



Craig McMurdo

Excellence in Entertainment





“...what a wonderful night... the music choice was perfect and the sound was just superb...”

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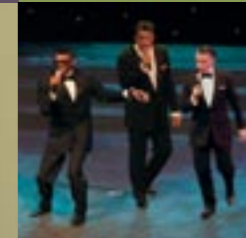


“..it was a pleasure to work with you and your team and the show was fantastic...”

H.I.T. SCOTLAND

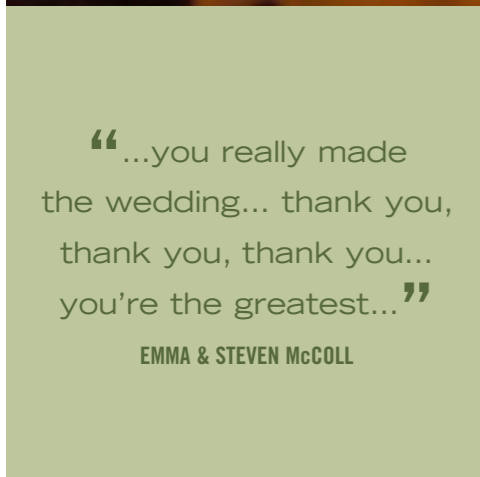


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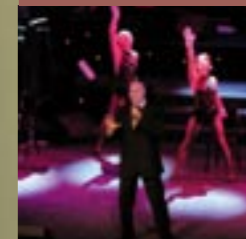
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“...you really made the wedding... thank you, thank you, thank you... you're the greatest...”

EMMA & STEVEN McCOLL



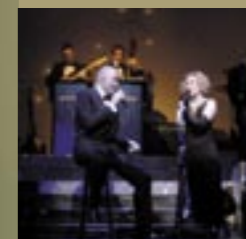
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“...great atmosphere... the perfect playlist... guests were thrilled... it was terrific...”

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INTRODUCTION



“...a born entertainer...
the best show
I've seen.”

THE SCOTSMAN

Craig McMurdo has been thrilling audiences around the globe for over two decades; from humble beginnings on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to performing at private parties for such luminaries as HRH Prince Charles, actor Paul Newman and a multitude of Sir Cameron Mackintosh's opening night parties.

Originally making his name in the field of Jazz and Swing, with countless television, radio, festival and theatre appearances both in the UK and world wide as well as releasing six albums to date, he has, over the years, developed his voice to encompass a remarkable range of styles from Rat Pack to rock 'n roll, pop to classic soul.

Career highlights include appearing at the Royal Albert Hall for Diana Princess of Wales, performing the inaugural shows for the Madinat Theatre, Dubai as well as the opening ceremonies of the European Special Olympics before a live crowd of 32,000 and a television audience of millions across 28 countries – and being kissed by Andrea Corr during a gig in Dublin.

Surrounding himself with an amazing team of musicians, singers and dancers on stage and the very best event & stage managers and sound & light production crew off stage, he provides an overall service that is second to none.



“...smoother than
Harry Connick Jr...”

THE GUARDIAN

By combining the “wow factor” onstage with thorough, co-ordinated planning and management behind the scenes, he continuously achieves his goal of exceeding expectations at every performance.

Craig McMurdo is the ultimate entertainer for private and corporate entertainment be it music for dancing, cabaret or background with complete and tailored packages available to suit each and every event from a charity ball or wedding reception to a gala launch or premiere.

It's no wonder his client and venue list reads like a *who's who* but then the very best demand the very best.

“...a night to remember...
a joy to work with...”

CAMERON MACKINTOSH LTD



INTRODUCTION



“...the performance was stunning... any outfit that lets me forget about the ‘organisational’ aspect of the evening is a band worth having!”

GALA GROUP



At the very core of the Craig McMurdo experience is the 11 piece Dance Orchestra providing the ultimate in music for dancing with a remarkably extensive and versatile repertoire that spans the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s & 70’s to the present day.

Sets are packed with instantly recognisable hits, from Sinatra to Van Morrison, The Drifters to The Commitments, Abba to Al Green, Bacharach to The Blues Brothers, Presley to the Pop Idols, ensuring the dance floor is always full.

The Craig McMurdo DANCE ORCHESTRA



Sophisticated jazz can be provided as background music during a meal or drinks reception by the classic instrumental jazz trio line up of piano, bass & drums.

In general clients can choose between 1 x 90 min, 2 x 60 min or 3 x 45 min sets for dancing, it entirely depends on the structure of the schedule. The band try to be as flexible and accommodating as possible to ensure the event is a success.

Visually as well as audibly impressive this talented 11 piece show band features 7 world class musicians and 3 amazing female vocalists in a high energy, highly choreographed performance led by the enormously charismatic McMurdo.



Typical Event Timings:

(2 X 60 MIN SETS)

- 1:30PM PA & lights set up
- 4:30PM Band arrive
- 5:00PM Sound check
- 6:15PM Guests arrive
- Band evening meal
- 6:45PM Champagne reception
- 7:30PM Guests called to dinner
- Jazz trio for background
- 8:15PM Background cds
- 8:30PM Jazz trio for background
- 9:15PM Speeches/auction/raffle
- 9:45PM 1st set for dancing
- 10:45PM Disco or cds for dancing
- 11:00PM 2nd set for dancing
- 12:00AM Disco or event ends

Example alternatives:

(3 X 45 MIN SETS)

- 7:00PM Dinner
- 8:30PM Speeches/auction/raffle
- 9:00PM 1st set for dancing
- 9:45PM Disco/cds for dancing
- 10:00PM 2nd set for dancing
- 10:45PM Disco/cds for dancing
- 11:00PM 3rd set for dancing
- 11:45PM Disco/event ends
- 12:00AM Carriages.

Or

(1 X 90MIN SET)

- 8:00PM Dinner
- 9:45PM Speeches/auction/raffle
- 10:30PM Set for dancing
- 12:00AM Disco/event ends

The

World Famous

FLOORSHOW



Solo piano, a jazz trio and the smokey tones of torch songs sung by a glamorous female vocalist set the mood with background music while the guests arrive and dine. Then, in the natural break between courses of the dinner, the house lights come down and the night explodes with sound and colour as the band, singers and dancers take to

the stage, transforming the room into a classic supper club of the Hollywood era.

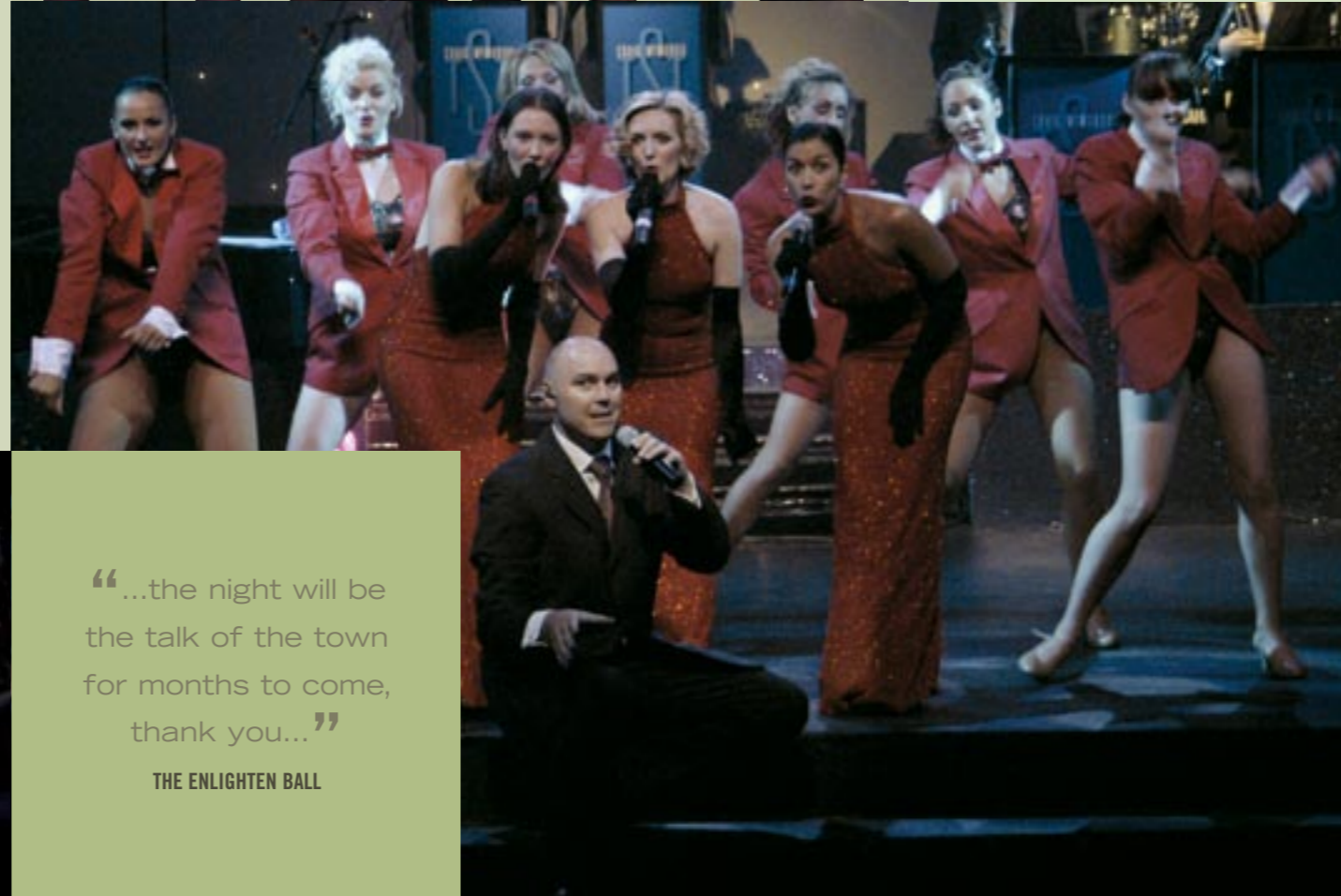
Craig and the cast perform a series of stunning West End style cabarets throughout the meal that rival Las Vegas and would make The Rat Pack proud. Glamour, breath-taking production numbers, vocal harmonies, magical music and the hottest band in the country alternate with sophisticated background music, leading to a unforgettable finale of feathers and high kicks.



A short comfort break and the band and singers return to the stage. Now it's the turn of the guests to take to the floor and dance the night away. Craig and the band shift up a gear and perform their legendary mix of classic swing, 60's and 70's soul, rock 'n roll and pop hits, ensuring that the dance floor is always full.

“...a marvellous performance... I have heard nothing but praise for the entertainment...”

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION UK



“...the night will be the talk of the town for months to come, thank you...”

THE ENLIGHTEN BALL



Typical Floorshow Timetable

9:00AM	Sound & light Set up
10:00AM	Dancers arrive & rehearse
1:00PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Band arrive
2:30PM	Technical rehearsals
6:00PM	Band & crew evening meal
7:00PM	Guests arrive
7:00PM	Drinks reception
7:30PM	Guests called to dinner
	Solo piano, background
8:00PM	Starter Course
	Solo piano, background
8:20PM	1st Cabaret
8:30PM	Main Course
	Jazz Trio, background
9:00PM	2nd Cabaret
9:10 PM	Sweet Course
	Jazz Trio, background
9:30PM	3rd Cabaret
9:40PM	Coffee & petits four
9:55PM	4th, Main Cabaret
10:15PM	Comfort break
10:30PM	Set for dancing
MIDNIGHT	Event ends

CHOREOGRAPHY BY LYNNE BUSTARD



Craig McMurdo's COOL YULE

Can you imagine a better way to get your guests in the festive mood than to hear all the Christmas classics performed live?

Songs like *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Let It Snow* & *White Christmas* made famous by Dean Martin, Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and even Elvis Presley can be performed by the 11 piece Dance Orchestra or 21 piece Big Band as a dinner cabaret followed, of course, by sets for dancing to make the party complete or better still, like *Frosty the Snowman*, breathe magical life into your event with our spectacular and glamorous Cool Yule Floorshow Package.

A Cool Yule highlight in 2000 was performing for HRH Prince Charles' private Christmas party at the Ritz, London.



The Craig McMurdo QUARTET



When music for dancing is not required and a large cabaret is not suitable Craig McMurdo can offer sophisticated entertainment for background or cabaret with his Swing Kings Trio.

With this classic jazz format, Craig has performed many theatre tours and countless festival, television and radio appearances. As a result, he has an extensive repertoire of swing and jazz standards available, perfect for background music during a drinks reception or featured as a dinner cabaret.

James Bond 007

All the Bond theme classics such as *Diamonds are Forever*, *Gold Finger*, *Live & Let Die* and *You Only Live Twice* performed by the band as a cabaret set followed by classic sets for dancing.

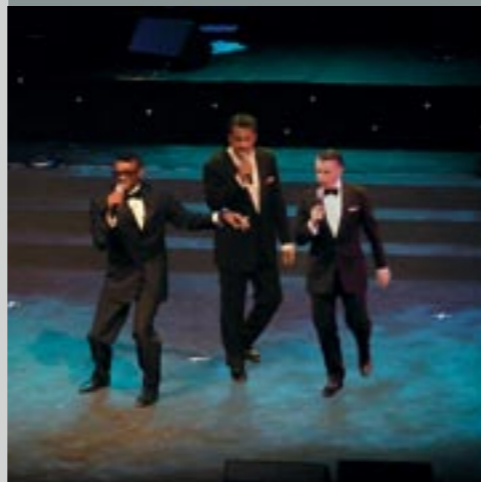
The Rat Pack

In 2004 Craig combined his floorshow with three actors from the award winning "Rat Pack Confidential" from London's West End. Together they opened the new Madinat Theatre in the 6 star Madinat Jumeriah Hotel, Dubai with a spectacular *Rat Pack* tribute show. The show was a sell-out runaway success and now Frank, Dean, Sammy... & Craig can appear in a cabaret for you combined with our classic sets for dancing.

Craig McMurdo & That Swing Thang®

The band with which Craig made his name in the 90's performing sophisticated swing and *Rat Pack* classics. If you're looking for the best swing band in the country, look no further.

THEMED and CABARET PACKAGES



There is nothing quite as impressive as the sight and sound of a full big band and even more so when you add our 6 dancers to the line up of Craig with 17 musicians and 3 singers.

The repertoire for dancing and for a floorshow cabaret evening with the big band is exactly the same as that of the 11 piece Dance Orchestra format.

Swing classics were made for the big band sound but ABBA, Van Morrison, Tom Jones & classic soul with a 13 piece horn section is something you simply have to hear!

If you want to make a big impact then this is the package for you.



The Craig McMurdo BIG BAND & BIG BAND FLOORSHOW

Past corporate highlights:

Sonofi-Aventis	Conference Awards Ceremony & Dinner	Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton Euro Disney, Paris	SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2006 MAY 2005
Crowne Plaza Hotel	New conference facilities launch	Dublin	OCTOBER 2006
The Heart Ball	The Heart Ball <i>We have performed at this event annually since 1998.</i>	The Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle	SEPTEMBER 1998 – SEPTEMBER 2006
Keith Murray	Wedding Reception	Private Estate, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire	JULY 2006
Royal Bank of Scotland	Client entertainment events	FLOORSHOW Banqueting House, Whitehall, London Woburn Abbey Royal Museum of Scotland Duxford Air Museum	JUNE 2006 NOVEMBER 2003 NOVEMBER 2003 APRIL 2003
Stirling University	Graduation Ball		JUNE 2004, 2005 & 2006
Subsea 7	Summer Ball	Fyvie Castle, Aberdeenshire	JUNE 2006, 2007
Ingersoll-Rand		Gleneagles Hotel	MAY 2005 & MAY 2006
Microsoft		The Customs House, Dublin Stapleton Park, Melton Mowbray The Old Billingsgate Market, London	MAY 2006 JUNE 2004 DECEMBER 2003
	Christmas Party <i>Performing with Liberty X and The London Community Gospel Choir</i>		
The Richard Scowcroft Foundation	Fundraiser Dinner	FLOORSHOW Tatton Park, Manchester	APRIL 2006
Deloitte	Annual Ball	St Andrews Bay Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow	MARCH 2006, 2007 OCTOBER 2002
Trader Publishing		FLOORSHOW Marrakech, Morocco	FEBRUARY 2006
Allied Irish Bank		Charity Ball, Hilton Newcastle	JANUARY 2006
MacDonald Highland Resort		Aviemore	JANUARY 2006
HBOS	Conference	E.I.C.C., Edinburgh	JANUARY 2006
Glasgow University	Daft Friday Ball		DECEMBER 2005, 2006, 2007
Andrew Majerus	50th birthday party	Ringwood, Hampshire	JUNE 2005
Celtic Football Club	Jackie McNamara Testimonial Dinner		MAY 2005
Proctor & Gamble		Newcastle	APRIL 2004 & MAY 2005
Bedford Trinacria		Bedford Corn Exchange	MARCH 2005
The Heather Ball		Newcastle	JAN 2004 & JAN 2005
Cameron Mackintosh Events	"Mary Poppins" World Premiere Party Opening Night Party Opening Night Party Opening Night Party Charity Fundraiser Ball "Miss Saigon" Opening Night Party <i>Joint party for the Scottish opening night and Sir Cameron Mackintosh's birthday celebrations</i> "Les Miserables" Opening Night Party "Phantom of the Opera" Opening Night Party	Leicester Square, London Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton Birmingham The Marriott Royal, Bristol Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh The Dome, Edinburgh Burlington Court Hotel, Dublin Berkley Court Hotel, Dublin	DECEMBER 2004 OCTOBER 2003 MAY 2003 FEBRUARY 2003 DECEMBER 2002 NOVEMBER 2002 MARCH 1999 OCTOBER 1998
The Muir Maxwell Trust	Christmas Ball <i>Also performing were Julian Lloyd Webber and Nicola Benedetti.</i> Christmas Ball <i>Over £300,000 raised for the Trust. Attendees included Joan Collins and Cilla Black and Christopher Biggins was the auctioneer. Also performing were opera band, Amici Forever.</i>	The Savoy Hotel, London Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh	DECEMBER 2004 DECEMBER 2003
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Mamma Mia Opening Night Party & Fundraiser Summer Ball Summer Ball	The Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh Prestonfield House, Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh	DECEMBER 2004 JUNE 2004 JUNE 2003
Kathryn Miller	Wedding Reception	Mansfield Traquair, Edinburgh	NOVEMBER 2004
Visit Scotland	The Thistle Awards	EICC, Edinburgh	OCTOBER 2004
G.S.P.C.	Charity Ball 10th Anniversary Celebrations Charity Ball	FLOORSHOW Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow	OCTOBER 2004 OCTOBER 2003
Emirates Golf Club	Members Ball	Dubai	OCTOBER 2004
Madinat Theatre, Madinat Jumeriah Hotel	<i>Premiere of our Rat Pack tribute show and the opening show in this 6 star resort</i>	Dubai	SEPTEMBER 2004
SAGA Radio	Launch of SAGA 105.2fm	Glasgow	SEPTEMBER 2004
Skibo Castle	Wedding Reception	Skibo Castle, Sutherland	MAY 2004
Belinda Robertson & Alastair Dickson	Wedding Reception	Edinburgh Castle	MAY 2004
Diageo		Edinburgh Headquarters	MARCH 2004
Roche Pharmaceuticals	Conference & Gala Dinner	Davos, Switzerland	NOVEMBER 2003
Maggie's Centre	Fundraiser Ball	Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh	OCTOBER 2003
William Grant Distillers	Conference & launch of "Salior Jerry" Rum	St Andrews Bay Resort & Spa	SEPTEMBER 2003
CEO Organisation	Annual Convention Gala Dinner	FLOORSHOW Gleneagles Hotel	JUNE 2003
Disney Theatrical (UK) Ltd	Opening night party for Beauty & The Beast	Edinburgh	FEB 2003
Gala Group	Annual Awards Dinner <i>21 piece big band performing both for the awards & for dancing</i>	The Great Room of the Grosvenor House Hotel, London.	JANUARY 2003
Gleneagles Hotel	Season Performances <i>Seasons in 2000, 2001 & 2002 at this world-renowned 5 star hotel with Floorshow and dinner dance dates</i>	FLOORSHOW Gleneagles Hotel	2000, 2001, 2002
Lexus	Lexus Owners Summer Ball	The Grand Hotel, Eastbourne	JULY 2002
The Balmoral Hotel	Centenary Ball <i>Performing at the centenary celebrations on 11th Oct 2002 of this 5 star landmark Edinburgh Hotel</i> Hogmanay Celebrations Edinburgh Festival Show <i>3 weeks with the Floorshow as part of the 2002 Edinburgh Festival Fringe</i>	Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh	OCTOBER 2002 NEW YEAR'S EVE 2001 & 2002 AUGUST 2002
CBS Television	CBS Television Conference	Gleneagles Hotel	APRIL 2002
British Aerospace	Scottish Gala Dinner	Prestwick	SEPTEMBER 2001
Sir Fraser Morrison	Wedding Reception <i>Wedding Reception for the daughter of Sir Fraser Morrison at their estate in Fife</i>	Fife	JUNE 2001
"Make a Wish" Foundation	Fundraiser Ball	Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire	JUNE 2001
HRH Prince Charles	Private Christmas Party for HRH Prince Charles Charity Ball <i>Dinner & ball for the launch of HRH Prince Charles' charity, The Prince of Wales Foundation</i>	The Ritz Hotel, London London	DECEMBER 2000 JUNE 2000
Riverdance	Opening Party for Riverdance	The Point, Dublin Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh	JULY 2000 FEBRUARY 1997
Royal Navy	Commissioning Ball for HMS Kent	Portsmouth Guildhall	JUNE 2000
United Pictures International	Royal Premiere Party <i>Premiere Party for UIP for MGM Films' "Return To Me" starring David Duchovny & Mini Driver</i>	Royal Museum, Edinburgh	MAY 2000
Magnum Productions	Opening night party for "The King & I"	The Banqueting House, London	MAY 2000
"Hole in the Wall Gang"	Fundraiser <i>Fund-raising event for actor Paul Newman's "Hole in the Wall Gang" children's charity for two consecutive years</i>	Dublin	SEPTEMBER 1999 & 2000
Danielle Steele	Yacht launch party for author Danielle Steele	Plumpton Place, Sussex	AUGUST 1999
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre	Founders Day Party	London	JUNE 1999
British Press Awards	The Press Ball and Awards <i>Performing alongside Steps, A1 and Madame Jo Jo's Cabaret Revue</i>	The Commonwealth Institute, London	NOVEMBER 1998
BBC	BBC Radio 2 broadcast <i>Concert & BBC Radio 2 broadcast with the BBC Big Band conducted by legendary band leader and arranger Billy May</i>	Queen's Hall, Edinburgh	AUGUST 1998



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THE WALDORF HOTEL, LONDON

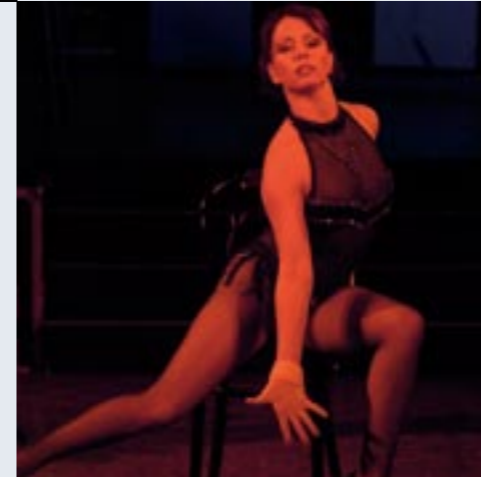
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