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# Harrah's gets "Million Dollar" exposure

San Diego resort casino resort featured on popular dating reality TV show

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Patti's Millionaires Club User Upload Caption: "Million Dollar Matchmaker" Patti Stanger (center) and her crew filmed the season at Harrah's Resort Southern California. Courtesy photo

**VALLEY CENTER** — Love might be the ultimate gamble. So it was perhaps fitting that the new season of the reality dating show “Million Dollar Matchmaker” was filmed at Harrah’s Resort Southern California.

The North County casino, hotel, spa and resort, as well as locales throughout San Diego, play a starring role in the series, which premieres tonight at 10 p.m. on WE tv.

Harrah’s lavish, 2,400-square-foot, two-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath, double-balconied Presidential Suite — with rates that start upward of \$5,000 a night — serves as base camp for the tough-talking matchmaker Patti Stanger.



The swanky Presidential Suite at Harrah's Resort Southern California served as base camp for the "Million Dollar Matchmaker." Adrian Carmona

The seemingly compatible wealthy clients Stanger sets up in each episode also stay at the hotel during their on-camera quest for love.

“Having ‘Million Dollar Matchmaker’ filmed at Harrah’s Resort Southern California allows us the opportunity to introduce this amazing resort to viewers all over the country,” said Darrell Pilant, the resort’s vice president and assistant general manager.

“It also helps to showcase San Diego to those same viewers, as many of the excursion dates happened at locations in and around San Diego County. We’re excited to showcase the beauty of our resort and San Diego to the fans of ‘Million Dollar Matchmaker.’”

The show, which formerly aired on Bravo, centers on professional yenta/therapist/tough-love administrator Stanger and her Millionaire Club, a professional matchmaking service she founded in 2000.

“I loved San Diego, the mountains were beautiful, it’s one of the prettiest places in California,” Stanger said in an email Thursday. “The Harrah’s staff was amazing and I loved the ambiance of the entire resort.”

A promo clip for the season shows Stanger dressing down some of her male clients, and in one case buttoning up the shirt of a chest-baring Casanova type.

In a classic reality TV mashup, “Matchmaker” features set-ups for former “Bachelor” contestant Ashley Iaconetti and Farrah Abraham, of “Teen Mom” fame.



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