PROHIBITION, THE CONCERT

Some great art of our time has come out of times of restriction. The spirit of music, of storytelling, is indomitable, and confines put on artistic creativity tend to, inadvertently, create artistic breakthroughs. And necessity is truly so often the mother of invention: the environment of Prohibition birthed a kind of musical spirt that was both raw and exhilarating. The art form of the speakeasy, with its intimate rooms, reflected a kind of stylistic confinement. But not one of less imagination. In fact, restrictions intended to tame instead inspired a raucousness, which was reflected in the performance style and music of the time.

The collaborative spirit of Prohibition artists found a way to exist and thrive – and while we're far from the '20s, that spirit of collaboration remains. Harnessing that energy, that's where the magic is as a creator and performer, and hopefully for you too, as a listener.

It means the world that you joined us for this concert. *Thank you.*

Mike Ross, Slaight Family Director of Music

PERFORMERS & PRODUCTION

FEATURED PERFORMERS

Troy Adams

Divine Brown

Hailey Gillis

Travis Knights

Mike Ross

FEATURED MUSICIANS

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Trumpet

Jacob Gorzhaltsan
Reeds

Bret Higgins
Bass

Mike Ross
Piano

Lowell Whitty
Drums

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Songwriter: Bessie Smith
Performer: Divine Brown

03. LUSH LIFE
Songwriter: Billy Strayhorn
Performer: Troy Adams

04. (GOODBYE BROADWAY) HELLO MONTREAL
Songwriter: Fred Waring
Performer: Travis Knights

05. RUM RUNNERS
Songwriter: Gaelic Storm
Performer: Mike Ross and Company

06. BILL
Songwriter: Jerome Kern, PG Wodehouse, and Oscar Hammerstein II
Performer: Hailey Gillis

07. THE PIANO HAS BEEN DRINKING
Songwriter: Tom Waits
Performer: Mike Ross

08. MINNIE THE MOOCHER
Songwriter: Cab Calloway
Performer: Troy Adams

09. COME SUNDAY
Songwriter: Duke Ellington
Performer: Divine Brown

10. THE LIFE OF THE PARTY
Songwriter: From *The Wild Party*, Andrew Lippa
Performer: Hailey Gillis

11. THE NIGHT CHICAGO DIED
Songwriter: Mitch Murray and Peter Callander
Performer: Mike Ross

12. ANYTHING GOES
Songwriter: Cole Porter
Performer: Company

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