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Broadway Star David Burnham Celebrates the Songs and Stories of Legend Tom Jones on the Carpenter Center's Intimate Cabaret Stage

Burnham's interpretations of Tom Jones's iconic chart toppers fill two evenings with wall-to-wall fun in the Center's final Cabaret event this season, April 13 and 14

LONG BEACH, California — From his 21-month Vegas run in Steven Wynn's "Showstoppers" to his fame on Broadway in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Wicked," award-winning performer David Burnham has charmed audiences with his incredible voice and 100-kilowatt smile. Now, in two nights at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, Burnham returns to celebrate the hits of the legendary Tom Jones in the Center's final Cabaret Stage event of the season, April 13 and 14.

Accompanied by a soulful quartet, Burnham electrifies with renditions of chart toppers from the Tom Jones songbook, including "It's Not Unusual," "Delilah," "What's New Pussycat," "Green Green Grass Of Home," and "She's A Lady." This mid-week treat of serenades and hit songs is accompanied by stories exploring how a Welsh coal miner's son became an unsubtle sex symbol and one of pop's greatest superstars.

About David Burnham

David Burnham was last seen on Broadway in the mega-hit musical, "Wicked", playing Fiyero, a role that he originated in the developmental workshops of the show. He is an original Broadway cast member of the musical "The Light In The Piazza," performing both on the Tony Awards and the PBS telecast "Live From Lincoln Center." David first gained critical acclaim when, after a two-year search, he was chosen to replace Donny Osmond as Joseph in the national tour of "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (Dramalogue Award). He toured nationally in another Andrew Lloyd Webber blockbuster playing Peter in "Jesus Christ Superstar." And in Las Vegas, he starred in the original cast of "Showstoppers" at the Wynn Resort.

On film, Burnham was the voice of the Prince in the Warner Bros. animated feature "The King And I," and can be heard on the soundtracks to "Ghepetto," Disney's "Home On The Range" and Comedy Central's "South Park." David performs with symphonies all over the country and his solo concert has been seen in the United States, Canada, and Europe. He has recorded two solo albums, his self-titled CD and "One Day." David works extensively with kids through vocal and acting workshops and hosts a summer program for young artists called "Camp Sing."

Event Details

Celebrating Tom Jones starring David Burnham

When: Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. / Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Venue: The Cabaret Stage at the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at 6200 E.
Atherton St. Long Beach, CA 90815
Tickets: \$45-\$55, available at <u>carpenterarts.org</u>.

Refreshments can be purchased in the Center's lobby and enjoyed on the Cabaret stage throughout the performances.

Additional ticketing information is available at carpenterarts.org/ticket-office.

Press photos are available at carpenterarts.org/press.

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About the Carpenter Center

Now celebrating its 26th season, the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the California State University, Long Beach campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,054 patrons. Each season, the Carpenter Center showcases emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, speakers, comedians, and visual artists, as well as other artistic, educational, and cultural experiences that enrich lives, promote lifelong learning in and through the performing arts, and serve as a gateway between the university and the greater community.

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