



Winner of the 2008 MAC Major Artist Award for her original show, *"Out of the Mouths of Babes: Women Who Dared,"*

BARBARA BRUSSELL debuts her newest invention at Wave Hill, Riverdale in the Bronx on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm.

Brilliance from on High...
BORN IN THE BRONX

Musical Director: Tex Arnold
Director: Eric Michael Gillett
Producers: Andrew Appel and Steve Ross
with special material by Ray Jessel.

Born In the Bronx is a celebration of the incredible array of talent nurtured in that storied part of New York City. The list is surprising, the tales are funny and sweet and poignant, and the songs are **great**. Ms.Brussell presents an eclectic group of entertainers, actors and writers that on any given night might include Anne Bancroft, Cy Coleman, Dion DiMucci, Fred Ebb, Adolph Green, Ray Jessel, Billy Joel, Laura Nyro, Carly Simon, Lucy Simon, Neil Simon, Jerry Orbach, Mae Questel, Charles Nelson Reilly, Carl Reiner, Rob Reiner, Charles Strouse...and who knows what other Bronx treasures this archeologist of the arts might discover in time. Ms. Brussell ponders the question: *"If this show is about a remarkable demographic cluster of highly talented people all originating from one small corner of the world...could it be something in the waturh?"*

DEFINITIVE CABARET

Ms Brussell has created some best-in-genre original shows. *Brilliance from on High...BORN IN THE BRONX* is sure to be another:

- *The Piano Bench of My Mind: Songs I've Been Sitting on for Far Too Long* debuted at Danny's Skylight Room in New York City, refined at The Gardenia in Los Angeles (receiving "Best Cabaret Performer of the Year Award, 2003" from the *Beverly Hills Outlook*). When BB moved the show to New York, Stephen Holden of the *The New York Times*, Rex Reed of *The Observer* and James Gavin for *Time Out New York* all gave it rave reviews.
- *Almost Like Being in Love: The Life, Loves and Lyrics of Alan Jay Lerner* debuted in the Oak Room at The Algonquin Hotel, before her long run with the show at Danny's where again, Stephen Holden, Rex Reed, and many others gave it high praise. The CD version of the show, *Lerner in Love*, was recognized as one of the 10 BEST CDs of 2005 by Rob Lester, *Talkin' Broadway*. (Her first CD, *Patterns*, was chosen as one of the 10 BEST CDs of 1998 by *In Theater Magazine*.)
- A special version of *Mercer, Mercer Me and other Huckleberry Friends*, one of her most popular shows, was created for her last performance before the closing of the cabaret community's beloved Danny's in New York.
- She has presented her well- received *A Tale of Three Cities: Berlin, Paris, New York* twice at the prestigious Neue Galerie's Café Sabarsky in Manhattan.
- Other productions in her growing portfolio include *Love Makes the World Go Round: Songs by Bob Merrill*, and *The Michael (Mickey) Leonard Songbook: Variations on a Theme* (which was awarded Best Show of the Season, 2001-2002 by the New York Sheet Music Society).



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Sunday, March 29 at 2:00
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