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THE JAZZ SCENE | By Will Friedwald

Cabaret for Thinking People, Plus an Evening of Hot Jazz



Cheyenne Jackson, 'Eyes Wide Open'

◆ Café Carlyle

35 E. 76th St.

(212) 744-1600

Through Jan. 24

The Broadway and television leading man makes his Carlyle debut with a set of intimate songs structured around a thoroughly Augustinian journey of self-revelation and recovery. He takes to the one-man format very naturally, and uses the mannerisms of pop singing along with the songbooks of Elton John ("Your Song"), George Michael ("Kissing a Fool") and even Lady Gaga ("Edge of Glory")—none of which is typical Carlyle fare—as a means of connecting with the crowd. In fact, he's that unique performer who gets through to listeners on such an immediate level that he seems to be communicating directly with us all one-to-one even when, contrary to the title of his show, he's got his wide shut.