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**THE FAIRMONT SAN FRANCISCO
CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
WITH RETURN OF THE VENETIAN ROOM SUPPER CLUB**

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY - SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007

**Three Canadian Lyric Tenors, ROMANZA, Make Their Bay Area Debut
With a Special Performance by Peter Mintun**

SAN FRANCISCO (4/6/07 - revised) - In celebration of the hotel's centennial anniversary, The Fairmont San Francisco, in collaboration with Bay Area Cabaret and San Francisco Opera's BRAVO! CLUB, will revive The Venetian Room as a supper club with a program of opera, pop and musical theatre by Canadian tenors Romanza on April 28, 2007 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Well-loved pianist Peter Mintun (Masons, L'Etoile, Cafe Carlyle) will open the evening with a special appearance at 7:00 pm

This unforgettable evening will showcase the talents of Canada's classically trained young tenors; Philip Grant, Ken Lavigne and Frédéric Robert; who have each enjoyed rave reviews performing as soloists with symphony orchestras, opera and light opera companies across Canada and the United States. Performing together as Romanza in their Bay Area debut, the charismatic tenors will captivate the audience with a varied program, accompanied by violin, double bass and piano. Fast becoming leaders of a "popera" movement amidst groups like Il Divo, Josh Groban, and Andrea Bocelli, Romanza seeks to make opera more accessible through its contemporary, upbeat vision and original arrangements.

The one-time-only event will feature a champagne reception and a delectable three-course dinner paired with California wines for \$140 per person inclusive of tax, tip and cover. For reservations, please call The Fairmont at **415/ 772-5204** or order tickets online at www.bayareacabaret.org.

THE VENETIAN ROOM

During its reign as the West Coast's premier supper club from 1947 through 1989, The Venetian Room featured legendary performers such as Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Peggy Lee, Nat King Cole, Marlene Dietrich, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, Tina Turner and Count Basie. It was on The Venetian Room stage that Tony Bennett first sang "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" in 1962.

The evening will be co-presented by **Bay Area Cabaret**, a local non-profit run by Marilyn Levinson (niece of the late James Schwabacher), which has presented Barbara Cook, Ann Hampton Callaway, Patricia Racette, Amanda McBroom, Karen Mason, Marin Mazzie and **Maureen McGovern (upcoming on May 6, 2007** at the Marines Memorial Commandants Room).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR PRESS MATERIALS AND HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOS OF ROMANZA, PLEASE VISIT WWW.BAYAREACABARET.ORG.

PHOTOS OF THE FAIRMONT SAN FRANCISCO CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT WWW.FAIRMONTIMAGEGALLERY.COM.

TO SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF **ROMANZA**, OR **PETER MINTUN** PLEASE CALL LAWRENCE HELMAN AT 415-661-1260

ROMANZA – BIO's

Frédéric Robert, only 23-years-old, has already sung roles with many companies across Canada including; Edmonton Opera, The Opera Project, Calgary Opera, Opera Nuova, Opera Saskatoon, Prince George Symphony, Winnipeg Symphony and the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

Philip Grant is a lyric tenor from Ontario. Through his performances across Canada, the United States, Italy and Mexico, he has become known for his exciting rich tone as well as his dedication to excellent musicianship. His concert appearances include; Vancouver Symphony, Vancouver Philharmonic, and the Prince George Symphony.

Ken Lavigne has steadily been garnering credits as well as supporters from the United States to the United Kingdom in opera and musical theatre. Ken's credits include Oklahoma Light Opera, Pacific Opera Victoria, Portland Opera, the Vancouver Island Symphony, a prize-winning performance in Ireland, and the special honor of singing for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in his hometown of Victoria B.C. Visit Ken's web site www.kenlavigne.com

Calendar Editors, please note...

What: Bay Area Cabaret & Fairmont San Francisco present...
**A Fairmont Centennial Supper Club Evening
at the Historic Venetian Room**

Who: **ROMANZA**
Three Canadian Lyric Tenors for the Next Generation !
performing selections from opera musical theatre and pop.
With a Special Performance by Peter Mintun

Date: **Saturday, April 28, 2007 -- 7:00 pm (dinner), 9:00 pm (show)**

Venue: **Venetian Room** at the Fairmont Hotel
950 Mason St. (at California St.).

Tickets: Tickets are \$140 (including 3-course dinner, wines, tax, tip and cover).
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The Venetian Room is wheelchair accessible.

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