



## Birds of a Feather

Birdland is alive with the sounds of Georgia Stitt & Friends, not to mention Jim Caruso's Cast Party.

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The jazz club Birdland was alive with the sounds of musical theater on Monday night, December 27 as composer-lyricist-musical director-conductor-arranger-pianist Georgia Stitt presented a concert of her songs performed by some of her extremely talented friends. Here is Stitt with her husband, Jason Robert Brown, composer-lyricist of *Parade*, *The Last Five Years*, and *Songs for a New World*.



Among the evening's singers were Celia Keenan-Bolger (*Summer of '42*, *My Life With Albertine*, *The Light in the Piazza*) and Julia Murney (who played Queenie in Andrew Lippa's *The Wild Party*).



Jenn Colella (Sissy in Broadway's *Urban Cowboy*) and Matthew Morrison (the original Link Larkin in *Hairspray*, Sir Harry in the upcoming Disney/ABC-TV movie version of *Once Upon a Mattress*) also performed Stitt's songs. Stitt served as production music coordinator for *Mattress*.



Here's Stitt again with the veteran Broadway choreographer Patricia Birch.



The Stitt concert was followed by the latest edition of Jim Caruso's Cast Party, the popular open mike event held every Monday late-night at Birdland. Among those present: Caruso (right) and Billy Stritch, the regular Cast Party pianist...



...plus Steve Blanchard and Brooke Tansley, currently starring in Broadway's *Beauty and the Beast*.