

Monday, November 8, 2010, 9:30 PM:

Jim Caruso's Cast Party at Birdland,

the hugely popular open mic Mondays hosted by Jim Caruso, featured several impromptu performances of Kay Thompson songs to celebrate the publication of Sam Irvin's biography, *Kay Thompson: From Funny Face to Eloise*.

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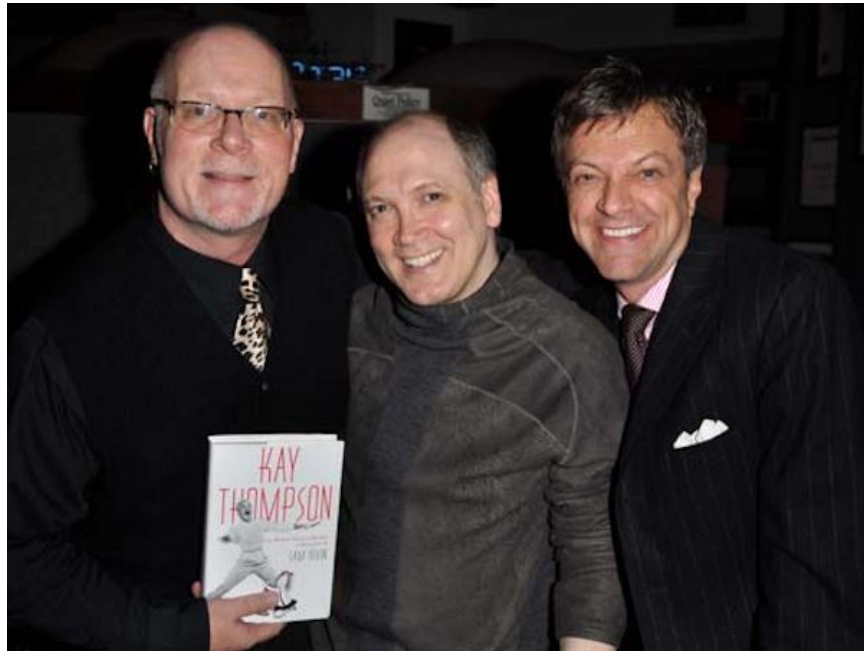
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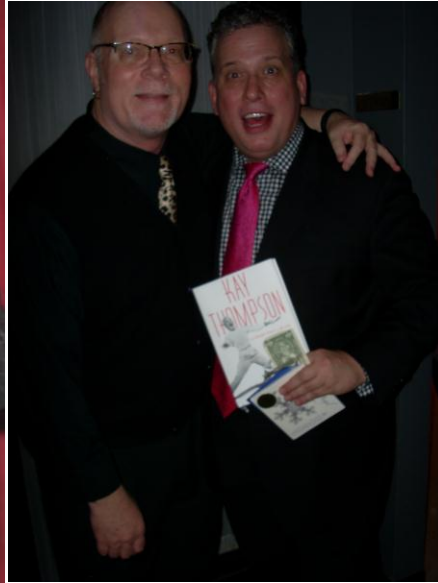
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Author Sam Irvin, actor-playwright Charles Busch, and CAST PARTY host Jim Caruso. (Photo by Derek Storm)



RIGHT: CAST PARTY host Jim Caruso performed Kay Thompson's arrangement of "How Deep is the Ocean." (Photo by Derek Storm)
LEFT: Sam Irvin with CAST PARTY pianist Billy Stritch. (Photo by Jeff Cason)



LEFT: Jim Caruso and Sam Irvin on stage. (Photo by Jeff Cason)
RIGHT: Klea Blackhurst performs Kay Thompson's arrangement of "Pass That Peace Pipe" from *Good News* (MGM, 1947). (Photo by Derek Storm)



Christopher Spaulding, Dori Legg and Greg Kenna performed Kay Thompson's compositions, "Eloise" and "On the Caribbean," accompanied by pianist David Maddox. (Photo by Jeff Cason)



Irvin with entertainer-musicologist extraordinaire Michael Feinstein. (Photo by Jim Caruso)



Actor Dennis Christopher with Irvin. (Photo by Jeff Cason)

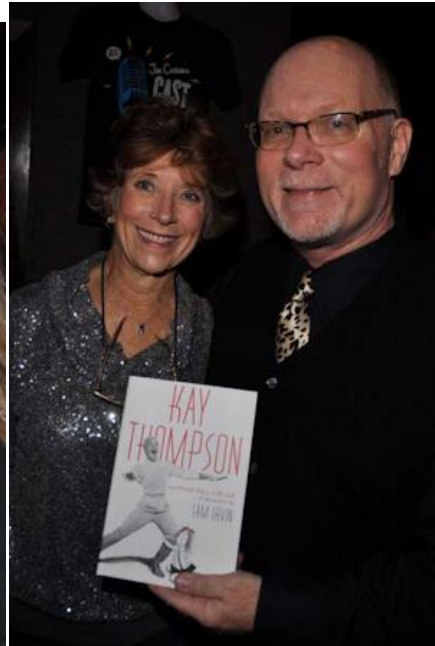


LEFT: Eric Myers (Photo by Jill Lynne)

RIGHT: *Boys in the Band* playwright Mart Crowley and John Epperson (aka Lypsinka) also made the scene. John lip-synched to Kay Thompson's recording of "How Deep is the Ocean."
(BroadwayWorld.com)



LEFT: Jeff Cason with artist Mel Odom. (Photo by Jeff Cason)
RIGHT: Irvin with Randy Jones of the Village People. (Photo by Jeff Cason)



LEFT: Jim Caruso and Eve Plumb of *The Brady Bunch*. (Photo by Jim Caruso)
RIGHT: Irvin with his sister Janet Crowder. (Photo by Derek Storm)



Performer Dori Legg with Irvin. (Photo by Jeff Cason)



Meredith Mohr (Annette Bening's former assistant) with Dori Legg's husband, actor Howard Overshown of Sam Mendes' *Richard III*. (Photo by Jeff Cason)