Carol will take your questions

Tour harks to TV show opening, when audience was part of act

By Lina Rose

During the decade-plus run of "The Carol Burnett Show," the host would open each show with a question-and-answer session with the audience. Burnett recaptures the impromptu spirit of those exchanges on tour, taking the stage to open a dialogue with fans, delivering zingers and anecdotes in response to questions and comments from the crowd.

The 77-year-old Texas native will be at the State Theatre in New Brunswick on Monday, sharing stories from her remarkable career.

She has a new memoir on biographies, "How to Tell a Laugh Story: Laughter and Reflection." This is her 11th book and her first to be released in hardcover, with tales of friends like Jimmy Sturges, Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett. She also debuts on stage for the first time in her own show, including the classic "Harvey," "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Odd Couple (Variety)" and "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit."" On the bottom.

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Carol Burnett on her show.

1962, for a special, "Julie and Carol at Carnegie Hall," which was an Emmy. The main challenge, Burnett says, is finding a broadcast or cable TV channel interested in airing the show.

The tour was designed to answer questions during a recent phone interview.

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