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Duel Purpose: For Dueling Pianos, The Key is Fun

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The piano bar style has been turned upside down by the popularity of dueling pianos, the show that gets audience participation with sing-a-longs, parodies, requests, room splits and show times.

Dave Caruso and his band of musicians will bring their high-energy show to the Sturgis Elks on Jan 26th.

NOTEWORTHY

Caruso, of Trenton, MI is a songwriter and entertainer at the forefront of the dueling piano craze.



Dueling pianos comes to Sturgis Elks on Jan 19, 2008. Dave Caruso's ***Piano Wars!*** dueling pianos show tackles just about any request, including Elton John or AC/DC.

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He studied the craft of dueling pianos in Michigan, Cleveland and Las Vegas before coming up with his own company, ***Piano Wars!***

His brand of entertainment caught the eyes and ears of club owners and soon he found himself playing at such clubs as Rum Bullions of Reno, NV., J.D.'s Key Club in Pontiac, Rum Runners in Mishawaka IN. and Lansing, and Sluggers in Chicago.

He also became the Entertainment Director for Pub 13 in Ypsilanti and helped earn the bar a "Best Piano Bar" award from the Real Detroit Weekly.

Caruso is currently Entertainment Director for Rum Runners' dueling pianos club in South Bend, IN.

A dueling pianos show boasts a variety of possibilities, all of which start with the audience.

Caruso said the key to dueling pianos is audience interaction.