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The Edwards Twins: Identical Twins Who Mimic More than 150 Stars

Anthony and Eddie Edwards bring impersonation to the next level by imitating celebrity voices, costumes, hair and even teeth.

LONG BEACH, California — With a repertoire of more than 150 celebrities, The Edwards Twins will kick off the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the Cal State Long Beach campus.

Plenty of impressionists look like a celebrity, but Anthony and Eddie Edwards sound like the stars, too. Their own voices are part of the act. They also do their own makeup and pay careful attention to the costumes and wigs that are part of their transformations. They even imitate the teeth of the stars they impersonate. Those carefully planned details add up to an effective show.

“If both the voice and the look is not right on, we won’t do it,” Eddie Edwards told The Today Show.

During their childhood in Burbank growing up across from NBC Studios, Eddie and Anthony Edwards were always imitating the stars they loved. They kept acting as adults, and when comedian Carol Burnett suggested they form a celebrity-impersonating duo, their careers took off.

Here are some of the stars The Edwards Twins impersonate: Barbra Streisand, Tom Jones, Bette Midler, Neil Diamond, Sonny & Cher, Elton John, Tina Turner, Roy Orbison, Billy Joel, Elvis, Ray Charles, Luciano Pavarotti and Kermit the Frog.

The twins keep it interesting by bringing out a different assortment of celebrities for each performance.

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“You never know who will make an appearance,” Anthony Edwards said. “You could see us week after week and still see new material.”

The Edwards Twins lead off the Carpenter Center’s 2015-16 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. This four-show series is available as a subscription for a discounted price.

Single tickets for The Edwards Twins start at \$38, and a subscription to all four events in the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series is \$99. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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