

Multi-talented Russell Stephens premieres new solo cabaret - *Leading Ladies: Legends of Stage and Screen* - in The Winter Park Playhouse Spotlight Cabaret Series - April 23 and 24, 2025

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Photo: Russell Stephens

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The multi-talented Mr. Russell Stephens will debut his brand-new solo cabaret - *Leading Ladies: Legends of Stage and Screen* - in the Spotlight Cabaret Series at The Winter Park Playhouse April 23 and 24, 2025. Playhouse Music Director, Mr. Christopher Leavy, will accompany on piano.

In *Leading Ladies: Legends of Stage and Screen*, Mr. Stephens will use his riveting and versatile voice to pay tribute to the iconic leading ladies of Broadway and film. This memorable cabaret will highlight show-stopping numbers from the greats like Judy Garland (*The Wizard of Oz*), Elaine Stritch (*Company*), Nell Carter (*Ain't Misbehavin'*), Debbie Reynolds (*Charlotte's Web*), Dorothy Louden (*Ballroom*), Bernadette Peters (*Follies / Merrily We Roll Along*) and many more!

Russell has previously appeared at The Playhouse in *Sh-Boom! Life Could Be A Dream*, *Christmas My Way!*, *Crazy For Gershwin* and will be featured in the upcoming Playhouse Mainstage production of *Route 66* this Spring. Additionally, he brought the house down with both of his previous Spotlight Cabarets - *Everybody Says Don't: The Music and Lyrics of Stephen Sondheim* and *A Piece Of Sky*, his salute to Barbra Streisand.

Some of Mr. Stephens other credits include *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Significant Productions); *Cats* (Huntsville HS - Alumni Guest Artist); *The Addams Family* (New Generation Theatrical); *Assassins* (Florida Theatrical Association); *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (Athens Theatre). Russell also appeared as The Camel in the 2022 premiere cast of *O Wondrous Night* at Sea World San Antonio following five seasons in the Orlando production. Russell is a proud graduate of the University of Alabama's Musical Theatre program.

"Russell is definitely a crowd pleaser! With his vocal range and compelling stage presence this is going to be a fantastic cabaret so get your tickets early before we sell out!" states Heather Alexander, Playhouse Executive Director.

General Admission tickets are \$20 plus one pre-purchased beverage. Seating is limited so advance reservations are strongly recommended. Doors open at 6:30p.m. for a 7:30p.m. show. Tickets sell out quickly so call The Winter Park Playhouse box office for tickets at [407-645-0145](tel:407-645-0145) or purchase online at www.winterparkplayhouse.org.

The live cabaret will be filmed and available to enjoy virtually Friday, May 9 through Monday, May 12, 2025. A private link will be sent at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 9 and will be valid for 3 days. Virtual tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online or by calling the box office.

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