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I went to a wonderful party the other night at Sterling's Upstairs at Vitello's at which the guest list included: Christopher Walken, Elvis Presley, Nat King Cole, Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, Presidents Reagan, Clinton, and J.F.K., Bugs Bunny, Louis Armstrong, Ted Koppel, Marlon Brando, Woody Allen, Katherine Hepburn, Jackie Mason, Clint Eastwood, Fran Drescher, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Sammy Davis, Alfred Hitchcock, Archie and Edith Bunker, Jackie Gleason, Carol Channing, and others. Impossible, you might say, but not when your host is Perry Lambert, singer, actor, mimic, and comic.

Mr. Lambert has had an impressive career on the stage. He was in the very first *Forbidden Broadway*, and he has co-starred in over 50 theatrical productions. He has shared the stage with such notables as Debbie Reynolds, Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney, Charles Nelson Reilly, and Liza Minnelli, to name just a few. He has featured his many talents at the Improv, Bally's, Caesar's Palace, and performing arts centers around the country. His act has been the headliner for Crystal Cruises, Holland America, Princess Cruises, and Celebrity Cruises (natch).



Mr. Lambert is a skilled singer in his own right but used his incredible impersonation skills to sing a Rat Pack medley, Elvis' "Are You Lonesome Tonight," "Unforgettable," and songs from *The Wizard of Oz*. He also sang songs in his own voice, including "Mack The Knife" and George Shearing's arrangement of Burt Bacharach's "Do You Know the Way to San Jose." Lambert was backed up by the Hollywood Quartet under the direction of Ron Snyder. The band also included a fabulous vibes player, Nick Mancini, who showed himself to be a consummate artist.

Perry Lambert performed at Sterling's Upstairs At Vitello's on March 13. Vitello's is, of course, one of the best Italian restaurants around, and Sterling's Upstairs is the premiere room to introduce

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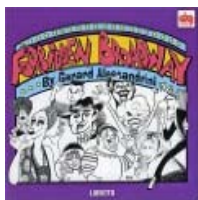


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