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BAY AREA CABARET ANNOUNCES STELLAR JAZZ, THEATER AND TV ARTISTS FOR 2017-2018 SEASON

**Presented in the historic Venetian Room of San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel
September 24 through April 29**

*Opening Night Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald with **Lillias White, Janis Siegel and Freda Payne.***

Also this season— **Ann Hampton Callaway & Amanda McBroom, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Adam Jacobs & Arielle Jacobs, Jane Lynch, Will Roland, Stacey Kent, Liz Callaway, and The Puppini Sisters**

San Francisco, CA (August 2017) **Bay Area Cabaret**, now in its 14th season of presenting world-renowned Broadway, pop and jazz vocalists, announces the 2017-2018 season of shows at San Francisco's most elegant and historic showroom, the Fairmont Venetian Room (950 Mason Street atop Nob Hill). This marks the seventh consecutive season at the legendary "grand dame" Fairmont San Francisco and the stellar lineup of performers features some making their *Bay Area Cabaret* debuts, as well as the return of several favorites.

The season kicks off on **Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm** with an all-star **Ella Fitzgerald Centennial Celebration** featuring Tony award-winner Lillias White, nine-time Grammy award-winner Janis Siegel, Grammy-nominee Freda Payne, and Bay Area jazz singers Amanda King and Sony Holland all paying tribute to Ella Fitzgerald in the room she made famous!

The season continues **October 8, 2017** with platinum-selling singer/songwriters **Amanda McBroom** ("The Rose") and **Ann Hampton Callaway** ("At The Same Time") combining their artistic forces to bring their critically acclaimed show to the Venetian Room in celebration of Ms. McBroom's newest album "Voices." On Sunday, **October 29, 2017**, Broadway icon and Tony award-winner **Brian Stokes Mitchell** (*Kiss Me, Kate, Ragtime, Man of La Mancha, Glee, Madam Secretary*) will make his Venetian Room debut in an evening of songs from his nearly three-decade career. On **Monday, November 20, 2017**, a special homecoming concert debut will be presented with Bay Area siblings and Broadway stars—Tony-nominated **Adam Jacobs** (*Aladdin*) and **Arielle Jacobs** (*Wicked, In The Heights*)—during Adam's San Francisco run in *Aladdin* at the Orpheum Theatre. For those eager to experience the Fairmont's special holiday spirit with a dash of humor, Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actress/singer **Jane Lynch** (*Glee, Hollywood Game Night*) will bring *A Swingin' Little Christmas* to the Venetian Room on **Sunday, December 10**, along with special guests **Kate Flannery** (*The Office*), **Tim Davis** (*Glee*) and the **Tony Guerrero Quintet**. They'll be performing songs from their 2016 Billboard Top 20 holiday album, "A Swingin' Little Christmas," and more.

Bay Area Cabaret's series resumes in 2018 with a special event on **February 11, 2018**—**Will Roland**, currently co-starring in the Tony award-winning hit musical, *Dear Evan Hansen*, will make his Bay Area concert debut with his solo show, *Loser Songs*, followed by an audience talkback. Platinum-selling jazz vocalist and Grammy nominee **Stacey Kent** returns to *Bay Area Cabaret* on **February 24** to celebrate the release of her 11th studio album, *I Know I Dream*, an album of Chansons, American standards, and Bossa Nova. On **March 11, 2018**, Tony-nominated Broadway star **Liz Callaway** (*Miss Saigon*, *Baby*, *Cats*, *Anastasia*) will present an evening of songs from her extensive Broadway career, her six solo albums, and most requested fan favorites. *Bay Area Cabaret's* Season Finale on **April 29, 2018** will feature the highly anticipated return of internationally-acclaimed vocal jazz trio **The Puppini Sisters**, in their first U.S. appearance since their two sold-out shows with *Bay Area Cabaret* in 2016.

All *Bay Area Cabaret* shows are presented in the Venetian Room at the Fairmont Hotel (950 Mason Street in San Francisco). From 1947 to 1989, the Venetian Room reigned supreme as the city's premier showroom. It was there that Tony Bennett introduced his signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and show business legends like Ella Fitzgerald, Marlene Dietrich, Tina Turner, Peggy Lee, Nat 'King' Cole, and many others held forth for more than four decades.

Having presented cabaret seasons in a variety of elegant showrooms, *Bay Area Cabaret* found a permanent home in 2010 when it was invited to reopen the Fairmont San Francisco's historic Venetian Room, which had been dark as an entertainment venue for over 21 years. Following a gala opening (featuring Oscar, Grammy, Tony, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch), the company has gone on to present such musical legends as Barbara Cook, Chita Rivera, Judy Collins, Stephen Schwartz, Elaine Paige, Tommy Tune, Leslie Uggams, and the *Bay Area Teen Idol* competition (first year winner, Bobby Conte is currently starring on Broadway in Robert DeNiro and Chaz Palminteri's *A Bronx Tale: The Musical*). Having been awarded exclusive music booking rights to the Venetian Room, *Bay Area Cabaret* has continued to provide top caliber lineups, and now begins its eighth year in residence, to present *Bay Area Cabaret's* 14th season of music.

"An evening at a *Bay Area Cabaret* performance at the Venetian Room is a magical and distinctive San Francisco experience," said Marilyn Levinson, Founding Executive Producer of *Bay Area Cabaret*. "Both audiences and performers have said that they can sense the venue's rich musical history the minute they set foot in the room. Patrons are delighted to enjoy a delicious supper at the beautifully renovated Laurel Court restaurant—which also includes free parking at the hotel—and attend a performance in our City's most glamorous venue for a very reasonable price."

Tickets to most *Bay Area Cabaret* shows are \$65 general (\$55 subscribers), with no food or drink minimum required. Information and tickets are available at www.bayareacabaret.org or by phone at City Box Office (415) 392-4400. For BAC 2017-2018 season information and video clips of performers visit www.bayareacabaret.org

Subscriptions, and discounts for groups of eight or more, are available directly from *Bay Area Cabaret* at **(415) 927-4636**. Subscribers enjoy substantial discounts and reserved seating, and those who purchase seven or eight shows are allowed to exchange tickets among shows. For patrons of *Bay Area Cabaret*, dining at the Laurel Court on the evening of a performance, the Fairmont Hotel offers a 3 course prix-fixe supper for \$59 (plus tax and tip), plus free parking.

About the BAC Opening Night Gala

2017-2018 Season Opening Night
Ella Fitzgerald: A Centennial Celebration

Lillias White, Janis Siegel, Freda Payne, Sony Holland and Amanda King

Pay tribute to Ella Fitzgerald

When: 7:00 pm, Sunday, September 24

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco

950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$75/\$65 subscribers

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Bay Area Cabaret opens its 2017/2018 Season in the Fairmont San Francisco's legendary Venetian Room, with an all-star line-up honoring the woman who helped make it famous—**Ella Fitzgerald**. The First Lady Of Song performed regularly in the Venetian Room during its hey-day and even celebrated her birthday there. Commemorating the centennial of Ella's birth year will be Tony and Emmy award-winner **Lillias White** (*The Life, Fela!*, HBO's *The Get Down*), nine-time Grammy award-winner **Janis Siegel** (Manhattan Transfer), Grammy nominated Soul/Jazz singer **Freda Payne** ("Band Of Gold," "Bring the Boys Home"), and San Francisco-based jazz singers **Sony Holland** and **Amanda King**, along with musical director **Larry Dunlap** (Dame Cleo Laine, Sir John Dankworth).

The Season Continues:

Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 5 pm. Platinum-selling singer/songwriters **Amanda McBroom** ("The Rose") and **Ann Hampton Callaway** ("At The Same Time", "The Nanny"). Tickets \$65/\$55 for subscribers.

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