

NFL and Comedy MVPs Aaron Rodgers and Joel McHale Join 2012 Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational in Las Vegas

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ARIA Resort & Casino Hosts MJCI 2012 at Exclusive Shadow Creek Golf Course, March 29 – April 1

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 23, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Hosted by [ARIA Resort & Casino](#), the **11th Annual Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational** (MJCI) returns to Las Vegas' [Shadow Creek](#) March 29 – April 1 with new participants including current **NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers** and comedic genius **Joel McHale** of NBC's 'Community' and E! Entertainment Television's 'The Soup.'

Rodgers and McHale join many returning standouts from 2011 including **Ken Griffey, Jr., Wayne Gretzky, Roger Clemens, Brian Baumgartner, Brett Hull, Maury Povich** and **Chris Chelios**, who made a splash last year when he sank a 45-foot putt followed by a cannonball jump into the adjacent lake on the 18th hole green.

The Celebrity-Amateur tournament, which pairs one celebrity with four amateur participants, will take place Thursday, March 29 and Friday, March 30. The MJCI two-person, 36-hole scramble format tournament, including only competing celebrities, will take place Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1. More information on special events surrounding the tournament, as well as additional celebrity participants will be announced in the near future.

Shadow Creek, one of the country's most exclusive golf courses, will open its doors to the public for only the second time. Proceeds from the charitable tournament will benefit the [Make-A-Wish Foundation](#), [UC San Diego Nevada Cancer Institute](#), [James R. Jordan Foundation](#), [Opportunity Village](#) and [Cats Care](#), the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats' charity arm. Since its inception in 2001, MJCI has raised more than \$6 million for charity.

Tickets may be purchased at any MGM Resorts International box office outlet, online at www.ariasvegas.com or www.MJCIgolf.com. Prices are as follows:

Daily General Admission Pass
Weekly General Admission Pass
Daily VIP Pass
Weekly VIP Pass

\$30/Thursday-Sunday
\$100/Thursday-Sunday
\$150/Thursday-Sunday
\$500/Thursday-Sunday

VIP spectators will enjoy access to an unparalleled view of the course from the M life VIP tent, an open-air venue featuring a "VIP Party Deck" overlooking the par-5, 18th hole, catering and a full-service bar.

Discounted tickets are available for military service members with valid identification, and Senior Citizens 65 years of age or older with valid ID; both groups will receive 25 percent off a daily or weekly general admission ticket. Additionally, the tournament has created a special "Bring the Kids for Free" general admission ticket offer, which provides access to Shadow Creek for youth 16 years of age and younger when accompanied by a general admission ticketed adult (up to two children per paid adult).

About Shadow Creek

Perennially ranked among Golf Week magazine's Top 10 courses, Shadow Creek's special environment is normally reserved solely for guests of MGM Resorts International. Located in the midst of the Nevada desert, the Tom Fazio-designed Shadow Creek makes golfers feel they've been transported to another world with its natural beauty, rolling terrain, glistening brooks and ponds, spectacular waterfalls, lush gardens and mature trees. Visit www.shadowcreek.com for more information.

About ARIA Resort & Casino

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