

**VOCAL TRIO BOULEVARD EAST
RETURNS TO ODETTE'S IN NEW HOPE, PA
VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 10, 11 & 12, 2006**

**Trio Returns to Famed New Hope Nightspot for
Special Show on Valentine's Day Weekend!**

For Immediate Release –The trio returns to the famed Odette's Cabaret in New Hope, PA on Friday, February 10, Saturday, February 11, and Sunday, February 12. The show, titled "Songs from the Heart" highlights the group's favorite songs about love. Friday & Saturday shows are at 8 pm, and Sunday Brunch show is at 2 pm. A \$17 cover charge applies with a \$12 food or drink minimum. Reservations are strongly recommended for this particular weekend, and may be made by calling Odette's at (215) 862-3000. Odette's is located at 274 South River Road (Route 32) in New Hope. Driving directions can be found at <http://www.odettes.com>

The show, simply titled, "Songs from the Heart" highlights favorites of the three performers – Christopher Howatt, Beth Covell and Dana Merritt – chosen from their varied repertoire of classic standards from the 30's and 40's mixed with contemporary songs from theater and cabaret. Currently the trio's repertoire encompasses greats from Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Rodgers and Hart, Hoagy Carmichael as well as William Finn, Jason Robert Brown and others. What exactly will be on the bill for February? "Probably a little of everything," said Howatt, "Come hear for yourself. We'll also have a couple of special guests performing – Odette's very own Jane Arthur and Ashley Wayne Barlow!"

The trio's first CD, "Timeless," includes performances of songs by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, George and Ira Gershwin and many others, some which you'll hear this weekend. It is available nationally in select Tower Records, and Barnes and Noble stores and other fine retailers, as well as online through the trio's website, www.boulevardeastproductions.com, or www.cdbaby.com. In addition, the CD will be available for sale following each show at Odette's.

Originally formed by Christopher Howatt and **Dana Merritt** as Eastern Standard Time, **Boulevard East** harkens back to a time when melodies were humable and lyrics were memorable, composed by such artists as the Gershwins, Hoagy Carmichael and Richard Rodgers, as well as celebrating outstanding contemporary songwriters from both the theatre and cabaret stages. Mr. Howatt serves as musical director, pianist and singer in the group. Joined by Ms. Merritt and soprano **Beth Covell**, they form the trio that performs those wonderful songs in "fabulous three-part harmony." Since their successful debut at The Triad in January 1997, the trio has performed at various prestigious venues and affairs throughout the metropolitan area, including The Encore NYC, Don't Tell Mama, Judy's Chelsea, Mama Roses, Dillon's, The Garrick Gaieties, Manhattan School of Music, the Dutch Treat Club, Tavern-on-the-Green, Tower Records Lincoln Center, Helen's and Odette's. As Eastern Standard Time, the trio was selected to appear at the Mabel Mercer Foundation's Tenth Anniversary Cabaret Convention at Town Hall, sharing the stage with such cabaret luminaries as Cybill Shepherd and Michael Feinstein, The trio has also been twice nominated in the Outstanding Vocal Group category for the MAC (Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs) Award. Thomas Stevens of *Applause*,

Applause writes, "This is a vocal group with a great future in the entertainment world. They are just delightful!!"

"I have watched this group grow over the past few years into one of the most entertaining and exciting trios in town. Their easy-going style, their song choices, and just the way they interact with each other and the audience gives their shows a down-home feel that audiences enjoy. I saw their latest show and was truly impressed with the variety of songs and brilliant harmonies and arrangements. This exciting group always delivers quality, and the show is both fun and entertaining."

--Stu Hamstra, Cabaret Hotline Online - June 28th, 2005

To find out more about Boulevard East (and hear them) visit their website:

<http://www.boulevardeastproductions.com>

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