

It combines the artistry of seventy of Europe's most colorful performers in a vast presentation which features outstanding scenes, including an exciting rain of fire, a giant waterfall, an eye-catching hall of mirrors, an ice-skating spectacle, "Montmartre at Night," and a Palace of Versailles and a promenade of stunningly beautiful show girls and dancers..."

-From a *Lido de Paris* press release, November 1959

Lido de Paris debuted at the Stardust Hotel on July 2, 1958. The premiere show was titled *C'est Magnifique* and was imported directly from Paris including the cast, costumes, and scenery. The show was staged by noted producer Donn Arden who had been responsible for several Paris editions of *Lido* and who would go on to stage all twelve editions for the Stardust. The premiere featured "Les Bluebell Girls" who under the direction of Margaret Kelly ("Miss Bluebell"), were some of the most famous dancers in the world at the time. While the show changed throughout the years, the concept and format of the original version was maintained and each edition was conceived and produced in Paris. The Stardust's *Lido de Paris* closed in 1991.



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