

Brown Paper Box Co. presents
Mary'z with a "Z"
- a cabaret -

Mary's Attic in Andersonville
May 5 & 6, 2016



Brown Paper Box Co. opens its 2016/2017 season with **Mary'z with a "Z,"** a cover-to-cover tribute to 1972's Emmy-winning *"Liza With a 'Z'"* broadcast featuring BPBCo. members, alumni, and fresh faces presenting and reinventing Bob Fosse & Marvin Hamlisch's setlist in its entirety. The evening begins with Kander and Ebb's "Yes" and ends with a 5-song *Cabaret* medley. Mixed in are a plethora of standards, show tunes, and numbers written specifically for Ms. Minnelli.

Classic songz. New arrangementz. 44 yearz later.

"From high school screwups and springtime loves, our cabarets have tackled a wide range of topics from a wide range of performers," say coordinators M. William Panek and Justin Harner. "For **Mary'z with a 'Z,'** we want to bring something familiar yet new to our audiences. *Liza with a 'Z'* is one of the greatest TV concerts of all time, so the ability to share thirteen local performers' interpretations of her classic set list at Mary's Attic in Andersonville is 'simply grand!'"

The current cast of Lizas include **T.J. Anderson*** (*Julius Caesar* and [title of show], BPBCo.), **Alexis Bevels** (*Dixie Wins a Talent Show While Alexis Bevels Stage Manages*, Berlin Nightclub; Co-host of *Night of 100 Drag Queens 2015*, Sidetrack the Video Bar), **Lindsey Charles** (lead singer of The Cell Phones; various projects for Knife and Fork), **Johnny Kyle Cook** (*Heathers*, *Kokandy*; *A New Brain*, BPBCo.), **Megan Ensley** (Sketch performer, Stage 773 & Second City Training Center; Singer with The Mashed Potatoes), **Matt Frye** (*Dog Fight*, Boho; [title of show], BPBCo.), **Veronica Garza** (*Heathers*, *Kokandy*; *Side Show*, Porchlight), **Justin Harner*** (*Triassic Parq*, Circle Theatre; [title of show], BPBCo.), **David Lipschutz*** (Company member, Hell in a Handbag; *Design For Living*, Pride Films & Plays). **Anna Schutz*** ([title of show] and *A New Brain*, BPBCo.), **Dan Toot** (*Julius Caesar*, BPBCo.; *Romeo and Juliet*, Notre Dame Shakespeare), **Vahishta Vafadari** (*Julius Caesar*, BPBCo; *A Widow of No Importance*, Rasaka Theatre Company), **Jillian Kate Weingart** (*Cabaret*, Brightside Theater; *Spike Heels* and *A New Brain*, BPBCo.), and **Damian Wille*** (*Haymarket*, Underscore Theatre Company; [title of show], BPBCo.).

Mary’z with a “Z” is coordinated by **Justin Harner*** & **M. William Panek***, with **Harner** and **Vince Hilado** on piano, original poster design by **Charlie Sheets***, and technical support from **Joshua Andrews** and **Michelle Kritselis***. For more information and tickets, please visit www.BrownPaperBox.org.

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Brown Paper Box Co. creates challenging and inspiring theatre that focuses on the text. By employing a smart, simple aesthetic in intimate spaces, we connect audiences directly to the heart of the story. For more information, please visit www.BrownPaperBox.org.

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Who: Brown Paper Box Co.

What: **Mary’z with a “Z” – a cabaret**

Where: Mary’s Attic

5400 N Clark St.

Chicago, IL 60640

When: May 5 & 6, 2016 - 7:30pm

Tickets: For tickets, please visit www.brownpaperbox.org.

\$10 in advance. \$15 at the door.