

JOHN SENDS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CARD TO BARRY MANILOW

My mother is and was a Barry Manilow crazed woman; anything *Barry* and she goes nuts. Well, I got the bright idea one Christmas to send Barry an unusual Christmas card. It was 3000 lines printed on ruled computer paper saying "Merry Christmas Barry, I Love You – Marge Calicchio". My mom got a call shortly after the holidays from someone saying they were Barry Manilow's publicist. Not believing it, my mom said "Sure and I'm the Queen of England". Finally convinced and shortly thereafter, my mom's friends began calling her from all over the US saying "Did you read today's newspaper? Barry Manilow is telling the story of the Christmas card you sent him. Needless to say, that made my mom's Christmas! She still talks about it to this day..."



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Barry Manilow (born **Barry Alan Pincus** June 17, 1943) is an American singer-songwriter and producer. He is best known for such recordings as "Mandy", "Can't Smile Without You", and "Copacabana (At the Copa)".

In 1978, five of his albums were on the best-seller charts simultaneously, a feat equaled only by Herb Alpert, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and Johnny Mathis. He has recorded a string of Billboard hit singles and multi-platinum albums that have resulted in his being named Radio & Records' No. 1 adult contemporary artist, and winning three straight American Music Awards for favorite pop/rock male artist. Between 1974 and 1983 Manilow had three No. 1 singles and 25 that reached the top 40. Although not a favorite of music critics, several well-known entertainers have praised Manilow, including Sinatra, who was quoted in the 1970s saying, "He's next." In 1988, Bob Dylan stopped Manilow at a party, hugged him and said, "Don't stop what you're doing, man. We're all inspired by you."

As well as producing and arranging albums for other artists, including Bette Midler and Dionne Warwick, Manilow has written songs for musicals, films, and commercials. From February 2005 to December 30, 2009, he was the headliner at the Las Vegas Hilton, performing hundreds of shows before ending his relationship with the hotel. Since March 2010, he has headlined at the Paris hotel in Las Vegas. He has sold more than 80 million records worldwide. On July 4, 2013, he performed live on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol as part of A Capitol Fourth on PBS.

Official link to Barry's Website... <http://barrymanilow.com/>



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