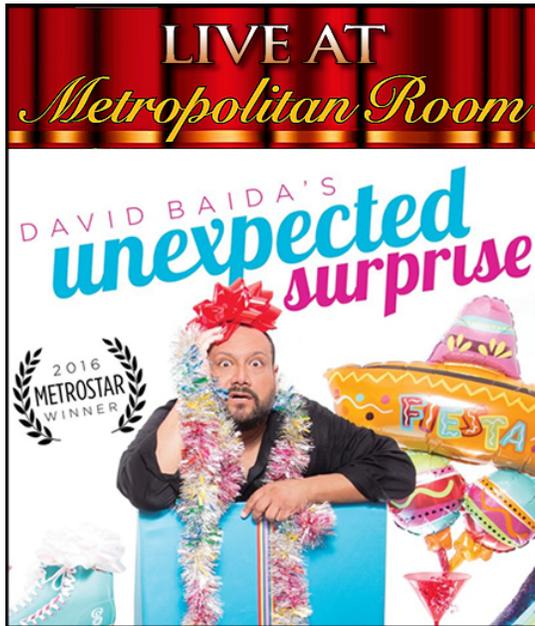




# ON YOUR FEET! Star David Baida to Bring UNEXPECTED SURPRISE to The Metropolitan Room

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Big-hearted Broadway actor/singer **David Baida**, who wowed his way to a 2016 MetroStar win this past summer, brings us an "Unexpected Surprise," his MetroStar Talent Challenge-winning show, beginning Wednesday March 8.

Brimming with flavorful, amusing and tender songs from a variety of genres, Baida's official cabaret debut at the Metropolitan Room, 34 West 22nd Street, features **Yasuhiko Fukuoka**, his music director, on piano. **Adolpho Blaire** directs the world premiere of "Unexpected Surprise," which plays through Monday, May 8.

A current and original castmember of Broadway's hit musical "On Your Feet!," Baida blended a disarming sincerity, silky-toned tenor, and a canny command of stagecraft when he prevailed over a tightly matched group of MetroStar finalists last August. It should then come as no surprise that Baida's new show is full of fun anecdotes and observations as he tells the story of his unlikely rise from a small desert town in Southern California to a life of privilege and boxes of Bengay as a journeyman Broadway character actor.

Opening for Baida will be his MetroStar co-finalists **April Leonhard** (2nd runner-up) and **Wendy Scherl** (1st runner-up), who will perform short sets on alternating nights. (Scherl: March 8, April 24; Leonhard: March 27, May 8)

A veteran of several companies of "In the Heights," Baida originated the role of Piragua Guy on the first national tour, for which he won the 2010 BroadwayWorld Seattle Theatre Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical (Touring). He traveled to Tokyo with the show and performed it with the show's star and creator, **Lin-Manuel Miranda**, in both Los Angeles and Puerto Rico. He reprised this role in **Rachel Rockwell**'s critically acclaimed production at the Paramount Theatre in Chicago. He plays an array of character roles in Broadway's **Gloria** and **Emilio Estefan**-loving "On Your Feet."

**David Baida's** "Unexpected Surprise" performs Wednesday March 8; Monday March 27; Monday April 24, and Monday May 8, all at 7pm. There is a \$24 music charge and a \$25 food and beverage minimum. For reservations call the Metropolitan Room, 34 West 22nd Street (between 5th & 6th Avenues), at 212/206-0440 or to order online, visit [www.metropolitanroom.com](http://www.metropolitanroom.com).