

Southern Vermont Arts Center

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Classic Frank Sinatra Tribute at the Southern Vermont Arts Center on August 6 – Featuring “The Sands” Martini Bar

Manchester, VT – The Southern Vermont Arts Center is taking guests on a journey to a Las Vegas showroom of the past with its August 6th presentation, “Come Fly with Me.” Though the performance takes place in SVAC’s 400-seat venue, the Arkell Pavilion, audience members will feel transported to 1960’s Las Vegas when Sinatra was lighting up the stage there. In keeping with an experiential atmosphere reminiscent of the historic Sands Hotel and its famous Copa Room, the Arts Center is offering a special cash martini bar complete with a signature cocktail to celebrate the evening’s tribute to “Ol’ Blue Eyes.”

The American Songbook standards made popular by Frank Sinatra during his long career is the theme of “Come Fly with Me.” Spanning Sinatra’s days with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra to the Las Vegas Copa Room, the classic songs will be performed by baritone vocalist Rob Zappulla, another in a long line of singers who have performed with the Dorsey Orchestra.

Zappulla’s smooth vocal rendition of the tunes identified closely with Sinatra will be backed by a seventeen-piece swing orchestra, which Rob has toured with for many years following his nine year stint with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Rob is a talented trumpeter as well as singer, and he rounds off the performance with humorous banter, making him a complete entertainer.

Tickets for the performance are still available but selling fast. SVAC members enjoy discounted pricing of \$28 for side-floor seating and \$35 for premium seats, while non-members’ tickets are \$32 and \$40 respectively. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Arts Center at (802) 362-1405, online at www.svac.org, and limited tickets are available at the Northshire Bookstore. Chef Mariah Macfarlane of Café Mamie will host the martini bar, and also will be serving dinner before the show – reservations are suggested for dinner and may be made by calling the Café at 802-366-8298.