

Revised Galaxy Showtime for Tonight, Wednesday, March 7, 2007

8:30pm and 10:45pm • Galaxy Lounge

VARIETY SHOWTIME

Crystal Cruises proudly presents...



Crystal Cruises'
Instrumentalist of the Year
Australian Piano Sensation

Bernard Walz

Accompanied by the **Galaxy Orchestra** under the direction of **Stacey Benn**

Piano Sensation Bernard Walz

Bernard Walz is critically considered the finest popular pianist Australia has ever produced. *The Phantom of the Opera's* Michael Crawford calls Bernard "the finest I have ever worked with." Crystal Cruises has also recognized Bernard, announcing him as Entertainer of the Year for 2003 and also as Instrumentalist of the Year for 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005.

He has also been awarded the 1996, 1997 and 1998 Australian Entertainment MO Award for Variety Instrumental Performer of the Year, for Excellence in Live Performance. His debut album, *Piano Passion*, released by PolyGram Australia, was a number one best seller on the Australian classical charts in 1994.

Australian-born and a resident of Sydney, Bernard's brand of "piano magic" brings an excitement and dynamism to the stage that never fails to delight his audience. His music has taken him literally around the world, from the concert hall of the famed Sydney Opera House, to Royal Festival Hall in London, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, to the Village Vanguard in New York and in concert and cabaret performances across the U.S. and Europe.

Classically trained, with a flair for musical thrills, Bernard's music crosses the boundaries between classical and popular genres. He presents the best of the Grand Masters with the best of Broadway, Gershwin, Ragtime, Boogie and Jazz...sometimes all at the same time! Finely-honed musicianship, formidable technique, a delightful on-stage personality and an unmistakable passion for his music are the qualities that set this performer apart.

Whether presented solo or with an orchestra, Bernard's music is symphonic in scope and grandeur. As one reviewer noted, "...one can only become more fond of Walz the more he plays... he brings you moments of genuine emotion... the joy and love of life he conveys with unfailing finesse... broad feeling, grandeur and telling tender moments... delivered with simple grace and musical sincerity..." Be prepared for an evening of superb musical entertainment with Bernard Walz!

Bernard's new album, *Piano Passion, Too!* and his albums *Piano Passion* and *I Got Rhythm* are available in Apropos and on his website: www.bernardwalz.com.