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Lorenson scores at his tribute to Darin at San Francisco's Rrazz Room



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As I made my way to San Francisco on November 15th, I was thrilled to be a guest and sit with my colleague, Eric Jansen of “Out in the Bay” at a Rrazz Room performance by Bay Area artist Russ Lorenson, and his tribute to the Life and Music of Bobby Darin.

Through vintage clips and a live band, Lorenson told the story of Darin who married his frequent co-star, Sandra Dee, had a son, made a hit of *Mack the Knife*, left Dee, survived TV, became an anti-war activist and died suddenly at the age of 37.

Following a successful Tribute to Tony Bennett, Lorenson wanted to do a show with more Pop standards. As he was compiling the list, it turned out to be almost all Bobby Darin Songs, and so the tribute was created.

Lorenson's singing ability is top notch and the boy could really hold a note. Other songs included; *Splish, Splash, Beyond the Sea, Danke Schoen* (Darin passed the song to Wayne Newton), *That Darn Cat, and The Curtain Falls*.

For more on Russ Lorenson, check his site at russlorenson.com. Also check out other shows at [Rrazz in the Hotel Nikko](#).