



May 30, 2014 - Hotel Nikko San Francisco and <u>Michael Feinstein</u> announced today that Operation Opera, the MAC Award-winning super hit of the Edinburgh Festival, will perform a limited two-week engagement at Feinstein's at the Nikko -- July 31 through August 10, 2014.

Starring renowned opera singer <u>Adelmo Guidarelli</u> -- and featuring Miss Ruby Laurance and <u>Seth Weinstein</u> -- Operation Opera delights audiences with virtuoso operatic singing and paralyzes them with laughter while taking an inspiring journey into a world of music and comedy that critics have compared to <u>Victor Borge</u>. A fun-filled cross between tradition and innovation, Operation Opera enchants audiences with its edgy, sometimes sexy, song-filled modern day extravaganza of classical comedy.

The performance schedule for Operation Opera is as follows: Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$35 - \$50 and are

available now by calling 866.663.1063 or visiting www.ticketweb.com.

Located within Hotel Nikko (222 Mason Street, San Francisco), Feinstein's at the Nikko presents a wide range of entertainers from stage and screen all within an intimate 140-seat cabaret setting. There is a \$20 food and beverage minimum per person inside the showroom which guests can use towards cocktails as well as a variety of small plates crafted exclusively for Feinstein's at the Nikko by Executive Chef Philippe Striffeler, through Restaurant Anzu. Cheese and dessert platters will also be available in the showroom.

Written and directed by Michael Mackenzie Wills, Operation Opera's distinctive blend of vintage madness weaves well-known opera arias and their pop-culture counterparts into musical gold. Its Music Hall-style allows it to encompass everything from a night at the opera to a day with Bugs Bunny on the Warner Brothers lot. This completely acoustic performance features an array of instruments not likely linked with opera, including ukulele, banjo, guitar, trombone, accordion and kazoo - all in a performance that, at one point, skillfully demonstrates how accessible opera really is by using baseball as a platform! With an irreverent attitude towards the pomposity of opera, Operation Opera shows audiences that we are surrounded by opera every day and gently reminds us that opera can be fun and enjoyed by all. Operation Opera is pure, unadulterated fun!

Guests of Feinstein's at the Nikko can enjoy a variety of food and beverage options before performances. Kanpai Lounge, located in Hotel Nikko's lobby, offers light cuisine, a full bar and specialty cocktails. Restaurant Anzu, Hotel Nikko's intimate restaurant located on the second floor, serves sustainable California cuisine enhanced with Asian flavors. Restaurant Anzu will also offer Feinstein's at the Nikko guests a special three-course prix-fixe dinner (\$45 per person) prior to all performances. Reservations can be made by calling (415) 394-1100. For additional information on Operation Opera, visit <a href="http://operation-opera.com">http://operation-opera.com</a>. For Hotel Nikko San Francisco room specials, visit <a href="www.hotelnikkosf.com">www.hotelnikkosf.com</a>. Code: FEIN.

ABOUT MICHAEL FEINSTEIN: The two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated <u>Michael Feinstein</u> is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards. His 200-plus shows a year have included performances at <u>Carnegie Hall</u>, Sydney Opera House and the Hollywood Bowl as well as the White House and Buckingham Palace. More than simply a performer, Feinstein has received national recognition for his commitment to celebrating America's popular songbook and preserving its legacy for the next generation.

ABOUT THE MICHAEL FEINSTEIN GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK INITIATIVE: Founded in 2007, The Michael Feinstein Great American Songbook Initiative is dedicated to increasing the appreciation for the Great American Songbook and preserving it through educational programs, Master Classes, and the annual High School Vocal Academy and Competition, which awards scholarships and prizes to students across the country.