

News Release

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Stacy Sullivan Reprises *A Night at the Troubadour: Presenting Elton John and David Ackles* "Thrilling...tour de force" at The Metropolitan Room on February 9th and March 17th

New York – Feb. 4th – Singer **Stacy Sullivan** will reprise her critically lauded show, *A Night at the Troubadour: Presenting Elton John and David Ackles*, this winter with two performances, February 9th and March 17th at Metropolitan Room in NYC. The show is the most recent in a series of singular offerings from Sullivan, whose work has been described as "thrilling," "audacious" and "spellbinding" in the press here and abroad. Mark Nadler directs, and Yasuhiko Fukuoka is the arranger and Musical Director. The Metropolitan Room is at 34 West 22nd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. Phone 212-206-0440 for additional information and reservations.

"In a thrilling performance, the singer [Stacy Sullivan](#), who knew David Ackles and had worked with him, revisited his music. 'A Night at the Troubadour' is a brave leap into the unknown and an acting tour de force." Stephen Holden, *The New York Times*

A Night at the Troubadour: Presenting Elton John and David Ackles explores the music and life of David Ackles, a singer-songwriter who recorded four highly regarded albums between 1968 and 1973, gathering a group of ardent fans including Phil Collins, Elvis Costello and Elton John, for whom Ackles opened at the Troubadour in a twist of fate. Sullivan and Ackles forged a close friendship when she worked with him 24 years later in his show, "Sister Aimee," after stardom eluded him and he'd devoted his life to community theater and teaching at USC. Knowing nothing of his past, she only discovered it in 1999 when she sang at his funeral, and a heartfelt message from Elton John's lyricist, Bernie Taupin, was read. *A Night at the Troubadour: Presenting Elton John and David Ackles* is bookended by John/Taupin's "Your Song."

"Stacy Sullivan's jazz tribute elevates the unknown troubadour back to his rightful place among the glittered gods of '70s pop-rock." – *David Hajdu, The Nation*

"Sullivan introduces, illuminates and appreciates Ackles; establishes dominion over iconoclastic, often musically difficult material, and excavates personal emotions." – Alix Cohen, *Woman Around Town*

Stacy Sullivan has been the recipient of numerous MAC Awards since 2002, as well as Bistro Award Nightlife Awards and the Lamott-Friedman Award for Best Recording (*It's a Good Day – A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee*). She has appeared in concert in venues across the world including Café Carlyle, 54 Below, Birdland and Jazz at Lincoln Center to London's Crazy Coqs Brasserie Zedel, as well as The Ford Theatre and the Carpenter Center in Southern California, with the Pasadena Pops, the Knoxville Symphony with KT Sullivan, and "Lyrics and Lyricists" at the 92nd Street Y with Andrea Marcovicci. Her recordings include five albums on the LML Music label including *It's a Good Day - A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee*, featuring Jon Weber, Steve Doyle, and Bucky Pizzarelli. In 2016, Sullivan released *Stranger in a Dream* (Harbinger Records), an homage to jazz tastemaker, Marian McPartland, beloved host of NPR's Piano Jazz for 33 years. All seventeen selections on *Stranger in a Dream* were performed by McPartland or her guests during the show's legendary run. Sullivan's show about McPartland, *On the Air*, preceded the recording and was presented by legendary radio personality Jonathan Schwartz at WNYC's "The Greene Space." Following that, *On the Air* ran at The York Theatre, and the recording followed. Sullivan's music is regularly featured on The Jonathon Channel, and Sirius/XM Radio's *Siriusly Sinatra*.

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