



# THE FLASHBACK

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2006 YEAR END REVIEW

2006  
Quotable Quotes &  
Memorable  
Headlines:

**"I lost to Barry Manilow! Barry Manilow! I lost to the 'Copacabana.' Singing and dancing is not performing."** –

**Stephen Colbert, who lost to Manilow's special at the Emmy Awards.**



**"Mary J. and Jamie are No Match for #1 Manilow"**

**"Barry, Going the Distance"**



**"Freedom of the Seas in 2006: Barry Manilow, the Today Show, and 3,634 Homosexuals"**

**"Barry Manilow and Hellboy?"**



## 2006 – A Year that Manilow Won't Forget

2006 was an amazing ride for both Barry and his fan base alike. A #1 and #2 Album in the Billboard Hot 200. Let's not forget the "Manilow: Music and Passion – Live from the Las Vegas Hilton" show to benefit PBS television, which aired in March. Also, "First and Farewell DVD!" which shot to Number 1! Does anyone remember who went on to win the Emmy for Best Individual Performance in a Musical or Variety Program? How about appearing on the American Music Awards? Or making an appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? And being nominated for a Grammy (as producer) along with Bette Midler for the Peggy Lee Album. And there was a little trip overseas to perform for Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall for the Royal Variety Performance, and to host an album signing. And he helped launch a Cruise Ship for Holland America with the Today Show. He held a listening party for 300 of his closest friends in New York for the 50's Album. He held "An Evening of Music and Passion" in both Atlantic City and Chicago. He continued to pack the house in Las Vegas for "Music and Passion." This caused the "M" Store to have to expand. Not to mention appearing on every major television talk show at least once (sometimes twice!). He had fantastic success with sales of the 60's album on QVC, selling the most albums in one week in their on-air selling history. "Mandy" the muzak version is featured in the movie "A Night at the Museum." He also found time to help some favorite charities raise money, by performing at the Aids Assistance Program, and at the Carousel Ball of Hope, not to mention helping his friend Suzanne Somers put together her act for Vegas, as well as to help raise money for causes she believes in. And in between all of this he found out he needed to have surgery on his hips; that surgery would side line him for approximately 6 weeks. Not to mention a bunch of Re-Mastered Re-Released Classics, which include the 1977 "LIVE" album!

## Seen & Heard

"I don't feel I need to prove anything anymore. I'm just having a ball. And what's really the big difference is that it's really about the audiences these days; it's really not about me. I really don't need any more applause in my whole life. But what really turns me on is watching these people have a good time. And I'll be there for as long as they want me to." **(Fan's response: "Well, in that case, he must have a woody of epic proportions every night – because we're out there having a BLAST!!")**

"Barry Manilow fans like to keep things simple and that's an appealing trait. Simple desires, though, don't make them simpletons." **(Fan's response: "Damn straight, skippy!!")**

"Barry has absolutely been underrated and not recognized often enough as being one of the truly timeless voices and artists." – Clive Davis **(See fan response above)**

"I'm good, not great...I know the difference. Sinatra is great...I'm pretty good. But you can go far on pretty good if you work hard and pay attention." **(Fans' response: "We should only be that good!")**

**"Barry Manilow, Willie Nelson & Hot IQs"**

**"No. 1 Barry Manilow Can Smile Again"**

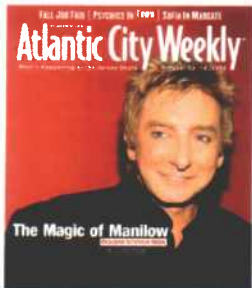


**"Martha Bitchslaps Rachael Over Barry"/"Rachael, Martha Split Barry"/"Thursday on Martha Stewart: Barry Manilow & Baby Animals"**

**"Manilow Returns as Child of the '60s"**



**"It's Manilow! Run!"/"Council Drops Barry Bomb on Troublemakers"**



"If I had one thing I could change, it would be the fact that I don't really have conversations and get to meet and know people. I walk into a room, or an elevator or a party or whatever, and I can't have real conversations." **(Fan's response: "Lose the 12 bodyguards, and we'd be happy to have a real conversation!")**

### **The Best Civilian Review Ever Written:**

<http://www.dieiscast.com/2006/11/10/manilow-in-concert/>

It starts when the curtain comes down on the main stage, and Barry shuffles off, not to Buffalo, but to a side stage decorated with beads, a lava lamp, and shag rug, a small table, and a chair. I'll call it the Lava Lounge. Barry puts on a pink/purple nehru jacket and immediately, I think, "I've got to hit the thrift shops tomorrow and find one of those." He then slides into some gentle banter about the 1960s being a decade of flower children and all that, before noticing something on the table. "It's a cigarette," he says. "Oh," he clarifies, "it's one of *those* cigarettes." He then places it to his lips and, ostensibly, takes up. And I don't mean he's leaving something for the dealers.

You read that right. As part of a Las Vegas stage show, **Barry Manilow simulated lighting up a spliff**. And he *did* inhale, because in the middle of his next sentence, he just trailed off and sat there, wordless, with a smile on his face, for about 10 seconds.

What better way to celebrate the defeat of Nevada's proposition 7, which would have legalized marijuana use in the Silver State. And what better anti-drug message—way more effective than Scared Straight. I would just show this to kids to get them to avoid drugs. I mean, it's hard for other kids to use peer pressure and tell you that all the cool people smoke pot, when you've got Barry Manilow doing it onstage. **(Fan Response: "What else could we possibly say??")**

### **Barry Manilow Gets a Little More Hip**

Barry Manilow is scheduled to go in for double hip surgery later this month (August 2006). The singer is reported to be having both hips worked on because of torn cartilage and will be sidelined for about eight weeks. Most of us can look forward to our hips giving out in our later years. As for Barry Manilow, who is only 60 years old, the constant performing seems to have accelerated the process. MSNBC reports that Manilow suffers from labrum tears in his hips. According to his publicist, Carol Marshall, the high-energy performances have only made the condition worse. The article also mentions that Barry will continue with his contract at the Las Vegas Hilton up until his appearance at the Emmy Awards on Aug. 27.

### **Barry Manilow Recovering From Hip Surgery**

LOS ANGELES (August 31, 2006) -- Barry Manilow was at his Palm Springs home in a wheelchair following hip surgery, but should be walking by the end of the week, his publicist said.

### **It Ain't Easy Being A Barry Manilow Fan:**

<http://www.acweekly.com/view.php?id=5313>

In any case, Manilow knows that his loyal fans will continue to support him.

"I'm so grateful that they've been with me for all these years," he says. "It's been tough for them. It's not easy being a Barry Manilow fan. You get a lot of shit for that." **(Fan Response: "If it was easy, everyone would do it!")**

## 2006 – A Year that Barry's Retro Fans & Desert Paws Won't Forget

We've had a busy year. Boy, is that an understatement! Our group has been responsible for sending a lot of love...and donations!...to Desert Paws in 2006. We've been gathering pet photos since the beginning of the year, and assembling them all the way until this November. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year putting together a calendar – all those faces were **phenomenal!** We sold nearly 150 calendars – almost twice the amount from the year before. When all is said and done, a little over \$1500 in profits were raised for Desert Paws.

We held a dinner and raffle to coincide with Barry's first return to Atlantic City in nearly 10 years. Over 50 members & friends came to help us celebrate, and we raised over \$700.

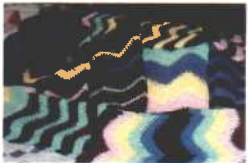
Since we weren't doing anything else...LOL...we decided to carry on with a project that was originally suggested by Pam from Desert Paws. We called it our Stocking Project – we asked our members to donate stockings and goodies for pets adopted during the holiday season. We shipped nearly 100 stockings, along with 3 HUGE boxes of treats, toys, and even poop bags. ☺

We would be totally remiss if we didn't mention our very own resident Blanket Goddess, Donna Desautniers. She has crocheted 475 pet blankets this year alone – giving comfort to hundreds of adopted pets as they traveled home with the first thing that was "theirs". We are awed and inspired by her dedication and love for the pets.

Overall in the year 2006 we have raised \$6,000 in donations and goods for Desert Paws! Here's to 2007!

## Ocean County Library Displays Barry!

During the entire month of October, the Main Branch of the Ocean County Library, in Toms River, NJ had two display cases in the lobby dedicated to "Manilow – Music and Passion – Then and Now." Barry's Retro Fans was proud to have this display to coincide with the October 14, 2006 concerts in Atlantic City, and to be able to showcase the talents of "The Showman of our Generation."



## Retro Fans Sends Get Well Gift to Barry

Never let it be said that the generous nature of Barry's fans has any boundaries because it doesn't. As witnessed by the following photos that will show you just how much Barry was loved during his recovery from hip surgery. Members of Retro Fans sent cards, notes, books, tea,



**Guess it worked – he looks much better, doesn't he?**





### **Just some reflections of 2006 ☺**

**Here's to another great year for us here at Retro Fans and for our friends in the Coachella Valley – Desert Paws!!**

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