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European Cabaret is entertaining

"European Cabaret," the current offering on the Florida Studio Theatre's own cabaret stage, is a witty flirtation with the cabaret scene in Europe, especially Germany, just before the onset of World War II.

Developed by FST's Artistic Director, Richard Hopkins, Rebecca Langford and Jim Prosser, the show's onstage pianist, offers songs by Loewe and Lerner, Smoliansky and Schiffer, Nelson and Tucholsky, Cole Porter, Edith Piaf, Weill and Gershwin and others you may or may not know.

Featuring area favorites Forest Richards and Stephen Hope with Alan Gillespie and FST newcomer Tara Bruno, the delightful evening of song and dance and charade is directed by Michael Courtney, back for his 19th FST production. As with previous Courtney shows, the reason he is continually returned to FST should be obvious to all.

With his direction and choreography, all these wonderful songs become even better. What makes it all a perfect fit is the talent of his four singers and his pianist. Bruno's voice doesn't quit. She can reach the high notes, belting out words and do it all while dancing, vamping, flirting with the audience, or whatever else she was told to do.

That her three fellow performers are equally talented in various ways, makes for a high-energy show that leads patrons to experience many varied emotions during this nostalgic romp back in time.

Songs include the famous "Thank Heaven For Little Girls," performed in the film "Gigi" by Maurice Chevalier; "When the Special Girlfriend" which is said to have become the unofficial anthem of the German lesbian movement; "La Vie En Rose;" the Vera Lynn hit "We'll Meet Again," beautifully performed by the entire cast; and "Maskulium/Feminiun," which explores gender confusion in a time when censorship was abolished, and sexual topics were openly discussed in cabarets.

The Sounds of the European Cabarets continues through March 22 at the Goldstein Cabaret, 1241 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota. Tickets are \$26-\$29 and may be purchased from the FST Box Office in person, by phone at 941-366-9000 or online at floridastudiotheatre.org.

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