

# PALM BEACH POPS

The house lights dim and the spotlights shine as he takes his place at the podium. The orchestra begins to play, and for a moment in time, we are captivated by the extraordinary musicianship and passion presented on stage.

It becomes evident that the **Maestro, Bob Lappin** has orchestrated yet another exceptional evening of entertainment. When The **Palm Beach Pops Orchestra** performs, the musicians are energized by the Maestro, the repertoire, the ambiance of the auditorium, and the excitement of the audience as they enjoy a truly unique piece of American history. The Great American Songbook is known for the songs that have become part of our shared cultural heritage. Over the past few decades, there has been a revival of the Songbook with the introduction of the music to a younger audience and the recording of standards by contemporary artists like Michael Buble, Natalie Cole, Harry Connick, Jr., Diana Krall, Joni Mitchell, and Rod Stewart.

**Celebrating its 18th season**, Bob Lappin and The Palm Beach Pops is a gem in South Florida's cultural arena. It is embraced by its musicians and its audience as a source of world-class entertainment right in their own backyard. The Pops have numerous credits including being the first-ever Florida orchestra to perform at Avery Fischer Hall at Lincoln Center in New York and to be the most-invited artist to appear at the prestigious Ocean Reef Cultural Center in Key Largo, Florida.

Maestro Lappin continues to lead the orchestra's six-concert series to explore a grand collection of music while presenting some of today's most innovative singers. Among the incredible performers scheduled to perform during the 2009-2010 season are Frank Sinatra Jr., Michael Andrew, Clint Holmes, Lynn Roberts, David Burnham and Tamra Hayden.

With sell-out concerts each year, Bob Lappin and The Palm Beach Pops proved they truly are Florida's premier symphonic pops orchestra! David Quilleon, executive director of The Pops, remarks, "We have been moved by the sentiments of love for the American Songbook from our community and the desire to see a world-class orchestra showcased. As a result, we've incorporated an unprecedented number of suggestions into our programming to create an exciting concert season."

This year's concert schedule will include an expansion to 36 performances at the Kravis Center for Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, The Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and the Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens. \*

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