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Celebrating the Jazz Room's Two Year Anniversary with a 'Cast Party' Fun and funny open mic experience set for January 18

As part of the celebration of two year's appearing at The Village Theatre & Art Gallery, the Jazz Room is bringing a raucous evening of musical entertainment to Danville on January 18, 2019.

Imagine a karaoke night with a charismatic host and fantastic piano accompaniment and you get Jim Caruso's Cast Party, a NY-based show coming to the East Bay for the very first time.

For the anniversary show, legendary showman Jim Caruso brings this hilarious impromptu open mic variety show from New York to Danville to provide an evening of music, comedy and unexpected fun. This evening soiree features a dazzling blend of songs, styles, and genres, as well as a surprise guest or two. And it is audience participation as well, so any residents wanting to showcase their golden voice can sign up to get on stage and sing.

From Broadway to jazz standards, accompanist Billy Stritch is ready to provide an upbeat and unique experience for the performers and audiences. To participate, email host Jim Caruso at caruso212@aol.com in order to sign up. On the evening of the performance, be sure to bring sheet music for the musical accompaniment.

What are some of the things being said about 'Cast Party?'

"A few years ago my friend Jim Caruso created something called *Cast Party*, a cross-section of Broadway singers, actors, producers and fans, who have the communal experience of getting up to perform. *Cast Party* is so different from reality shows or *American Idol*. I've never seen anybody treated cruelly, and people are appreciated for who they are. From someone arriving in

New York just off the bus all the way to [Liza Minnelli](#); people get to express themselves without artifice. I never stop learning there! When kids ask me for advice, I say the best thing you can do is to find a place to perform and do it on a regular basis.”

- [Michael Feinstein](#), *Michael Feinstein's American Songbook*, PBS

“*Cast Party* is a success because of Jim Caruso and the affection the theatrical community feels for him. He’s talented and funny and tenacious and bright. *Cast Party* is exactly how I pictured New York nightlife when I dreamed of being on Broadway!”

- [Liza Minnelli](#)

“You kids are helping keep the American Songbook alive!”

- **Tony Bennett**

“*Cast Party* is cabaret church, and Jim Caruso is its Irreverent Reverend.”

- **Ann Hampton Callaway**

“It's rare to be in a lively room where performers cheer each other on. Welcome to *Cast Party*!”

- **Melissa Manchester**

Show is set for 8:00 p.m. January 18, 2019, at the Village Theatre & Art Gallery, 233 Front St.

For ticket information, visit www.danville.ca.gov/villagetheatre.

To learn more about The Jazz Room visit: www.evemarieshahojian.com

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