

DOOL's Deidre Hall's Valentine's Brunch 90210!

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Brunch with the Doc.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Three of Daytime's Leading Heartbreakers

Daytime Superstars Deidre Hall, Drake Hogestyn, and Thaa Penghlis will be setting the table and joining their fans for a brunch extravaganza at the Beverly Hilton on February 8th, 2003. The event, billed as Deidre Hall: 90210, will mark the first time the popular trio have come together for an exclusive visit with fans.

Hall, known to millions as the beautiful and compassionate Dr. Marlena Evans on NBC's Days of our Lives, originated the concept with her first fan "Lunchbreak" almost two decades ago. "It all began with a letter from a fan who was losing her eyesight. Her only request before she went completely blind was to meet Marlena in person. How could anyone say no to that?," Hall recalls fondly. "We've held an event almost every year since then", but this one she says will be extra special. "Drake and Thaa are both so handsome and so charming? what more could a girl want?"

Drake Hogestyn, who plays Hall's onscreen husband, the heroic John Black, has been romancing Days viewers for over 16 years. "That's a great run in any job, but for an actor, it's incredible", states Hogestyn. "The wonderful thing about daytime is that it's still new and challenging ? for my character especially! I think I've had about 43 different careers and past lives so far, and from what I hear", he laughs, "the 44th is right around the corner".

Thaa Penghlis, who recently returned to the daytime drama after a 6-year absence, portrays the dashing Count Antony DiMera. The role he created in 1981 has also gone through many incarnations, the latest twist being a previously untapped darker side - the DiMera side. "Tony is a fabulous character to play; he's very complex. He's not a one-note villain, nor a white knight. He's shades of grey," says Penghlis, "and it's the unknown that makes it such an interesting journey".

Tickets to the Valentine Brunch can be purchased on Ms. Hall's website at www.deidrehal.com, or by sending a check or money order for \$65.00 (per ticket) to: Tinselvania, PMB 715, 11041 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025