Slayer"				★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck. iTV. (In Stereo) CC						★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993) iTV. (In Stereo)					"The Amazing Spider-Man 2"		
ESPN 28 24	Soccer	Question	Around	Pardon	SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC				X Games Austin. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2 29 25	NFL Live	College Baseball NCAA Super Regional: Teams TBA. (N)					College Baseball NCAA Super Regional: Teams TBA. (N)						Soccer Preview			What/Us	Baseball Tonight		NFL Live CC		30 for 30 CC	
EWTN 74 65	Cross	Catholic	At Home with		News	The For	Daily Mass - Olam		Life on the Rock		News	Rosary	The	Genesis	Bridegrm	Women	Daily Mass - Olam		Life on the Rock		News	The
FAM 62 40	Reba	Reba	★★ "The Princess Diaries" (2001) Julie Andrews.				★★ "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"						Stitchers CC		The 700 Club CC		★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy)				Paid	Paid
FOOD 56 31	Best. Ever.		Best. Ever.		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Am.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Am.	Diners	Diners
FS1 63 28	Soccer	NASCAR Racing			NASCAR Racing			World Cup Preview		Setup	NASCAR Racing				FOX Sports Live (N)		2015 FIFA U-20 World Cup				FOX Sports Live (N)	
FX 23 56	Mother	Two Men	Two Men	★★★ "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.					★★★ "Thor" (2011) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman.						★★★ "Thor" (2011) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman.						★★★ "Salt"	
FXNWS 50 48	Neil Cavuto		The Five (N)		Special Report		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		Greta Van Susteren	
FSN 35 27	We Love	Polaris	Sports Unlimited		World Poker		3 Wide	Twins	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Minnesota Twins. (Live)						Twins	Minne	World Poker		MLB Baseball: Brewers at Twins			
GOLF 55 310	PGA Tour Golf					PGA Tour Golf				Central	PGA Tour Golf Memorial Tournament, Second Round.								PGA Tour Golf			
HALL 22 33	Little House/Prairie		The Waltons CC		The Waltons CC		The Waltons CC		The Waltons CC		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV 54 34	Carib	Carib	Carib	Carib	Carib	Carib	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl
HIST 46 47	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens "The Return" CC				Ancient Aliens		Evidence		The UFO Files		The UFO Files		Ancient Aliens		Evidence		The UFO Files	
LIFE 58 29	"Pastor Brown" (2009, Drama) CC				★★ "A Day Late and a Dollar Short"				★★ "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" (2012)				Preach CC		Preach CC		★★ "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" (2012)				Preach CC	
MSNBC 66 50	Alex Wagner		The Ed Show (N)		PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NGEO 108 152	StarTalk		Driving America				StarTalk		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		StarTalk	
NICK 32 37	Parents	Parents	Sponge.	Sponge.	100 Things		"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules"				Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	Fresh Prince		Prince	Raymond	Raymond	Mother
RFDTV 131	Brothers	Country	Ralph Emery		Farmwk.	Wagoner	Jimmy	Rural	Family Reunion		Reporter	TruCoun	Magnus	Roping	Cowboy	Rural	Family Reunion		Reporter	TruCoun	Virginia	Brothers
SPIKE 30 60	GLORY 22 (N) (In Stereo Live)				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Lights	Cops	Cops	Jail CC	Jail CC	Jail CC	Jail CC	Jail CC
STARZ 417 465	"White House"		Black Sails "XVII."		Black Sails "XVIII."		★★ "When the Game Stands Tall"				★★ "The Equalizer" (2014, Action) CC				Outlander (iTV)		★★ "Ronin" (1998, Action) Robert De Niro. CC					Equalizer
SYFY 44 46	★ "An American Werewolf in Paris"				★★ "The Wolfman" (2010, Horror)				★ "The Happening" (2008)				Bitten (N) CC		Bitten CC		★ "The Happening" (2008)				Bitten CC	
TBS 36 57	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	★★ "Bad Teacher" (2011) (DVS)				Family	Cougar	Cougar	"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"		
TCM 76 53	★★★ "Journey Into Fear"			★★★ "Johnny Eager" (1942) Robert Taylor. CC					★★ "Nora Prentiss" (1947) CC				★★★ "Woman on the Run"			★★★ "Dark Passage" (1947, Mystery)			★★ "Born to Kill" (1947)			
TLC 43 45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Curvy	Curvy	Say Yes	Say Yes	Curvy	Curvy	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT 37 59	★★ "Sherlock Holmes"			★★★ "The Town" (2010) Ben Affleck. CC (DVS)					Cold Justice (N)		★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock. CC (DVS)						Cold Justice CC		Grimm CC (DVS)		Hawaii Five-0 CC	
TOON 42 38	Movie		Teen	Teen	Teen	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleve	Burgers	American	American	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	Childrens	Eric	Venture	Cleve	American	Fam Guy
TRAV 24 42	Ghost Adventures		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries- Hot.		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries- Hot.		Mysteries-Museum	
TRUTV 52 63	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	The Hustlers (N)		Pawn	Grown	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	The Hustlers	
TVLND 47 39	Bonanza CC		Bonanza CC			Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Love-Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	Friends	Friends CC		Younger	Rose.	Chris
UNI 69	El Gordo y la Flaca		Primer Impacto (N)		P. Luche	Notic.	La Sombra del		Amores con		Lo Imperdonable		Que te Perdone		Impacto	Noticiero	Contacto Deportivo		Un Refugio		Alma	P. Luche
USA 31 58	★★★ "Bridesmaids" (2011) Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph.						Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Royal Pains CC		Chrisley	Chrisley	NCIS: Los Angeles	
VH1 39 76	Dating Naked		Dating Naked		Saturday Night Live (In Stereo) CC				★★ "Space Jam" (1996) (In Stereo)				★★ "Space Jam" (1996) (In Stereo)				★★ "Blue Chips" (1994, Drama) Nick Nolte.					SNL
WE 124 30	Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Reality Stars			Marriage- Stars		Marriage- Reality Stars			Marriage- Stars	
WGN 18	Blue Bloods CC		Blue Bloods CC		Funny Videos		Funny Videos		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising	Raising	Raising

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then-Sioux Falls Community Playhouse before bringing his theatre knowledge and passion to Yankton more than 18 years ago. Henrickson has directed a handful of plays with LCTC, his most recent "The King and I."

Henrickson and his cast and crew have been rehearsing for six weeks for the upcoming production, but one important role has been missing from rehearsals that will play an interactive role.

"The audience will build a community of themselves," he said. "They're taking it in together and have opportunity to respond."

The Sisters will interact with audience members by roaming the aisles and chatting with them before the show, inviting them to play basketball on the stage, playing Bingo at intermission and calling on them for responses to create for unique performances.

"I try to create an environment with 'Nunsense' so when (audience members) walk through the door, they know they're a part of it," Henrickson said. "I'm not expecting (the audience) to go sit in a dark theatre and be totally removed from what's happening on stage."

Young and Henrickson agree that audience members can expect a great time, clean fun for all ages and a lot of laughter.

"Whether you're Catholic or not, ('Nunsense') has all kinds of really good jokes and beautiful music," Young said. "The actors on the stage feed off the audience. The more (the audience) laughs and interacts, the better the show becomes."

"I know there's a contingent among the Yankton community that is familiar with 'Nunsense,' Henrickson said. "For those who haven't seen a 'Nunsense' show in the last 20 years, go to another and revisit the style of the show for the nostalgia. For the people who have never seen a show, I'd get down and check it out so you know what 'Nunsense' is all about."

"Nunsense" will be performed at the Dakota Theatre June 4-7 and 11-14. Performances June 6-7 and 14 will begin at 2 p.m. and all other performance dates at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket reservations may be made by visiting the Dakota Theatre box office at 328 Walnut St. between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday–Friday, by calling 605-665-4711 or ordering online at www.lewisandclarktheatre.org or the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company Facebook page.

CAST

Sister Regina: Gaye Young
Sister Hubert: Morgan Citterman
Sister Robert Anne: Sarah Honrath
Sister Amnesia: Jennica Young
Sister Leo: Abby Cuka

CREW

Director: Andy Henrickson
Musical Director /Accompanist: Dr. Kenneth Tice
Choreographer: Kathryn Rose Reimler
Stage Manager: Catherine Pratt
Light/Sound Design: Jim Hovland
Spot Light: Michael Haas & Ted Anders
Costumes: Dawn Ferris
Master Carpenter: Russ Leonard & Crew
Playwright by: Dan Goggin

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Divine Time: Midler Keeps Quips Coming As She Hits The Road

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LOS ANGELES — Bette Midler knows what's expected of her onstage in 2015.

"I have to sing well, and I have to have a great band," she said recently. "But my audience, they've known me at this point for 50 years. Whether I show up in a fishtail or not, I don't think it matters to them."

The fishtail, of course, is a reference to her character Delores DeLago, the mermaid in a wheelchair who (mostly) sits out Midler's new show. So what does it mean for this veteran entertainer to skip one of her most famous bits?

"It means I had to fill 20 minutes," she answered with a throaty laugh.

As quick with a quip as ever, Midler, 69, sat down in Hollywood for a chatty interview between rehearsals for what she's calling the Divine Intervention tour.

The road show, Midler's first in a decade, follows the release last year of "It's the Girls!," a studio album collecting the singer's vivid renditions of songs by girl groups from the Boswell Sisters to TLC.

Given that it brought Midler back to music after a stretch spent primarily focused on acting (most notably in the acclaimed Broadway play "I'll Eat You Last," about the late talent agent Sue Mengers), "It's the Girls!" could be thought to have set the table for the tour. Yet Midler admitted she had another, more pressing reason for heading out on the road now.

"I'm old," she said. "I don't know how much longer I can do it."

She also knows that, at a moment when records don't sell the way they used to, touring is key for performers, even the veterans. "Streisand, McCartney, Mick and the Stones — they all do well," she said. "People come out for their shows."

As for more current pop, Midler said she keeps up with what's happening and recognizes something of her famously eclectic approach in the work of Kelly Clarkson and Bruno Mars (who, like Midler, was born and raised in Honolulu).

"But I don't feel like I'm really in the swim," she said, her golden-blond hair slicked back against her head. "I'm sort of on the shoals, just treading water. But I'm comfortable with that."

ROBERT GAUTHIER/LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Bette Midler, shown performing during the 86th annual Academy Awards in 2014 in Los Angeles, is embarking on her first concert tour in a decade. She performs at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Nebraska, June 5.

For her new concert, Midler said she was after something "smaller and a bit more intimate" than her last production, which she put on at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas beginning in 2008.

"That show was gigantic. I could never top it," she said. Asked whether she enjoyed the Vegas experience, Midler replied, "I enjoyed it up to a point. Then it was like, 'Who do you have to sleep with to get out of here?'"

Her stint in Sin City overlapped with the late-'00s economic crash, which hit the rapidly developing town especially hard. "The construction cranes stopped in the middle of the night, and everybody walked off the job," she recalled. "People with those subprime mortgages just got in their cars and left. I'd never seen anything like it."

Those on the glittering Strip weren't insulated from the damage. By the middle of her show's second year, Midler said, empty seats began creeping forward from the back of the auditorium. "I was like, 'Oh, my God, this never happened to me in my life.'" Promoters asked to put her on a three-day week, which she couldn't afford to do. "I had to pay everybody in the show, which was very, very expensive." Midler finished out the gig in early 2010, but it left a mark.

"I still have $75,000 worth of pantyhose that nobody ever wore," she said. "Can I offer them to you?"

Olivier Goulet, one of the creative minds behind her new traveling show, said the concept this time was to "bring the theater to arenas," which the production seeks to accomplish with a proscenium arch that doubles as a surface for various state-of-the-art projections. There are also elaborate costumes and custom choreography by Toni Basil. Yet the focus, Goulet insisted, is Midler herself.

"I wanted to do some new songs, and I wanted to hear a blasting band behind me," the singer said. "I hired some horns and a real funk rhythm section, which is interesting because I'm not really a funkmeister. But I have my dreams."

Those new songs include selections from "It's the Girls!," which is a far more imaginative record than it might've been. For many artists late in their careers, the covers album is where inspiration goes to die (or at least retire).

Yet unlike, say, Rod Stewart's snoozy series of Great American Songbook discs, Midler's project puts across real feeling for its material — no surprise, perhaps, given that she's been doing girl-group tunes since her 1972 debut, "The Divine Miss M," which paid homage to the Dixie Cups and the Andrews Sisters.

The album, produced by Marc Shaiman, also makes unlikely connections between styles, as in a country-fried take on the Supremes' "You Can't Hurry Love" and TLC's mid-'90s R&B hit "Waterfalls," remade here as a mournful supper-club ballad.

Midler said that interpretive ability has always come naturally to her, in large part because of her childhood in Hawaii, where pop radio in the 1950s "was about 10 years behind the time."

So although she "came of age in the rock 'n' roll world," as she put it, she'd earlier been exposed to music from the '20s and '30s. "I'm really a bridge," she said.

And where does that bridge lead next? She'd like to make a jazz record, she said, and sing with an orchestra, something she got a taste of at the Academy Awards in 2014 when she performed "Wind Beneath My Wings" during the annual "In Memoriam" sequence.

"You haven't heard anything until you've stood in front of 90 pieces," Midler said. "The sound was like a wave."

Or maybe she'll go in a different direction. "I know a lot of Hawaiian music, which I never sang," she said. "Somebody call Bruno!"