



**BAY AREA CABARET RETURNS TO
SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST HISTORIC SHOWROOM,
THE FAIRMONT VENETIAN ROOM
Presents Ninth Season of Nationally Renowned Vocalists**

*Season opens October 28 with "Supremes" Legend **Mary Wilson**, continues with Broadway icon **Tommy Tune**, singer/actor **Peter Gallagher**, Broadway duo **Marin Mazzie** and **Jason Danieley**, actress/recording artist **Elaine Paige**, actress/singer **Nellie McKay** performing with **Chanticleer**, and a season finale **Marvin Hamlisch Tribute**.*

San Francisco, CA (September 14, 2012) --- **Bay Area Cabaret**, the local non-profit organization devoted to presenting audiences with top performers who expand the definition of cabaret, has announced its lineup for the 2012-2013 season. Opening the season **Sunday, October 28, 2012** is Motown legend and founding member of "Supremes," **Mary Wilson**, followed **Sunday, November 11, 2012** by 9-time Tony Award winning singer/dancer/director/choreographer **Tommy Tune**, and **December 9, 2012** by television, film, and Broadway star **Peter Gallagher**. The series continues in 2013 with "Broadway's golden couple," **Marin Mazzie** and **Jason Danieley** on **February 17, 2013**, "Britain's first lady of musical theatre" **Elaine Paige** on **March 1, 2013**, and a performance by singer/actress **Nellie McKay** featuring San Francisco's Grammy-winning a capella male chorus **Chanticleer** on **March 23, 2013**. Rounding out the season is a tribute to the late **Marvin Hamlisch**, with special guests to be announced, on **June 2, 2013**, which would have been the legendary composer's 69th birthday, with special guests to be announced.

After several seasons of presenting shows in a variety of elegant showrooms, Bay Area Cabaret found a permanent home two years ago when it was invited to reopen the Fairmont Hotel'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 presented its most successful season to date, featuring such musical legends as Chita Rivera, Anika Noni Rose, and Lillias White and its first ever Bay Area Teen Idol competition, with judges from *American Idol* and *Wicked*. Having been awarded exclusive music booking rights to the Venetian Room, Bay Area Cabaret returned last season with another stellar line-up, and now begins its third year in residence, to present Bay Area Cabaret's Ninth Season.

From 1947 to 1989, the Venetian Room reigned supreme as the city's premier showroom. It was here 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

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decades. Said Marilyn Levinson, Founding Executive Producer of Bay Area Cabaret, "The city's music patrons have given an enthusiastic reception to Bay Area Cabaret's first two seasons in the Venetian Room, and visitors to the hotel seem thrilled that the grande dame of showrooms has been brought back to life. With performances by top caliber artists, and a renovation of the Laurel Court restaurant and its menu, San Franciscans are flocking to Nob Hill to enjoy the glamour reminiscent of the city's golden age."

Subscribers to five and six-show series receive substantial ticket discounts and reserved seats. For all patrons of Bay Area Cabaret, the Fairmont Hotel offers a lavish buffet supper in the Laurel Court for \$40 (plus tax and tip), plus free parking for all who dine in the Laurel Court.

Bay Area Cabaret (BAC) is a not-for profit organization founded by Marilyn Levinson, a fifth generation San Francisco native. Bay Area Cabaret (BAC) is a not-for profit organization. Through its concert series and wide-ranging outreach activities, BAC aims to expand the definition of cabaret and broaden the audience for intimate entertainment, featuring Great American Songbook offerings from Harold Arlen and Stephen Sondheim to Jonathan Larson and Stevie Wonder. Past seasons have featured Sutton Foster, Barbara Cook, Christine Ebersole, Chita Rivera, jazz vocalists John Pizzarelli, Nnenna Freelon, and Jane Monheit, *Rent* stars Anthony Rapp and Adam Pascal, and a high school vocal competition *Bay Area Teen Idol*.

Tickets for individual concerts start at \$47 general/\$40-45 subscribers and are available at www.bayareacabaret.org or by phone at City Box Office **(415) 392-4400**. Subscriptions, and discounts for groups of 8 or more are available directly from Bay Area Cabaret at (415) 927-4636. For Bay Area Cabaret 2012-2013 season subscriptions and more information, visit www.bayareacabaret.org.

INDIVIDUAL CONCERT INFORMATION:

"An Intimate Evening With Mary Wilson"

When: 7 pm Sunday, October 28, 2012

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$75 premium/\$50 general/ \$40-45 subscribers (415) 392-4400 or
www.bayareacabaret.org

Bay Area Cabaret kicks off its 2012-2013 season with *Supremes* legend **Mary Wilson** and her solo show, "An Intimate Evening With Mary Wilson." Best known as a founding member of the famous Motown trio, Ms. Wilson continued on to launch her solo career in 1977. With two solo albums, a best-selling autobiography, multiple Lifetime Achievement Awards, starring roles in theatre productions across the country and concert tours around the globe, Ms. Wilson has become an entertainment icon. Her appearance at Adelaide, Australia's cabaret festival this summer elicited rave reviews, as

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did her run at Feinstein's at the Regency. Celebrating both Bay Area Cabaret's opening night and Ms. Wilson's return to The Venetian Room after more than two decades, "An Intimate Evening with Mary Wilson" will feature familiar ballads including *Smile*, *Stormy Weather*, and *Tears in Heaven*, as well as some thrilling new additions.

Tommy Tune

"TAPS, TUNES, AND TALL TALES"

When: 5 pm Sunday, November 11, 2012

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$47 general/\$40-45 subscribers
(415) 392-4400 or www.bayareacabaret.org

Bay Area Cabaret proudly presents Broadway legend **Tommy Tune** in a brand new solo show, **"TAPS, TUNES, AND TALL TALES."** In this glorious performance, nine-time Tony Award winner **Tommy Tune** returns to The Venetian Room for the first time in more than two decades. Audience can expect an autobiographical performance featuring handpicked songs from the great American Broadway songbook, accompanied by Tune's effortlessly graceful style of dance, and a collection of stories from the performer's magnificent career. Tune has received numerous awards including the Society of Directors and Choreographers' George Abbott Award for Lifetime Achievement, his own star on the legendary Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the National Medal of Arts, the highest honor for artistic achievement given by the President of the United States.

Peter Gallagher

"SONGS AND STORIES FROM AN ACTOR'S LIFE"

When: 7 pm Sunday, December 9, 2012

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$47 general/\$40-45 subscribers
(415) 392-4400 or www.bayareacabaret.org

Tony nominated actor/singer **Peter Gallagher** returns to the Venetian Room in his critically acclaimed cabaret show **"SONGS AND STORIES FROM AN ACTOR'S LIFE."** Although well-known for his acting roles in films such as *American Beauty*, *sex, lies and videotapes*, and *The Player*, as well as his role on TV's *The O.C.* and *Covert Affairs*, **Peter Gallagher** also boasts an extensive background in musical theatre. After Broadway roles in *Hair* and *Grease*, he made his movie debut as a 50's teen idol in the cult classic, *The Idolmaker*. While his film success seemed to overshadow his musical roots, Gallagher has returned to Broadway many times, receiving rave reviews for his singing while starring in *Guys And Dolls* and *Pal Joey* (opposite Patti LuPone). In *Songs and Stories*, **Mr. Gallagher** reaches into the Great American Songbook as well as

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Broadway to cover his life and career, and reminiscences of Tom Stoppard, Peter O'Toole, James Cagney and Jack Lemon.

Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley
"HE SAID/SHE SAID"

When: 5 pm Sunday, February 17, 2013

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$47 general/\$40-45 subscribers
(415) 392-4400 or www.bayareacabaret.org

Bay Area Cabaret brings to San Francisco "Broadway's golden couple," **Marin Mazzie** and **Jason Danieley** presenting their latest show "**HE SAID/SHE SAID**." Between them, Mazzie and Danieley have Tonys (*Ragtime*), Tony nominations (*Kiss Me Kate*, *Passion*), Broadway and regional theatre credits (*Next-to-Normal*, *Full Monty*, *Spamalot*, *Sunday in the Park with George*) and a marriage that's survived them all. Their sexy evening of cabaret is a hot-hearted, cool-headed musical conversation between lovers set to the tunes of some of the most talented composers of the Great American Songbook. "**HE SAID/SHE SAID**" includes brand new arrangements of songs by Jimmy Van Heusen, Johnny Mercer, Dorothy Fields, Harold Arlen, Sammy Cahn, and many others. As a couple and individually, **Marin Mazzie** and **Jason Danieley** have wowed audiences and critics all around the globe, and their newest show "**HE SAID/SHE SAID**" received rave reviews when it made its debut at the Café Carlyle. This night of love, laughter and legendary hits includes *All The Way*, *Something's Gotta Give*, *A Fine Romance*, *The Tender Trap*, and many more.

Elaine Paige

When: 8 pm Friday, March 1, 2013

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$47 general/\$40-45 subscribers
(415) 392-4400 or www.bayareacabaret.org

Bay Area Cabaret continues its 2012-2013 season with "the first lady of musical theatre," **Elaine Paige**. An accomplished actress, recording artist, concert performer, producer, and broadcaster, **Elaine Paige** is an Olivier Award winner and 5 time nominee. She created the roles of Eva Peron in *Evita*, Florence in *Chess*, and Grizabella in *Cats*, with the song *Memory* becoming her signature. Her extensive credits also include *Sunset Blvd* (London/New York), *Anything Goes*, *The King & I*, *Sweeney Todd* (Drama Desk nomination), and most recently *Follies* (New York and Los Angeles). Additionally, **Elaine Paige** has recorded 26 albums, received an OBE for services to Musical Theater, and presents the weekly BBC Radio 2 program *Elaine Paige On Sunday*.

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Nellie McKay

Special Appearance by Chanticleer

When: 8 pm Saturday, March 23, 2013

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets: \$47 general/\$40-45 subscribers
(415) 392-4400 or www.bayareacabaret.org

Bay Area Cabaret presents versatile singer/songwriter/actress **Nellie McKay** with San Francisco's Grammy-winning **Chanticleer**. Having toured the world to critical acclaim, the *New York Times* dubbed McKay's debut album, "a tour de force from a sly, articulate musician who sounds comfortable in any era." Musical wanderlust, lyrical playfulness and a beautiful Blossom Dearie voice has long characterized her music, which has been heard at Jazz at Lincoln Center, in Lincoln Center's prestigious American Songbook series and in several television show soundtracks (*Weeds*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Nurse Jackie*, HBO's *Boardwalk Empire*). In this delightful evening, **McKay** will perform a sampling of her original songs and take us back to the 1930s to perform familiar and lesser-known Porter and Gershwin material, with San Francisco's world class *a cappella* male chorus **Chanticleer**.

Closing Night Gala

A Tribute to Marvin Hamlisch

Featuring special guests

When: 7:30pm Sunday, June 2, 2013

Where: Venetian Room of the Fairmont San Francisco
950 Mason Street, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco

Tickets (*on sale 10/1/2012*): \$70-\$100 (415) 392-4400 or www.bayareacabaret.org

Bay Area Cabaret will conclude its 2012-2013 season by honoring the memory and incredible career of legendary composer **Marvin Hamlisch**. Hamlisch is widely considered one of the greatest American composers of all time, was the second individual to ever win three Oscars in one night, and is one of only 11 artists to have won an Academy, Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award. His unprecedented body of work changed the landscape of the Great American Songbook forever, earning him various honors including a Lifetime Achievement Award, a Pulitzer Prize, and several Golden Globes. Having performed for **Bay Area Cabaret's** gala re-opening of the Venetian Room after 21 years, **Marvin Hamlisch** will always hold a special place in San Francisco's musical history. His legacy will be honored with renditions of his work, to be performed by special guests on **Hamlisch's** birthday, June 2.

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