

**Larry Ching**

Larry was born to a Chinese father and a Hawaiian mother who studied music in Europe. He was a self-taught singer. When Larry moved to San Francisco at the age of eighteen, he became a singing bartender in Chinatown and then a main attraction known as the “Chinese Frank Sinatra” at the Forbidden City Nightclub. Larry did not like the white audiences that often taunted Asian American entertainers on stage with racist slurs. On many occasions he fought back physically and got in trouble. In 2003 at the age of 82, Larry celebrated the release of his debut album, *Till the End of Time*, consisting of classic Hawaiian love songs and songs that he had been singing since the 1940s. He passed away a week later in San Francisco.