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## JERSEY BOYS Celebrate Opening of Carmine's Las Vegas



Mangia, Mangia! Where there are meatballs, the celebrities are sure to follow. The Jersey Boys Las Vegas cast celebrated the friends and family opening of Carmine's on the Las Vegas Strip this weekend. The legendary Italian restaurant is a long time favorite of Broadway stars, and the new location at The Forum Shops at Caesars Palace was not without star power during its dress rehearsals.

Spotted sending a message to their friend Joseph Leo Bwarie, who was just announced last week as the successor to John Lloyd Young, in the role of Frankie Valli in the Jersey Boys production on Broadway are, from left, Buck Hujabre (who portrays Hank Majewski). Jeff Leibow (who portrays Nick Massi) and Aaron DeJesus (who portrays Joe Pesci). Bwarie opened the Jersey Boys Las Vegas show in 2007 and earned critical acclaim in the touring production – and his friends couldn't be more supportive of his move to New York.

The much-loved musical opened in New York in November 2005 and is the 18<sup>th</sup> longest running show in Broadway, with productions having played in London, Australia, Toronto, Chicago, Singapore and upcoming productions to include South Africa and the Netherlands.

In addition, Joe Barbara (who portrays Gyp DeCarlo) brought his three sons to the opening for the restaurant's dress rehearsals, who helped him finish off their legendary "Titanic" ice cream sundae.

