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# Press Release

- Who:** Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops
- What:** Contemporary Composers Concert Series with Singer Gary Mauer
- Where:** Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, WPB and Carole & Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at FAU, Boca Raton
- When:** November 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13, 2007
- Time:** 8:00 p.m.
- Cost:** Tickets \$27 to \$85

## **Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops Introduce New Chapter of the American Songbook with Contemporary Composers Series**

**October 23, 2007 – West Palm Beach, FL** - In an effort to continue promoting the story of the Great American Songbook, Bob Lappin and The Palm Beach Pops have included a new chapter with new characters in their first-of-its-kind "Contemporary Composers" concert series, celebrating works by some of America's most beloved contemporary composers including Barry Manilow, Michele LeGrande, Billy Joel, John Lennon and Paul McCartney and John Williams

Unlike other "books" – *this one is a never-ending story*. The Great American Songbook refers to the music of Broadway musical theater, the Hollywood musical, and Tin Pan Alley, in a period that begins roughly in the 1920s and tapers off around 1960 with the coming of rock and roll. Some of the classic songwriters associated with the Songbook include Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Duke Ellington. A few of the performers include Ella Fitzgerald, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Tony Bennett, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, Barbra Streisand, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Mel Tormé.

In addition, many of this season's performers with the Palm Beach Pops are the exciting new up-and-comers of our generation. Gary Mauer, nationally known singer, will perform some of Manilow's most popular hits such as *Copacabana*, *I Write the Songs*, *Mandy* and *Can't Smile Without You* at the "Contemporary Composers" concerts.

Gary Mauer most recently starred in the Broadway production of *The Phantom of the Opera*, playing the leading role of Raoul. Broadway and National Tour credits include *Les Misérables* and *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber*. He was cast opposite his wife, Elizabeth Southard, in the National Tour of Harold Prince's *Show Boat*. Other roles include: Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and Frederick in *Pirates of Penzance*. Gary has sung with numerous symphonies across the country, and now makes his debut with Bob Lappin and The Palm Beach Pops.

**Gary Mauer is now available for a limited number of phone interviews. Contact Christine Stickney at 561.832.7677 (office), 561.707.6983 (cell) or [creative@palmbeachpops.org](mailto:creative@palmbeachpops.org).**

This series will also feature the winner of the first-ever Palm Beach PopStar competition. An untold number of local singers vied for the opportunity to perform with the Palm Beach Pops with fourteen finalists making the final round for a live audition. The Palm Beach PopStar and will appear live on stage for all five evenings of the “Contemporary Composers” series.

Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops will open with their “Contemporary Composers” concert series on November 8 and 9 at 8:00 p.m. at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. Tickets are \$25 to \$85 and available by calling 561.832.7469 or visiting [www.palmbeachpops.org](http://www.palmbeachpops.org). The series continues on November 10, 12 and 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Center for the Arts at FAU in Boca Raton. Tickets are \$27 to \$65 and are available by calling 800.564.9539 or visiting [www.palmbeachpops.org](http://www.palmbeachpops.org). For additional information, call 561.832.7677 or visit [www.palmbeachpops.org](http://www.palmbeachpops.org).

With this on-going tale to be told, The Palm Beach Pops will continue collaborating from many angles to bring the story of the Great American Songbook to South Florida for all ages to enjoy and appreciate.

Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to preserving the Great American Songbook and making the arts a part of basic education for children in our community. For information about the Palm Beach Pops In-School Youth Music Education Program, Tickets for Children & Families program, volunteer opportunities and tax-deductible donations, call 561-832-POPS or go to [www.palmbeachpops.org](http://www.palmbeachpops.org).

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