

Greetings, Pops Fans:

We're coming down the home stretch of our 11th season with the *PianoMen* concert on March 6th (that's a Saturday, not our usual Sunday.) Before talking about that event, I'd just like to thank all of you who came to honor Emily Lowe at the Grand Key Resort a few weeks ago. What a lovely evening it was and I know that Emily was very touched.

I hope you will join me to welcome and enjoy our piano men in concert. Six returning Pops soloists will be offering an evening of wide-ranging piano styles sure to knock your socks off. Jeffrey Chappell, a frequent Key West visitor (but infrequent soloist) who has played the Gershwin "Variations on 'I've Got Rhythm'" with the Pops orchestra and who also partnered with Daniel Curtis on the Mozart 'Concerto for Two Pianos' for us, will be here. So will Thomas Pandolfi (Gottschalk "Grand Tarantella"), David Phillips (Gershwin's "Concerto in F"), Daniel Curtis (guest conductor in our St. Paul's concert this season) and dear Jono Mainelli (my right-hand music man for our Broadway shows in concert the past five seasons). Ok, so they won't be playing with the orchestra, but there will be a few 'dueling pianos' moments and the music will range from Classical to Jazz to Broadway. And that brilliant musician, David Troy Francis, will be rounding out the evening with the solo piano version of "Rhapsody in Blue."

I promise you an exciting and very entertaining evening when you come to our *PianoMen* concert.

Regards,
Vincent Zito
Pops Founder and Artistic Director