

# Sheldon Forrest

## Piano and Keyboards

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### Musical Direction:

#### Musical Theater:

**The Fantasticks** at the Joe Sent Me Club, San Francisco 1995

#### Cabaret:

**What's That You're Whistling** with John McWhorter at Danny's Skylight Room & Cornelia Street Café, NYC 2004

**A Little Too Unique** with Margaret Cross at Laurie Beechman Theater/West Bank Café & Dillons, NYC 2004

**Tales of Scampi & Other Pretty Things** with Sonya Ledanski at Mama Roses & Helen's Cabaret, NYC 2004

**Wake Up and Live** with Sunny Leigh at the Triad Theater, NYC 2004

**Four Heads Are Better Than Two** with Melissa Seitelman at Mama Rose's, NYC 2004

**Nina Simone: High Priestess of Song** with Sonya Ledanski at Mama Rose's & Don't Tell Mama, NYC 2004

**Opera Wednesdays** with Sunny Leigh at Buona Sera Ristorante Italiano, NYC 2003-2004

**DINE (Quando Il Cibo Ed I Desidere Mettono A Cantare)** with the Kitchenettes (Lua Hadar, Linda Kosut, Erykah Raines)  
at "Festival Dallo Sciamano Allo Showman," Darfo-Boario Terme, Lombardia, Italy 2003

**A Tribute to Piaf, Dietrich & Others** with Topaz Lennard at Elysee Café Theater, NYC 2002-2003

**Sunny Side Up (I & II)** with Sunny Leigh at the Triad Theater, NYC 2003

**A Tribute to Peggy Lee** with Sonya Ledanski at Danny's Skylight Room and The Duplex, NYC 2002-2003

**The Wedding, Solo (I & II), Duets (I & II) with Artists Who Care:** benefits for The Jericho Project, The All-Stars Network,  
and The Actors Fund; performances: Limelight, B. Smith's, Swing 46, The Javits Center, Jack Rose, NYC 1999-2002

**Old Friends** with Nancy Mayans & Barney Stein at Don't Tell Mama, NYC 2001

**Beautiful Music**, Barry Manilow revue with Anderson Lim at Danny's Skylight Room & Pegasus, NYC 2000

**Seniorama** musical revue with Chuck Largent and company, Santa Cruz, CA 1998

**Five P.M.** (5 performing musicians) with Shannah Timms, Keith Vitali, Steve Randolph, & Marianne Kookan,  
The Plush Room at the York Hotel, San Francisco 1997

**A Magical Musical Bus Tour** with Chuck Largent and company, San Francisco 1996

### Accompaniment, Orchestral, & Rehearsal

#### Musical Theater

**Florence and Carrie** at the Broadway Theater Institute, NYC 2003

**Falling Through A Hole In The Air** at the Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco 1998

**Guys and Dolls** at the Joe Sent Me Club, San Francisco 1998

**The Threepenny Opera** at the Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco 1997

**Cosi Fan Tutte** with the West Marin Music Players, Point Reyes, CA 1997

**Street Scene** at the Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco 1996

**Into the Woods** at the Joe Sent Me Club, San Francisco 1996

**A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine** at the Masquers Playhouse, Point Richmond, CA 1995

**Frida** at the Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco 1994

**Assassins** at the Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco 1993

#### Cabaret

**Shaking the Blues Away (Mondays with Maude)** with Maude Maggart at Danny's Skylight Room, NYC 2004

**Hearts and Voices** with Richard Malavet at Bellevue, NYC 2004

**Vocal Ease**, with Eva Swan & company, at the Esplanade, the Rusk Institute, Isabella Geriatric Center, Atria, Hallmark,  
St. Albans Naval Hospital, Amsterdam Nursing Home, Jewish Home & Hospital, De Witt Nursing Home,  
St. Francis of Assisi, Home of the Sages of Israel, NY Harbor Veterans Hospital; NYC 2001-2004

**Midsummer Night Sing** with Michelle Tidmore and friends at Don't Tell Mama, NYC 2002

**Norman Wong Voice Club**, Yerba Buena Center for the Performing Arts, San Francisco 1997

**Beverly Plaza Show** with Beverly Plaza at the Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco 1997

**Americana** with Chuck Largent and company at Camp Minnow Lake, Big Bear, CA 1994-1995

**A Tribute to Pat Montclare** with Chuck Largent & company, The Alcazar Theater, San Francisco 1993

**Finocchio's** house show, at the late legendary club, San Francisco, 1991 & 1997

**Finocchio's** road show, at the Rohnert Park Performing Arts Center, Sonoma County, CA 1992 & 1993

**Together Again For the Very First Time** with Tommi Rose & Jose Sarria, The Blue Muse, San Francisco 1992-1993

### Solo Venues

**NYC:** Bryant Park (Piano In the Park summer festival), La Rivista Ristorante Italiano, Marie's Crisis Café, Danny's Broadway Piano Bar, Ecco L'Italia Restaurant, World Café, Café Pierre, Eighty-Eights  
**San Francisco:** Martuni's, The Gate, The Swallow, ANA Hotel

### Distinguished Collaborators:

**Maude Maggart:** at Hempstead House, Sands Point, NY; Danny's Skylight Room, La Rivista Ristorante, & Caffè Taci NYC

**John McWhorter** (author/professor/media pundit/baritone) Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco;

Marie's Crisis, Danny's Skylight Room, & Cornelia Street Café, NYC

**Lua Hadar** (of cabaret trio The Kitchenettes), Albergo Aprica (Lambro Vineyards), Albergo Bossi, Darfo-Boario Terme, Italy; Martuni's San Francisco; Danny's Broadway Piano Bar, Ecco L'Italia, La Rivista Ristorante, & Rose's Turn, NYC

**Shannah Timms** (soprano, New York City Opera) at Stern Grove, Grace Cathedral, Caffè Trieste,

special events for *Le Confrerie De La Chaine Des Rotisseurs* on Hornblower Yachts and at Clift Hotel in San Francisco; opera nights at Danny's Steak House in Red Bank, NJ

**Anderson Lim** (2 Italian tours of HAIR with James Rado) at Danny's Skylight Room, Pegasus, Dillons, and a corporate event for Parasuco Jeans, NYC

**Frank Jackson** (jazz pianist/recording artist) Martuni's, the Swallow, San Francisco

**Steve Randolph** (veteran jazz vocalist) at Martuni's, Julie Ring's Heart & Soul, The Swallow, Piaf's, Café Venus (Café des Artistes), Caffè Trieste, and Zingari at the Donatello, San Francisco

**Tommi Rose** (MC of La Cage Aux Folles in LA and Finocchio's in SF) Finocchio's and The Mint, San Francisco

### Ensemble Work:

**Unique Duo** (acoustic classic rock) at Caffè Mezzo, Brooklyn Heights, 2004

**Jen Elliot & Bluestruck** (blues-rock band) at Orphan Annie's, Stirling, NJ 2003

**J.C. Bosco** (prog-rock band), Acme Underground, Bar B, The C-Note, & the Penn Club NYC 2002-2003

**Caffè Trieste Saturday Band** (Neapolitan to Dixieland) Caffè Trieste, San Francisco 1993-1998

**Jump City** (R&B band) San Francisco 1997

**Light** (prog-rock band) San Francisco 1995

**Texaquila** (western swing band) at Mason Street Wine Bar, San Francisco 1995

**David Hardiman Stage Band** (big band jazz) at Masonic Auditorium, San Francisco 1992-1994

**Doc Rutherford Big Band** (jazz ensemble) at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA 1989

**The Free Radicals** (folk-rock band) at UC Santa Cruz, 1988

**Saint Cecilia's Guild** (recorder/harp duo) at Renaissance Pleasure Faire, Agoura CA 1988

**Greg Eglund band and choir**, Emerson high school, Orange, CA 1981-1983

**Four on the Floor** (barbershop quartet) Emerson high school, Orange, CA 1982-1983

### Recordings:

**Film:** "Seeing God" from the First Light Films Production "The Letter" directed by Enjai & Amnau Eele, with Melissa Seitelman NYC 2004

**TV:** "A Real Connection" for Time-Warner (1-800-OK-CABLE) shot by Forever Films, Inc. in Bridgehampton, NY with Nicole Leach NYC 2004

**DVD:** Sunny Side Up I & II with Sunny Leigh NYC 2003-4;

Nina Simone-High Priestess of Song with Sonya Ledanski NYC 2004

**CD:** "Unexpected Broadway" with Lua Hadar, San Francisco 1998

**Studio tapes:** "Light" (progressive rock) & Marianne Kookan (jazz, blues, R&B)

### Jobs in Musical Education

**American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA)**—staff accompanist/assistant musical director, NYC 2002-2003

**Crestmont Conservatory of Music**—accompanist/teaching assistant with Shannah Timms, San Mateo CA 1996

**International Studies Academy (ISA)**—adjunct faculty-music appreciation teacher/choir director, San Francisco 1996-1997

**City College of San Francisco (CCSF)**--classified staff coach/accompanist & rehearsal pianist, Music & Theater Departments, San Francisco 1993-1998

### Other

**The Metropolitan Opera:** supernumerary in *La Bohème*, *Tosca*, *Don Carlo*, & *Aida*, 2000-2004