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**The Hands of Liberace Starring Phillip Fortenberry
Comes to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center**

*Pianist served as Liberace's hands in HBO movie and
was in residency at the Liberace Museum in Las Vegas*

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Fortenberry shares stories of his residency at the Liberace Museum in Las Vegas where he played weekly for many years and how he was recruited for the HBO film *Behind the Candelabra*, starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon, for which he served as the hands for Douglas and played all of the piano music.

As a versatile artist whose styles encompass a wide range of musical genres, Fortenberry is a performer with an equally expansive career. He served as the pianist and associate conductor for the Broadway musical *Rocky*, where he also received the inaugural "Ghostlight Award" as Best Musician on Broadway. Early in his career in New York, he became the musical director and onstage pianist for the long-running off-Broadway satirical revue *Forbidden Broadway*.

Fortenberry made his Carnegie Hall debut as the pianist/conductor for legendary entertainer Eartha Kitt, and later returned to Carnegie Hall in concert with The Three Irish Tenors. He performed with singer Charlotte Church at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and accompanied internationally renowned mezzo-soprano Frederica Von Stade at the White House.

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