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Alan Cumming

A brilliant actor who has made a specialty of playing morally

repellent characters you can't help but love, Cumming plucks at the heartstrings for his début at the Cafe Carlyle: his show is called "Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs."

Expect an evening of starry-eyed fare delivered with an acid touch.

He'll be backed by **Lance Horne**, on piano; **Eleanor Norton**, on cello; and **Chris Jago**, on drums.

(Carlyle Hotel, Madison Ave. at 76th St. 212-744-1600. June 2-13.)