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WHO:

Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops

WHERE/WHEN:

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, April 5 & 6 2005
& FAU, Boca Raton, April 1, 2 & 3, 2005

WHAT:

Bob Lappin & the Palm Beach Pops Live on Stage with
the World-Famous Count Basie Orchestra
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85 Orchestral Pieces on Stage
Final Concert Series of the 2004-2005 Season

TIME:

8: 00 PM

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(March 22, 2005)- **Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops** will celebrate **Count Basie's** 100th birthday April 1, 2, & 3 at FAU in Boca Raton and April 5 & 6 at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach by performing live with *the World-Famous Count Basie Orchestra*.

A combined eighty-five orchestral pieces will join together to present the tasteful piano solos and magnificent orchestrations of the *Count Basie Orchestra* who set the standard for big-band swing. The highlight of the program will be the drum duel performed by **Butch Miles and the Palm Beach Pop's** world-renowned drummer, **Frank Derrick**.

The present day *Count Basie Orchestra* is led by **Bill Hughes**, who has deep roots and ties to the band, having sat in the trombone section for nearly fifty years. **Butch Miles**, on drums, creates the excitement which drives the tight rhythm section and brings today's 19-piece band's appeal to a multi-generational audience. The *Count Basie Orchestra* has won 17 Grammy Awards, 2 Hall of Fame Awards and more Downbeat Polls than any other big band in history.

For tickets, call the Kravis Center box office at **561.832.7469** where prices range from \$25 to \$85, the FAU box office at **561.297.3737** where single tickets range in price from \$27 to \$65 or Ticketmaster at **561.966.3309**. All concerts begin at 8 pm. Programs, artists and dates are subject to change. No refunds.

About Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops:

Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to preserving the American Songbook and making the arts a part of basic education for children. For information about the Palm Beach Pops In-School Youth Education Program, Tickets for Children and Families, volunteer opportunities and tax-deductible donations, please call **561.832-POPS** or visit **www.palmbeachpops.org**.