

The Midnight Company will celebrate their third year In Residence at Blue Strawberry with their 3rd Anniversary March production of JUST ONE LOOK. The show, which debuted March, 2023 tells the story of the legendary Linda Ronstadt, with Kelly Howe portraying Linda and singing her songs. Three years of shows have resulted in three dozen sellouts. This upcoming special

performance will be Friday, March 13th, 7:30pm. Tickets are now on sale at BlueStrawberrySTL.com, or by calling 314-256-1745. Blue Strawberry is located in the Central West End of St. Louis, at 364 N. Boyle, 63108.

Joe Hanrahan, Midnight's Artistic Director and writer/director of JUST ONE LOOK said "We'll be adding extra songs for this show, with an encore of more of Linda's hits. It was hard to originally cut down her catalogue for the show, and it's fun to capture a few more for this one. We hope this makes the experience even more fun and memorable for the audience."

When Hanrahan and Kelly Howe put the show together, it was a first for Midnight - their first foray into the musical Cabaret world. It followed Midnight's ST. LOUIS WOMAN. A planned Blue Strawberry stint of that show fell through, and Kelly and Joe followed with their idea. (Kelly had been a resident singer at Don't Tell Mama's, a New York City Cabaret space.) Hanrahan said "From the beginning, we wanted to make our show different than other classic Cabaret shows. We added a strong story, Linda's story, and included dialogue through my character, a rock journalist interviewing Linda, that framed and offered back stories for the songs. Then we opened with three performances over three weeks, kind of a mini-theatrical run, again different from typical Cabaret runs. We've always referred to what we did as Cabaret Theatre, a mix of both worlds, and audiences found our take different and, obviously, appealing."

Repeat audiences have been the core of JUST ONE LOOK's success, with people returning three, four or more times to see it. Hanrahan said "Linda's story is really amazing, and compelling. Having told her story for as long as we have, I am still grasping her art and success; her musical influences and collaborations with other artists from The Eagles, Chuck Berry, Philip Glass and Dolly Parton to Mick Jagger, Nelson Riddle, Aaron Neville and Barney the Plow King on The Simpsons; as well as her profound impact on women's roles in rock 'n roll and the world."

The March 13 performance of JUST ONE LOOK (which offers a wide range of Ronstadt hits in several genres) will feature additional songs and an encore to help toast the show's anniversary. Kelly Howe handles those vocals with amazing effect. Hanrahan said "She just blows people away." Howe and Hanrahan have done other Cabaret Theatre productions for Midnight at Blue Strawberry and Greenfinch, including PROFESSOR SUNSHINE'S ROCK 'N ROLL REVIVAL and FINAL DRESS, and Kelly has acted with Midnight in the plays RODNEY'S WIFE and OLD TIMES.

And Linda's songs are backed up by Curt Landes, Music Direction and Piano, Mark Rogers, Drums and Vocals, and Tom Maloney, Guitar and Bass. About the band, Hanrahan said "They get better every show. And it comes from them regularly working to perfect songs, adjust some things sometimes and make them even more perfect. My pay for the show is being able to sit next to them every show and listen."

Additional JUST ONE LOOK shows, as it enters its fourth year at Blue Strawberry, are scheduled Friday, April 17 and Thursday, May 21. Tickets for those shows are now on sale at BlueStrawberrySTL.com or by calling 314.256.1745.

And Midnight will be presenting Will Eno's WAKEY WAKEY in July at The Chapel. Tickets will be on sale later in the Spring.

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