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***Salle Pianos* presents the premiere performance of:**

**VELVET FOG
The Life And Music Of Mel Tormé
Starring Mark Stevens**

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Wine and Cheese Reception: 6:00-7:00 PM

Performance: 7:00-8:30 PM

Salle Pianos

**1632 Market Street, Suite C (directly behind Zuni's)
San Francisco, CA**

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San Francisco, CA. April 18, 2010. Mark Stevens steps into the role of Mel Tormé in **VELVET FOG**, a one-man performance highlighting the life and music of one of the greatest jazz singers the world has ever witnessed. The show is a monologue interspersed with many signature songs from Mel's long career. Stevens weaves a delightful tale around Tormé, recounting Mel's start in show business as a featured singer at the age of four through his golden years.

Stevens is a Chicago native now residing in San Francisco. As a young singer in Chicago night clubs, he was often told by people "Man, you sound just like Mel Tormé!" That encouragement fueled his own passion for Tormé, motivating him to write **VELVET FOG**, his first solo endeavor. Stevens performs the monologue, sings, and accompanies himself on piano.

Salle Pianos is a beautifully decorated piano salon set in the European tradition. □

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