

## **“BETTE AND BARRY: YA GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS”**

*... A Tribute to Bette Midler and Barry Manilow*

### **Show Description**

This is a live costumed musical production performed by two world-class professional tribute artists featuring comedy, adult contemporary duets and solid gold hits from Bette and Barry’s award winning musical catalogues.

Our show sound is very full with the use of custom tracks to compliment to the energy of our live musicians to achieve the most authentic recreated sound possible for this tribute concert. We insist that the audience have a fantastic time and there are interactive spots throughout the show.

We can augment the production with two (or more) background singers and/or a larger band, full stage band ... or even a full orchestra. We can also perform our show to track as a duo. Our special holiday shows include: **Valentine’s Day, Christmas and Halloween.**

### **Press Release**

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This two hour theatrical musical tribute production features the hits of Bette Midler and Barry Manilow as portrayed by Kathy Thompson and Joe Passion.

Kathy and Joe. are professional, consummate performers each with decades of experience, having performed on literally thousands of stages around the world including: theaters, casinos, festivals, hotel showrooms nightclubs, private parties and corporate events.

This production offers Bette and Barry singing duets and solo hits mirroring their careers which began when Barry was Bette’s musical director in New York City, 1970’s. Audiences take a musical journey through their careers with memorable renditions of their greatest hits as you enjoy hits like “*Copacabana*” and “*Wind Beneath My Wings*” captured with the excitement of live performance.

The likeness Kathy and Joe have achieved as these pop icons is remarkable. Their personal patter and mannerisms are just like the real Midler and Manilow. But it’s the humor of the superstar’s dynamics and comedic timing

which Kathy and Joe have captured that sets this show apart from others. Solid gold hits leave audiences laughing, reminiscing and feeling great!

Midler and Manilow began their careers together, and then each went on to become international superstars in their own right. Bette recently enjoyed a long-run residency as she performed her show in at Ceasar's Palace, Las Vegas and Barry headlined for a very long time in Las Vegas as well! They recently reunited when Barry produced, played and sang on Bette's CDs, "Bette Midler Sings the Rosemary Clooney Songbook" and "A Tribute to Peggy Lee.", with unique covers of beloved hits.

Kathy and Joe have performed this Bette and Barry tribute show at Stage West Dinner Theatre Mississauga, The Greg Frewin Magic Theatre -Niagara Falls, The Wood Theatre in Glen's Falls New York, Ceasar's Casino in Windsor, Sandy Cove Acres Ret. Centre, Lac Leamy Casino - Gatineau Quebec, Le Dome Banquet Hall in Oakville, Seneca Casino - Niagara Falls, New York, and more.

Kathy and Joe have traveled the world performing tributes in Japan, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, Mexico, the USA, Canada, cruise ships, the Caribbean ... and more.

Enjoy this must-see tribute as 'Bette & Barry' reunite on stage in this special concert production: "**Ya Gotta Have Friends**" !

### Song List

*Show song List may include any of the following Bette Midler or Barry Manilow hits, and can be customized:*

- Daybreak
- Friends
- Mandy
- I'd Really Love to See You Tonight (*dance re-mix*)
- In the Mood
- Chapel of Love
- Weekend in New England
- Mambo Italiano
- Let's Hang On (disco)
- Under the Boardwalk
- This Ole' House
- Reunited (hip-hop)
- I'm Beautiful
- Hey Mambo

- Do You Wanna Dance?
- New York City Rhythm
- I'm a W-O-M-A-N
- Copacabana
- Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy
- I Can't Smile Without You
- From a Distance
- Could It Be Magic?
- The Rose
- Viva Las Vegas
- I Write the Songs
- Slow Boat to China
- Stuff Like that There (*For the Boys*)
- I Love Being Here with You
- Wind Beneath My Wings (*Beaches*)
- You Don't Own Me (*First Wives Club*)
- I Believe In Love, I Believe in Music
- It's The Girls! 60's Medley (*Tell Him / Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow / One Fine Day*)

..... **ADDITIONAL SONGS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**