

STU HAMSTRA'S  
**Cabaret Hotline**  
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**HERE & THERE** – April 17, 2006

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San Francisco favorite Russ Lorenson flew into town for a quick, but long awaited 2-show run at HELEN'S RESTAURANT, CABARET & PIANO LOUNGE (169 Eighth Avenue, NYC - 212-206-0609 - <http://www.helensnyc.com/> ). I was at the first show at 9:30 pm on Saturday, April 15th (Russ repeated the show on Sunday afternoon, the 16th). The show was called "A Little Travelin' Music" and was actually a release show for his new and debut CD of the same title. He was accompanied by the Kelly Park Jazz Quartet, and I must say at the start that Mr. Park's arrangements (at the show and on the CD) are awesome! He and Russ were able to put together a show that would otherwise be ordinary, with songs used in just about every other cabaret "journey" show, and make it unique, fresh, exciting and truly entertaining. Mr. Lorenson's superb vocals and easy-going manner made for an hour of pure entertainment. That same feeling comes through on the CD - which will have to do for NYC area folks until Mr. Lorenson returns.

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