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### **Buster Poindexter**

The smooth, relaxed, and slightly seedy alter ego of David Johansen (the leader of the glam-rock group the New York Dolls, in the seventies) is the perfect outlet for Johansen to demonstrate his love of American song—not strictly the classic songbook but blues, novelty, doo-wop, vaudeville, and more. His last appearance at the Café Carlyle included material written or made popular by Frank Loesser, Harry Belafonte, Bert Williams, and Lieber and Stoller. Backed by a shape-shifting quartet comprising **Brian Koonin**, on guitar, **Clifford Carter**, on piano, **Richard Hammond**, on bass, and **Ray Grappone**, on drums, Poindexter turns the upscale *boîte* into one of the friendliest roadhouses you might ever stumble into. (Carlyle Hotel, Madison Ave. at 76th St. 212-744-1600. Feb. 10-21.)