



Jim Caruso's  
**Cast Party**

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IT'S THURSDAY MORNING, AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING in the Caruso Swankienda...it's Newsletter Time! As I sit here enjoying a Triple Grandé Skim Cappuccino, I'm remembering yet another musically satisfying Monday night at [Birdland!](#) **The Broadway Boys** outdid themselves in their 7pm concert, that's for sure. It was their eighth appearance for us, and it's been so exciting to watch their growth. As you can tell from the gorgeous photo (*left*, by [Ira L. Black/dirty sugar Live](#)), their show has been shaped and staged and polished to look as good as it sounds! The sold-out house went absolutely wild for the extravaganza, and we were thrilled to have the Boys back home!



And then [Cast Party](#) happened. There was an extraordinary amount of young talent in the room, and their dewy freshness caused the humidity in the room to rise! Some of [Scott Siegel's](#) "Broadway's Rising Stars" performed, including (*left*) **Alex Goley**, **Philippa Lynas**, **Jason Gotay**, **Graham Bailey** and **Anthony Ramos Martinez**. Each one dazzled the packed house with strong vocals and presence, and made us sure that the future of musical theater is in good hands! The very young and very talented duo of **Ruby Locknar** and **Rocco Fiorentino** stunned us with huge amounts of musical savvy! Ruby's sister **Ava** has been singing for us since she was a toddler, and just keeps getting better! Teenage jazz violinist **Jonathan Russell** took a wild solo turn, and also accompanied a few others. The thrilling jazz singer **Brianna Thomas** brought her pal **Charles Turner** – who will hopefully become a regular. There were newcomers and lots of beloved regulars, all of whom were brilliantly accompanied by **Tedd Firth**, **Steve Doyle** and **Daniel Glass**. We do it all again next week, and sure hope to see YOU there!