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WELCOME

Welcome to *The Hitman Cruise*! I've been fortunate to spend my entire career surrounded by music — writing it, producing it, performing it — and I've shared stages and studios with some of the most talented artists in the world. But this... this is something truly special.

Now, for the first time, we're taking that legacy to sea. Over the next five days, you'll experience the songs, the stories, and the spirit behind the music in an entirely new way. From elegant performances to intimate conversations, and a few surprises along the way, my goal is to make this cruise as personal and unforgettable as the music itself.

Signature Cruise Experiences and I have worked closely to ensure that every detail — every artist, every note, every event — reflects the passion, polish and excellence that have always guided my work. Together, we've curated something truly special, and I'm thrilled to share it with you. So sit back, relax, and let's make these five days a celebration of music, friendship and unforgettable moments.


– David Foster



DAVID FOSTER'S BAND



BOH COOPER

Boh Cooper is a professional, Nashville-based keyboardist and Musical Director for David Foster. A seasoned MD for artists including Rascal Flatts and Peter Cetera, Boh has shared the stage and studio with countless music legends. His credits include playing for Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, Babyface, Michael Bublé, Earth Wind & Fire, Sting and many more, making him a trusted name among music's elite.



JOHN "JR" ROBINSON

GRAMMY®-winning drummer John "JR" Robinson is "King of the Groove." His drumming has been featured on recordings that have sold over 500 million copies for the likes of Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, Daft Punk, Steve Winwood, Lionel Richie, and Chaka Khan, to name just a few. JR also performs with his own groups, tours with various artists, teaches masterclasses, and engages in motivational speaking.



KEITH NELSON

Keith Nelson is an accomplished, Las Vegas-based musician and bass player extraordinaire. Initially a saxophone player, his extensive professional credits read like a who's who, including collaborations with Andrea Bocelli, Diana Ross, Adam Levine, Chaka Khan and Donna Summer. Nelson is also deeply involved with the American Federation of Musicians, serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Musicians' Union of Las Vegas.



DAVID FOSTER

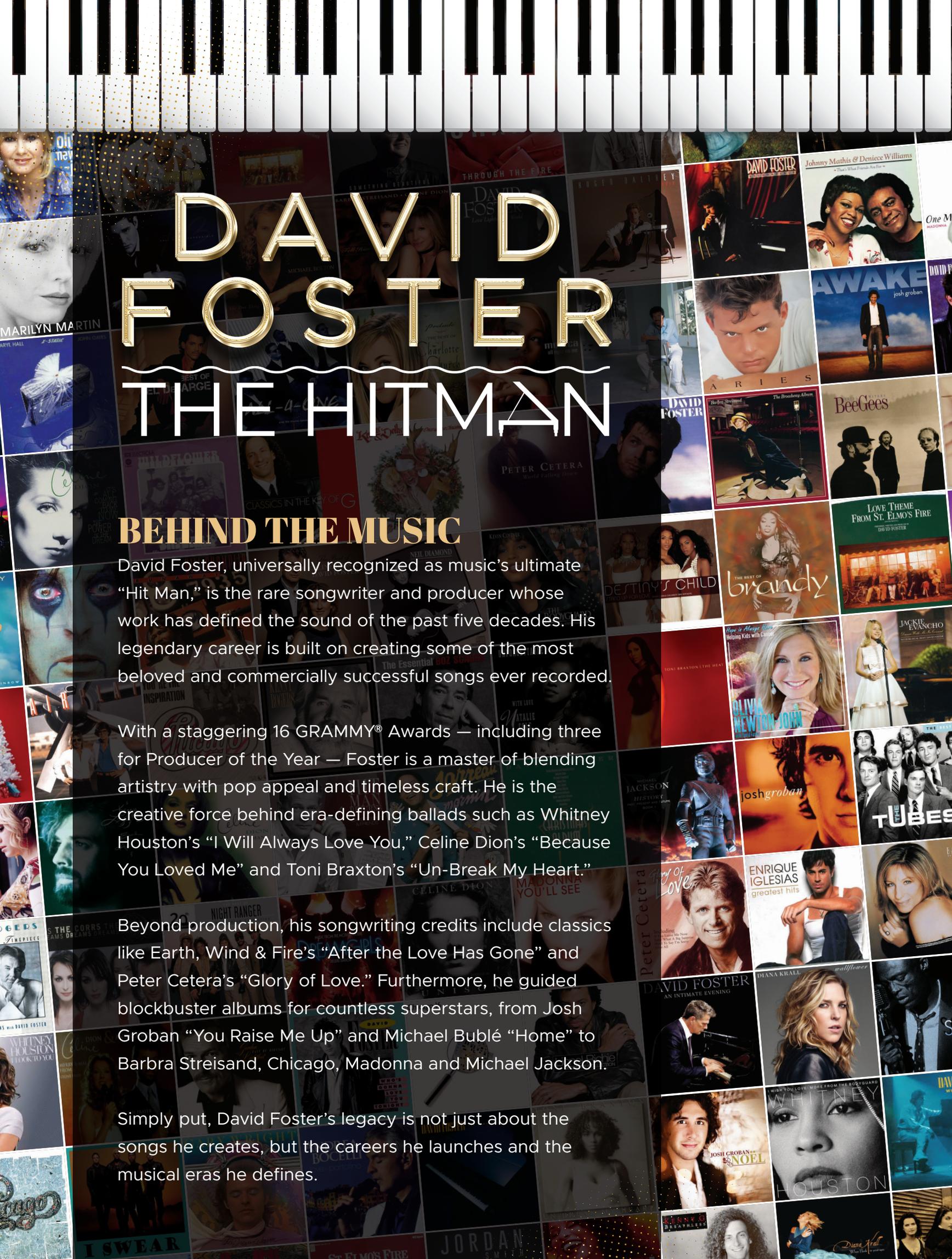
One of the most illustrious composers of our time. With 16 GRAMMY® Awards, including three for Producer of the Year, an Emmy Award, a Golden Globe, and three Oscar nominations for Best Original Song, David Foster has earned a reputation as a keen spotter of new talent, playing a key role in the discovery and career launches of Celine Dion, Josh Groban and Michael Bublé.

Few other individuals can claim to have their fingerprints on more major moments in popular music than David Foster. He has created hit songs for a diverse array of artists, including Barbra Streisand, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, Madonna, Andrea Bocelli, Michael Bublé, Josh Groban, Chicago, Rod Stewart, Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind & Fire, Toni Braxton, Natalie Cole, Michael Bolton, Seal, Chaka Khan, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Hall Oates, Brandy, 'N Sync, Boz Scaggs and Gloria Estefan.

In 2008 and 2011, Foster stepped out as a performer in his own right with the *Hitman*, *David Foster and Friends* PBS specials, which became PBS' highest-rated shows in decades. In 2018/19, Foster started touring with his show *An Intimate Evening with David Foster*. The shows garnered rave reviews and were so successful that he now devotes much of his time to selling out concerts around the world.

Foster recently wrote the music for the new musical about the iconic animated character "Betty Boop" which opened on Broadway in 2025 and is about to embark on a national US tour. In 2023, David released a Christmas album with Katharine McPhee, titled *Christmas Songs*.

Foster has made charitable work his life's other priority. Meeting with a young girl from his hometown who was awaiting a liver transplant had a profound impact and led him to create The David Foster Foundation in 1986. Its mission is to provide financial support to Canadian families with children in need of life-saving organ transplants, and provide awareness and education about the need to become a registered organ donor.



DAVID FOSTER

THE HITMAN

BEHIND THE MUSIC

David Foster, universally recognized as music's ultimate "Hit Man," is the rare songwriter and producer whose work has defined the sound of the past five decades. His legendary career is built on creating some of the most beloved and commercially successful songs ever recorded.

With a staggering 16 GRAMMY® Awards — including three for Producer of the Year — Foster is a master of blending artistry with pop appeal and timeless craft. He is the creative force behind era-defining ballads such as Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You," Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me" and Toni Braxton's "Un-Break My Heart."

Beyond production, his songwriting credits include classics like Earth, Wind & Fire's "After the Love Has Gone" and Peter Cetera's "Glory of Love." Furthermore, he guided blockbuster albums for countless superstars, from Josh Groban "You Raise Me Up" and Michael Bublé "Home" to Barbra Streisand, Chicago, Madonna and Michael Jackson.

Simply put, David Foster's legacy is not just about the songs he creates, but the careers he launches and the musical eras he defines.



DAVID FOSTER'S HIT LIST

EARTH, WIND & FIRE

- After the Love Has Gone

CHICAGO

- Hard to Say I'm Sorry
- You're the Inspiration
- Love Me Tomorrow

PETER CETERA

- Glory of Love

WHITNEY HOUSTON

- I Will Always Love You
- I Have Nothing

CELINE DION

- Because You Loved Me
- The Power of Love
- All By Myself
- The Prayer (with Andrea Bocelli)

TONI BRAXTON

- Un-Break My Heart

NATALIE COLE & NAT KING COLE

- Unforgettable

MICHAEL BUBLÉ

- Home
- Haven't Met You Yet

JOSH GROBAN

- You Raise Me Up

BARBRA STREISAND

- Somewhere
- I Finally Found Someone (with Bryan Adams)

CHAKA KHAN

- Through the Fire

KENNY LOGGINS

- Heart to Heart

SEAL

- Kiss from a Rose (co-producer)

OTHERS

- The Best of Me (with Olivia Newton-John)
- Collaborations with Rod Stewart, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Andrea Bocelli & more

MICHAEL McDONALD

Michael McDonald remains an influential figure in popular music, with a career distinguished by five GRAMMY® Awards and five decades of success.

After his work with Steely Dan, McDonald became a pivotal member of the Doobie Brothers in the mid-70s. As a vocalist, keyboardist and songwriter, his distinct, soulful sound delivered defining hits like “Takin’ It to the Streets,” “Minute by Minute,” and the GRAMMY®-winning “What A Fool Believes.” His contributions cemented his status as a musical powerhouse.

Launching a successful solo career in the ‘80s and ‘90s, he produced an unforgettable string of hits including “I Keep Forgettin’ (Every Time You’re Near),” “Sweet Freedom,” and the chart-topping duet “On My Own” with Patti LaBelle, to name a few.

His enduring legacy includes induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (2020) and the Songwriters Hall of Fame (2025). He maintains a prolific output, touring extensively as a solo artist and collaborating on new projects, such as with Dolly Parton and Lalah Hathaway.





BABYFACE

Babyface is a 13-time GRAMMY® Award-winning artist, songwriter, producer, and one of the most celebrated creative forces in music history.

Over the past five decades, Babyface released three consecutive, multi-platinum, solo albums, featuring hits like “Tender Lover” and “When Can I See You.” As co-founder of the legendary LaFace Records, he launched the careers of global stars including Usher, TLC, Outkast and P!nk.

Babyface has written and produced an astonishing catalog, contributing to over 800 million records sold, including 125 Top 10 hits and 45 Number One R&B hits for Madonna, Beyoncé, Bruno Mars, Whitney Houston and countless others.

His recent work includes the GRAMMY®-winning album *Love, Marriage & Divorce* with Toni Braxton and the 2022 project *Girls Night Out*. In 2023, his single “As a matter of fact” became his first solo #1 in 26 years. He was honored with the BMI Icon Award and inducted into the Apollo Walk of Fame in 2024.

PIA TOSCANO

Pia Toscano is a powerhouse vocalist known for her emotionally charged performances and soaring range — often likened to icons like Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion and Etta James. A born performer, she began captivating audiences at just four years old and rose to national fame as a standout on Season 10 of *American Idol*. Since then, Pia has built a dynamic career, touring with Jennifer Lopez and gracing the stage with Andrea Bocelli and David Foster, and as a regular headliner on global stages. Her chart-topping holiday album *Christmas With You* (2021) and her original debut *I'm Good* (2022) — in collaboration with Usher — showcase her versatility and heart as an artist. She also co-starred in PBS's Las Vegas concert special and the original movie-musical *1660 Vine*. In 2024, following a show-stopping performance with Andrea Bocelli at Viña del Mar, Pia headlined her first arena concert in Chile at the Movistar Arena. Now back in the studio, she's crafting her most personal and powerful music yet — ushering in a bold new chapter in her career. Most recently, Pia performed the American National Anthem at Game 7 of the World Series, reaching a television audience of more than 40 million viewers.

PETER CINCOTTI

Peter Cincotti burst onto the scene at 18, becoming the youngest artist ever to reach #1 on the Billboard Jazz Charts. The singer-songwriter and piano phenom has since wowed audiences globally, performing in venues from Carnegie Hall to L'Olympia, with *The New York Times* declaring he's "Going On Legend." Cincotti has collaborated and toured with artists ranging from Andrea Bocelli to Seal to Stevie Nicks to Ray Charles. His distinct style connects generations of pianists. In 2023, he released his 6th album, *Killer On The Keys*.



TAKE6

Take 6 is the most awarded a cappella group in history. The sextet has won 10 GRAMMY® Awards and numerous other honors, setting the quintessential standard for vocal excellence.

They skillfully cross musical genres and have collaborated with legends like Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles. Their extensive discography includes the 2018 album, *ICONIC*, which pays tribute to artists from Justin Timberlake to The Beatles. They were also inducted into The Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Take 6 continues to perform worldwide and push the boundaries of a cappella music.



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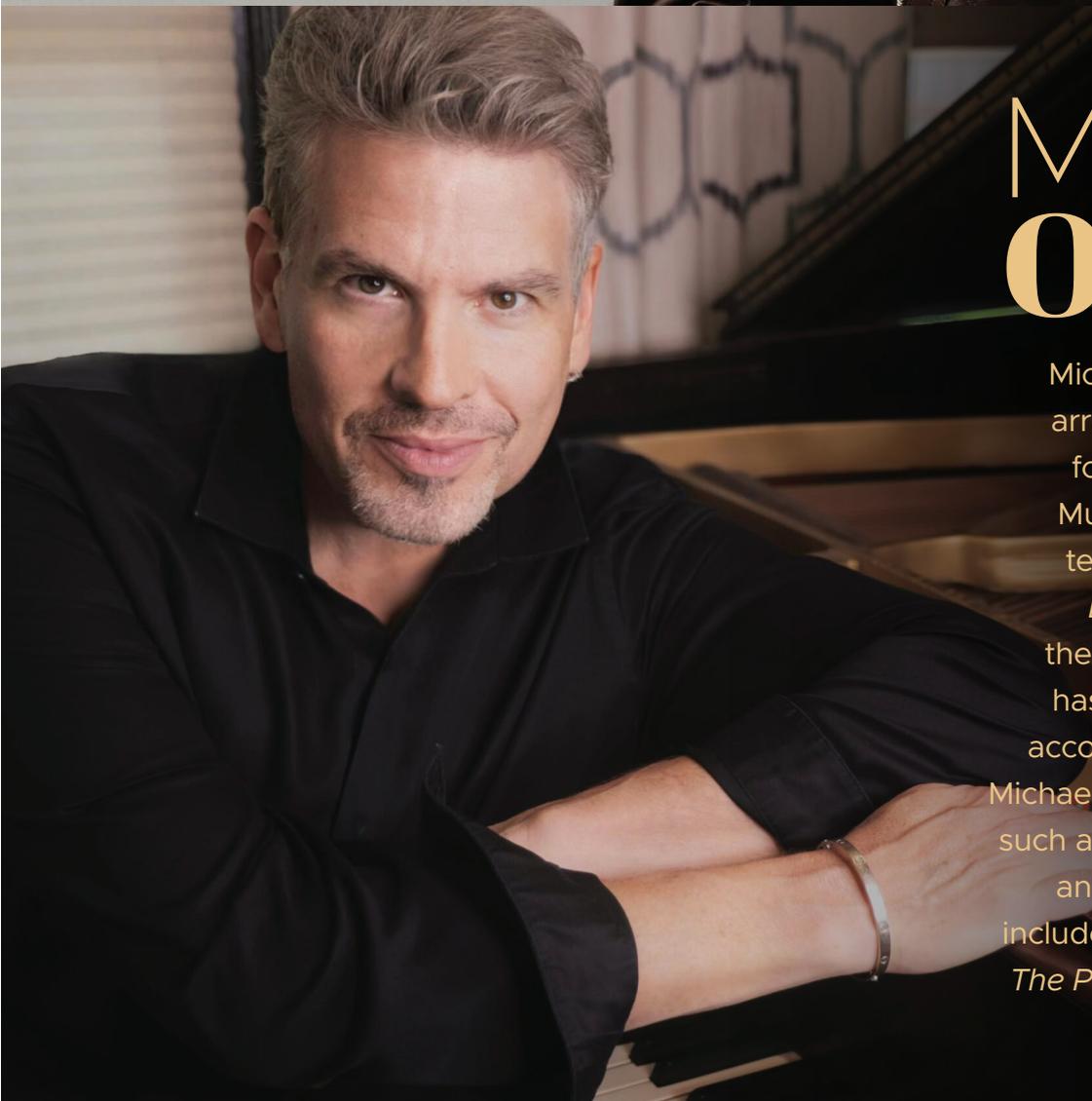
ERICH BERGEN

Erich Bergen is best known for playing Blake Moran on the hit television show *Madam Secretary*, as well as his critically-acclaimed performance as Bob Gaudio in *Jersey Boys*, a role he performed on stage on tour and in Las Vegas and reprised in Clint Eastwood's film adaptation. Most recently, he was seen on Broadway in *Boop! The Betty Boop Musical*, as well as the musicals *Waitress* and *Chicago*. Other television credits include: *BULL*, *The Good Fight*, *Gossip Girl* and more. This year, Erich will star in the highly anticipated TV show, *Love Story*, on FX, which tells the story of JFK Jr. and Carolyn Bessette.



MICHAEL ORLAND

Michael Orland is an acclaimed pianist, arranger and vocal coach, best known for his 16-season tenure as Associate Musical Director on *American Idol*. His television credits further include *Little Big Shots*, *America's Got Talent* and the NBC production *Hairspray Live*. He has performed on *The Ellen Show* and accompanied stars on *The Today Show*. Michael has collaborated with iconic artists such as Ariana Grande, Kristin Chenoweth and Barry Manilow. His theater credits include *Forbidden Broadway* and the film *The Prom*, working with legends like Patti LuPone and Bernadette Peters.



SHELÉA

Sheléa is a multi-talented songwriter, singer, pianist and producer who has earned the support of icons like Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder and David Foster. A true vocal powerhouse, she has graced prestigious global stages, including the White House, the Vatican and Carnegie Hall, notably making a sold-out Royal Albert Hall debut in 2022. Sheléa transitioned into acting by starring as Dorinda Clark in the 2020 hit biopic *The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel*, Lifetime's top-rated original movie of the year. Beyond her PBS special *Quincy Jones Presents: Sheléa*, she recently released her retro-soul EP *Spirit* alongside a new special, *Aretha! with Sheléa and the Pacific Symphony*.



JESSICA VOSK

Powerhouse performer Jessica Vosk is a Broadway star known for her legendary turn as Elphaba in *Wicked*. She recently starred in Alicia Keys' *Hell's Kitchen* and will originate Cee Cee in *Beaches*. Her versatile career includes Broadway credits like *Fiddler on the Roof*, creating Lute in *Hazbin Hotel* and the viral series *Vosk In The City*. A GRAMMY®-nominated concert artist, Vosk has sold out Carnegie Hall and toured her album *Sleigh*. Her one-of-a-kind story has been featured on ABC's *20/20* and NBC *Nightly News*.



JR ROBINSON BAND

The JR Robinson Band is a powerhouse trio led by the legendary celebrated drummer John “JR” Robinson. This tight-knit ensemble features a dynamic lineup and blends the deep pocket of soul and funk with fresh instrumental voices. Their collaborative chemistry creates a highly groove-oriented sound that is both musically sophisticated and incredibly fun to listen to.



**JOHN “JR”
ROBINSON**

**MITCH
TOWNE**

**MYLES
JASNOWSKI**



NATHAN EAST

Nathan East is a legendary bassist who started his career with Barry White and Quincy Jones. A founding member of Fourplay, he earned 16 GRAMMY® Awards working with artists from Eric Clapton to Daft Punk, bringing his soulful, genre-crossing groove to the world.



NOAH EAST

Son of the inimitable bass player, Noah East is a session pianist and organist with perfect pitch. After graduating from UC Berkeley, he pursued music, specializing in the Hammond B3 organ. He recently released his debut duo album with his father.

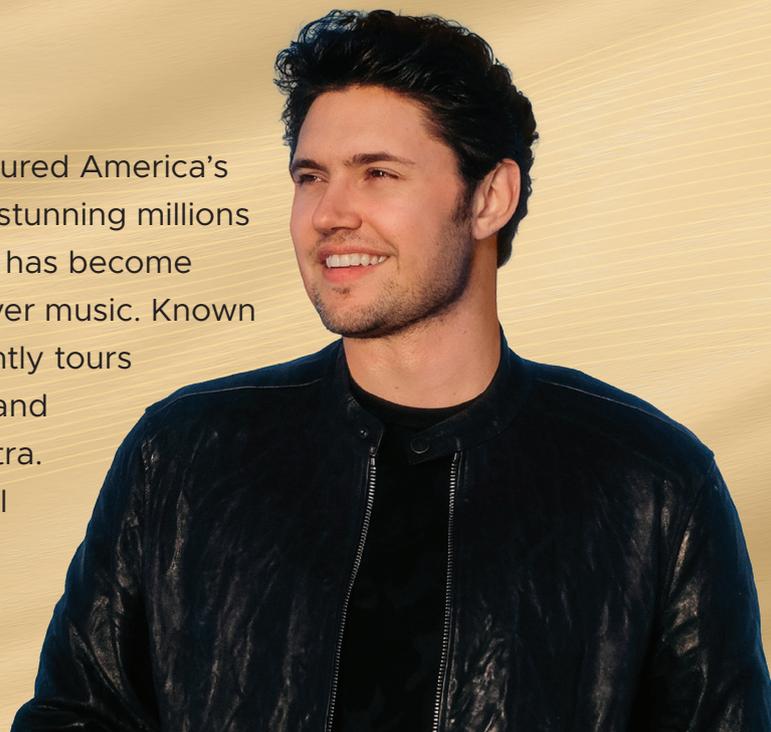


FRÉDÉRIC YONNET

Frédéric Yonnet is an innovative, French-born, urban jazz harmonicist. He has toured and recorded with icons like Stevie Wonder and Prince. His sound funks, rocks and grooves with technical mastery and reverence for gospel, blues and jazz.

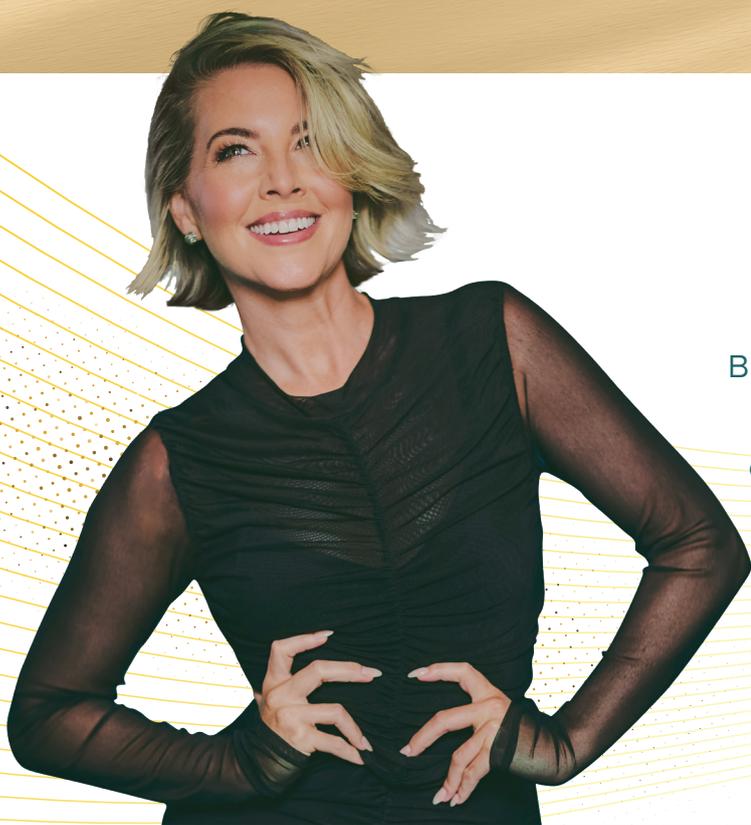
DANIEL EMMET

Daniel Emmet is a powerhouse vocalist who first captured America's attention as a top 10 finalist on *America's Got Talent*, stunning millions with his soaring range and emotional intensity. Daniel has become one of the most electrifying voices in modern crossover music. Known for delivering show-stopping performances, he currently tours globally with 16-time GRAMMY® winner David Foster and across North America with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. His debut album reached #5 on the Billboard Classical Crossover Chart. From TV screens to international concert halls, Daniel Emmet continues to rise — one unforgettable performance at a time.



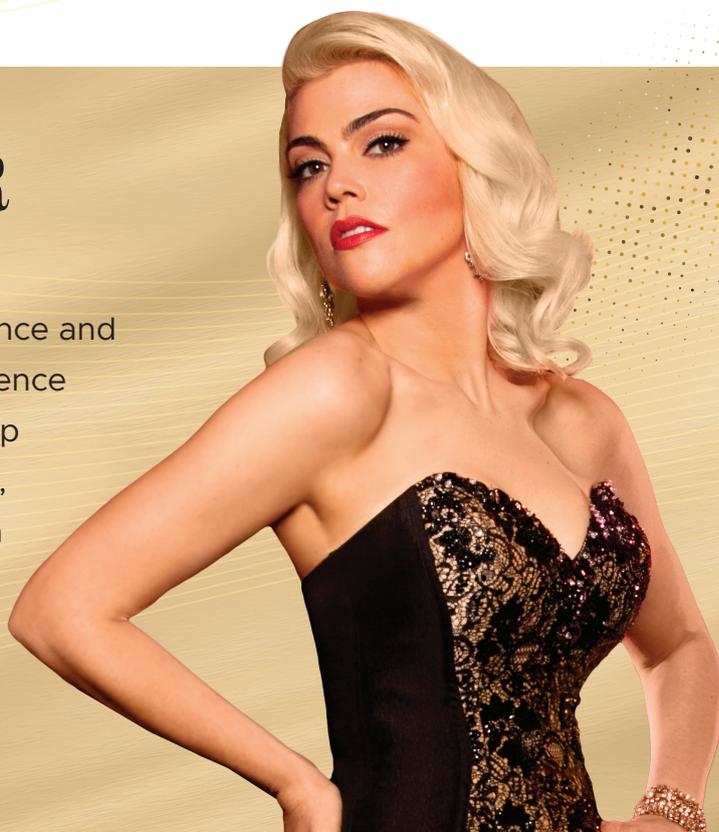
MORGAN JAMES

Morgan James is a prolific singer-songwriter known for her powerful voice, beginning her career on Broadway after graduating from Juilliard. Encouraged and mentored by Berry Gordy Jr., she carved out a diverse career in soul music. Her style often involves twisting “hyper-masculine songs” with a feminist lens, notably on her album, *Soul Remains the Same*, where she reinterprets rock classics with a soulful, personal sound.



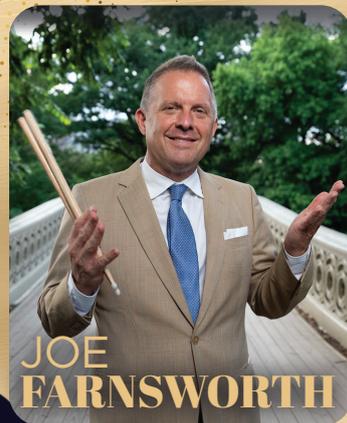
BRENNA WHITAKER

Kansas City native Brenna Whitaker is a renowned vocalist known for her larger-than-life stage presence and haunting vocals. She is a major force in the resurgence of jazz in Los Angeles. Her shows, which attract top entertainers like Stevie Wonder and Quincy Jones, showcase a blend of vintage jazz and soul. Brenna has also performed on Andrea Bocelli's American Tour and regularly tours Europe and Japan with her acclaimed Little Big Band.



EMMET COHEN TRIO

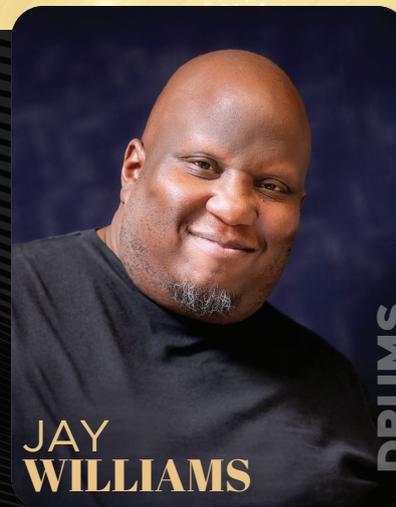
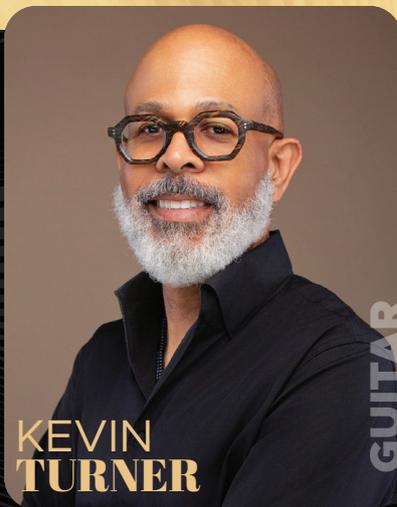
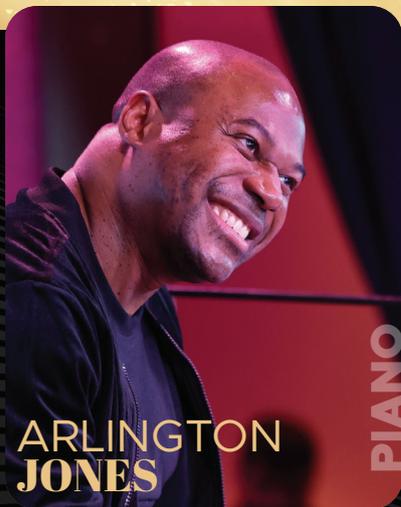
The Emmet Cohen Trio is a charismatic, pivotal ensemble in modern jazz, acclaimed for its deep chemistry and swinging sound. Led by pianist Emmet Cohen, the group masterfully blends jazz traditions like stride piano and bebop with a modernist sensibility. The trio's "telepathy" and "uplifting attitude" have been widely praised, notably through their popular "Live From Emmet's Place" online concert series, where their collective joy and command invigorate the music.



ERIC MARIENTHAL

Eric Marienthal is a ten-time GRAMMY® nominee and two-time GRAMMY®-winning saxophonist. With 15 solo albums and hundreds of recordings, Eric is known for his chart-topping singles. He was recognized as a top alto saxophonist by *Jazziz Magazine* and received the Berklee Distinguished Alumnus Award. Marienthal currently serves as the Music Director for Signature Cruise Experiences and has been the Music Director for all sailings of *The Smooth Jazz Cruise*, curating world-class performances at sea.

SCE ALL STARS





Signature CRUISE EXPERIENCES

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Signature Cruise Experiences has been producing cruise programs since 2001. Though we have done so on behalf of many star performers, the *David Foster: The Hitman Cruise* is the first time that we produced for a producer. And, not just any producer. Probably the most successful music producer in the world today. Doing so is both a great honor and a great challenge.

A challenge because he knows how the music should sound, how the lighting should work, and how the shows should be produced. He is a perfectionist, not by design, but by nature. Ever polite and great to work with, David's suggestions are not guidelines, they are boundaries and rules. Our team has learned a great deal from this program and, by far the best part is, he will be doing the cruise again in '27.

Thank you for joining us on the inaugural sailing and we look forward to seeing you again. How can you miss a musical event at sea directed by David Foster?



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