

Herb Alpert and Lani Hall opening night at Café Carlyle in New York is a smashing success

Herb Alpert and Lani Hall are playing to rave reviews at the **Café Carlyle** nightly until March 10th. Opening night, February 25th, was packed for the debut engagement. Herb and Lani have been married since 1974, although they have known each other since the mid-60's when Lani was singing with Sergio Mendes and Brasil 66 and recorded their first hit album on A&M Records – the label Alpert created with business partner **Jerry Moss**.



Herb Alpert and Lani Hall playing at Café Carlyle opening night. Photo by Tristan Fuge.

“Opening night,” writes **David Patrick Columbia for the New York Social Diary**, “was one of those musical evenings that just kind of took you away to a place where the pleasure is all yours and it’s coming from the musicians on the stage.” Read the review [here](#).

“The festive sound of Herb Alpert’s trumpet is instantly recognizable and always welcome; its effervescence makes you happy,” said **Stephen Holden in his New York Times review**, “Hearing him play in person on Tuesday evening at the Café Carlyle, where he and his wife, the singer Lani Hall, are appearing with a trio (**Michael Shapiro on drums, Bill Cantos on piano and Hussain Jiffry on electric bass**) I thought of the m’s: minimalism, modesty and merriment.” Read the review [here](#).

“The moment Lani Hall began to sing on a chilly New York night at the Café Carlyle last week the room was transformed. There’s a quality in Lani’s voice as magical as the first bud of spring. No one wanted the evening to end,” said **Bill Moyers**, who attended the first night.

Guests at performances include: **Ann and Jerry Moss, Regis and Joy Philbin, Bill and Judith Moyers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer, Tony Danza, Peter Cincotti and Reeve Carney** from “**Spiderman: Turn off the Dark.**”

The Alperths’ two-week engagement at the Café Carlyle ends on Saturday, March 10th.

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Herb Alpert and Lani Hall with Regis and Joy Philbin (L) and Tony Danza and Peter Cincotti (R) at Café Carlyle opening night. Photos by Tristan Fuge.

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