**Musical Theater Actor and SNL Regular, Robert Bannon Releases Uplifting Debut Single – Emotive Rendition of Bette Midler's**

**"From A Distance"**

**Provides An Unforgettable End To A Tumultuous Year**

*Accomplished Artist's First Album, "Unfinished Business,"*

*To Be Released in 2021*

(New York, New York – December 28, 2020) Accomplished musical theater and screen star **Robert Bannon** has released his debut single, providing an inspiring, unforgettable soundtrack to a tumultuous year. Bannon's powerful rendition of **Bette Midler's *"From a Distance"*** is a highly emotional and inspiring performance that sums up 2020 perfectly, providing an unforgettable, uplifting soundtrack to a tumultuous year. The track spotlights **Bannon's** emotive, rich, soaring voice and vocal flourishes as he sings of a hopeful, peaceful and prosperous future.

***"From a Distance"*** is the first single from **Bannon's** upcoming debut album, **"Unfinished Business,"** set for release in 2021. **"Unfinished Business"** includes two originals and all new arrangements of 11 classic songs by a variety of American Songbook crowd pleasers running the gamut from **Frank Sinatra** to **Johnny Mercer** to **Whitney Houston.**

The forthcoming release features **Bannon's** versatile vocal talents and includes duets with *Grammy Nominee* **Jane Monheit** and recording star **Loren Smith**. **Bannon** recorded the album in his home studio with all musicians adhering to social distancing guidelines.

An accomplished cabaret singer and comedic actor ("Saturday Night Live"), **Bannon** has been dazzling audiences on the stage and screen for years, his effective vocals and knack for comedy bringing people by turns to tears of emotion, laughter and elation, and always to their feet.

A tireless performer, Bannon brings a wealth of experience and rave reviews to listeners. In addition to his work on "Saturday Night Live" the past three years, he has performed with a number of rhythm-and-blues, jazz and comedy icons including **Patti LaBelle, George Benson** and **Whoopi Goldberg** at legendary venues like **Madison Square Garden,** the **Beacon Theatre** and the **Brooklyn Academy of Music.** **Bannon** also sang for **Bill** and **Hillary Clinton** during for Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center and for **Hillary Clinton** at a **Martin Luther King Day** event at the **Brooklyn Academy of Music.**

Bannon and international cabaret superstar **Lee Lassack** in 2020 co-hosted the virtual sensation, ***“Quarantine, Cabaret, and Cocktails,"*** a weekly livestream on Facebook and YouTube that has reunited the Broadway casts of **“Frozen,” “Aladdin”** and **“Mrs Doubtfire”** and featured Broadway legends like **Lea Salonga, Chita Rivera, Shoshana Bean** and many more.They also led the applauded **"Best of Broadway and Music"** on Facebook Live and YouTube. **Lassack** produced **"Unfinished Business."**

**Bannon** has in addition traveled the country performing his hit one-man show, "Unfinished Business," including at New York's famed Feinstein's/54 Below cabaret. The autobiographical performance traces Bannon's journey from his time at the prestigious Juilliard Prep school to giving up music to become a teacher and finding his way back to the stage. He's also performed in national touring and regional productionsof **“My Big Gay Italian** **Wedding," “Rent,” “We Will Rock You,” “My Way”** and many more.

**Robert Bannon** has been singing since he was 12. He is a graduate of the **William Esper Conservatory** and **Juilliard Prep**, both in Manhattan. **Bannon** was admitted into the very first **Juilliard Prep** class for musical theater under the direction of Broadway icon **Bertin Roswer** at **Lincoln Center.** A Fort Lee, New Jersey, resident and native of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, Bannon spends his "downtime" from singing and performing in the classroom as a 5th grade history teacher in North Bergen, New Jersey.

**Raves for Robert Bannon**

*“I know good singers, and Robert is a good singer”-***George Benson***“In a time when truth and authenticity are constantly questioned, Robert Bannon speaks from his heart and sings from his core. He is a refreshing and beautiful artist. Robert is the kind of artist we need right now.”-* **Matt Gould, Composer/Playwright**

*“That was the best rendition I’ve heard!”-***Rosie O'Donnell** on Bannon's rendition of the National Anthem before a basketball playoff game at Madison Square Garden.

*"Robert Bannon’s warm voice and lush arrangements are just as timeless as this incredible artist, and the songs themselves. Each song takes the listener on a journey of fun and hope, all while celebrating life and LOVE.  This album is not to be missed!"-***Vocalist Loren Smith (Get Out Soundtrack, Michael Buble, Andy Grammar)**

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