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THE WEEK

NIGHTLIFE

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TOO MARVELOUS FOR WORDS

FRANK SINATRA MAY BE GONE—BUT HE MOST DEFINITELY HAS NOT LEFT THE BUILDING.

EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK IN NEW

York, there's a guy doing Sinatra," says Lenny Triola, producer of the Blue Note's upcoming tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes. He's not exaggerating: The cabaret scene is flush with wannabe chairmen, and this fall, Radio City Music Hall will present a somewhat peculiar Sinatra "live" show, starring a virtual Frank. To sep-



arate himself from the rest of the (Rat) pack, Triola has enlisted a singer and Sinatra fan named Betsyann Faiella for the six-night stand **A Jazz Tribute to Frank Sinatra**, August 12 through 17. "She doesn't do the obvious licks, the pointing, all the bullshit," Triola says with a bluntness Frank would appreciate. "This is going to be classy, not some sort of Elvis tribute." He's also stocked the band with Sinatra vets like Johnny Blowers, Benny Powell, and Frank Wess. "These guys span the entire breadth of Sinatra's career," Triola says, "the sessions at Capitol, Reprise, and Columbia—everything. This is for the real fans, the kind of people who will come up to the players and say, 'What was it like to play with Frank at the Columbia sessions?'" The band-centric approach of Triola's tribute conforms to his take on the master. "Sinatra was not a singer; he was an event," he says, "and events go on forever." (See "Jazz.") **E.B.**

MERCURY LOUNGE

8/13: Mad Larry. 8/14: The Solar Return; Adam Franklin. 8/15: The Mendoza Line. 8/16: Palomar; Victory at Sea. 8/17: Scissor Sisters; the Inmen. 8/18: Pete Droge; Driver X. 8/19: Cosmic Rough Riders; Scobee. • 217 E. Houston St. (212-260-4700).

NORTHSIX

8/13: J Church. 8/14: Instant Death. 8/15: Nine

Ricky's Rib Shack" with D.J. Rich Medina. Fridays: "Undressed" with Ursula 1000. Alternating Saturdays: Chairman Mao and Citizen Kane. • 419 W. 13th St. (212-414-4245).

ARC

Fridays: "Be Yourself" with progressive-house maestro D.J. Danny Tenaglia. Saturdays: "Made Saturdays," trance and progressive house spun by the likes of Deep Dish. • 6 Hubert St. (212-226-9212).

CENTRO-FLY

Thursdays: Drum and bass, nu-jazz, down-tempo lounge, and live acts with "Prohibited Beatz." Fridays: "GBH" hosts some of the more adventurous nights at the club with D.J.'s like Ashley Beedle and Marshall Jefferson. Saturdays: "D.J.'s Are Not Rockstars" with D.J. Junior Sanchez. • 45 W. 21st St. (212-627-7770).

CLUB SHELTER

Saturdays: Timmy Regisford's long-running deep-