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**HE FREQUENTS THE GRAMMY AWARDS, EMMY AWARDS, AND WHITE HOUSE  
NOW MICHAEL FEINSTEIN WILL PLAY THE CARPENTER CENTER – ONE NIGHT ONLY**

**LONG BEACH, CA** – On April 22, 2017, Michael Feinstein will visit the Carpenter Center stage, on the campus of Cal State Long Beach, for a dazzling evening of music, memories, and romance as he revisits the Great American Songbook in a reprise from his Broadway show “Isn’t It Romantic.” Feinstein’s appearance replaces the previously announced performance of Patti LuPone.

Michael Feinstein has built a brilliant career over the last three decades bringing the music of the Great American Songbook to the world. From recordings that have earned him five Grammy Award nominations to his Emmy nominated PBS-TV specials, his acclaimed NPR series and concerts spanning the globe – in addition to his appearances at iconic venues such as the White House, Buckingham Palace, Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House – his work as an educator and archivist define Feinstein as one of the most important musical forces of our time.

In 2007, he founded the Great American Songbook Foundation, dedicated to celebrating and preserving the art form through educational programs, master classes, and the annual High School Songbook Academy. This summer intensive, open to students across the country, has produced graduates who have gone on to record acclaimed albums and appear on television programs such as NBC’s *America’s Got Talent*.

The most recent album from his multi-platinum recording career is *A Michael Feinstein Christmas*, featuring Grammy Award-winning jazz pianist Alan Broadbent (Paul McCartney, Diana Krall, Natalie Cole). Among Feinstein’s other albums are *The Sinatra Project* (for which he received a Grammy nomination), *The Sinatra Project, Volume II: The Good Life, The Power of Two, Cheek To Cheek*, and *We Dreamed These Days*, the title song of which was co-written with Dr. Maya Angelou. He received an Emmy nomination for the TV special *Michael Feinstein – The Sinatra Legacy*. The PBS series *Michael Feinstein’s American Songbook* was broadcast for three seasons and is available on DVD. For his nationally syndicated public radio program *Song Travels*, Michael interviews and performs alongside music luminaries such as Bette Midler, Neil Sedaka, Liza Minnelli, Rickie Lee Jones, David Hyde Pierce and others.

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Feinstein was named Principal Pops Conductor for the Pasadena Symphony in 2012 and made his conducting debut in June 2013, and his book *The Gershwins and Me* (a Los Angeles Times best-seller) includes a CD of Gershwin standards performed with Cyrus Chestnut at the piano. He currently serves as Artistic Director of the Palladium Center for the Performing Arts, a \$170 million, three-theatre venue in Carmel, Indiana, which opened in January 2011. The theatre is home to diverse live programming and a museum for Feinstein's rare memorabilia and manuscripts. Feinstein's at the Nikko, Michael's nightclub at San Francisco's Nikko Hotel, has presented top talents of pop and jazz since 2013.

He has designed a new piano for Steinway called "The First Ladies," inspired by the White House piano and signed by several former First Ladies. It was first played to commemorate the Ronald Regan centennial on February 6, 2011. Feinstein received his fourth Grammy nomination for *Michael Feinstein with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra*, his first recording with a symphony orchestra.

Feinstein was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. After graduating from high school, he moved to Los Angeles. The widow of legendary concert pianist-actor Oscar Levant introduced him to Ira Gershwin in July 1977. Feinstein became Gershwin's assistant for six years, which earned him access to numerous unpublished Gershwin songs, many of which he has since performed and recorded.

Gershwin's influence provided a solid base upon which Feinstein evolved into a captivating performer, composer and arranger of his own original music. He also has become an unparalleled interpreter of music legends such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Johnny Mercer, Duke Ellington and Harry Warren. Feinstein has received three honorary doctorates.

**Michael Feinstein**  
**Carpenter Performing Arts Center \* 6200 E Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA 90815**  
**Saturday, April 22 @ 8 p.m.**

Single tickets for the show start at \$75. For tickets or more information, visit [CarpenterArts.org](http://CarpenterArts.org) or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. Our season is made possible, in part, by season media partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

**ABOUT THE CARPENTER CENTER** Founded in 1994, the Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the CSULB campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,062 patrons. The Center is named after pop music duo Richard and Karen Carpenter, who both attended California State University, Long Beach. Their music still epitomizes the best of our culture; modern and traditional, wholesome and sage. The Carpenter Center continues to honor that elegant legacy each season by showcasing emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, comedians and visual artists, as well as other culturally relevant presentations.

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