

Dear Pops Enthusiasts:

The concerts I put together for the Pops tend to be organic things. They change, grow, develop over a period of time. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I announce the appearance this season of several guest artists who are not on our original schedule.

For our December 11<sup>th</sup> fundraiser, Mr. Lee Roy Reams, Ms. Susan Speidel and Ms. Kristen Bussiere will be traveling to Key West especially to perform for you. Lee Roy and Susie have been mainstays of the Pops since its first concert in 1999 and Kristen is now a Key West favorite not only having appeared with the Pops, but also on the stages of the Red Barn and Waterfront Playhouse.

For our *Home for the Holidays* Concert on December 30<sup>th</sup>, Michael James Leslie, the very talented brother of Key West physician, Jerome Covington, will be making an appearance. He visits Key West often, but this veteran of Broadway and the New York theatre and cabaret scene rarely performs here. So this is a concert you don't want to miss. You will remember Michael from our all-Gershwin concert where he had a starring role in "Blue Monday."

What other surprises await you this season? Well, I don't want to give too many things away. Please remember to join us on November 17<sup>th</sup> for our "Pops-Fest at Mangia-Mangia" – 20% of all dinner proceeds for the entire evening go to the Pops to support our Student Apprentice Program. Have other culinary plans that night? Then why not go right now to our website and use PayPal to make your secure donation directly to us?

Thank you,

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