The Actors Fund Will Present Lorna Luft in *Nothing Like a Dame: Lorna's Pink Party* Benefit

Proceeds from the event, which will feature performances by Liza Minnelli, will fund women's health and cancer research.

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Entertainment legend Lorna Luft will host and star in *Nothing Like a Dame: Lorna's Pink Party*, a cabaret benefit event for the Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative and the Dr. Philomena McAndrew Fund of Tower Cancer Research Foundation, on October 14 and 21 at Birdland. The evening will also feature performances by Luft's sister, Emmy-, Grammy-, Oscar-, and Tony-winning performer Liza Minnelli.

Other performers scheduled to take part in the event include Nick Adams (*Priscilla Queen of the Desert*), Ann Hampton Callaway (*Swing!*), Liz Callaway (*The Look of Love*), Jim Caruso, Kelly King, Brian Stokes Mitchell (*Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*), Phyllis Newman (*Broadway Bound*), and Marcia Strassman.

Luft recently went public with her own battle against breast cancer, and she plans to celebrate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with these special guests, many of whom are also cancer survivors. Together, they'll relay the message "We made it, and you will too!"

"This event means the world to me," said Luft in a statement. "I'm so grateful to be feeling so well and performing again. These two Birdland nights are the perfect opportunity for me to gather some friends — including my sister — to raise money to help two essential organizations."