



Highly Acclaimed Singer And Actress Elaine Paige Named Godmother Of New Seabourn Ovation

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Actress, singer, producer and presenter will preside over the Naming Ceremony for Seabourn's newest ultra-luxury ship

SEATTLE, March 6, 2018 - One of the world's best-loved and most highly awarded actresses and singers, Elaine Paige, will serve as godmother to [Seabourn's](#) elegant new all-suite ship, *Seabourn Ovation*.

The naming ceremony will take place Friday, May 11, in the beautiful baroque harbour of Valletta, Malta during a spectacular ceremony that will light up the dramatic UNESCO World Heritage site and the 2018 European Capital of Culture. Seabourn enjoys a multi-year partnership with UNESCO to support their efforts to protect World Heritage at sites around the world.

"Elaine's talents are boundless and, like Seabourn, the world is her stage and she is constantly seeking out new adventures," said Richard Meadows, President of Seabourn. "She has created so many memories for her audiences, just as we do for our guests, on every voyage they take. We are thrilled to have such an accomplished performer launch *Seabourn Ovation* on her maiden voyage."

"I am so honoured to have been asked to be Godmother to *Seabourn Ovation*," said Elaine Paige. "Seabourn's legendary service has the same DNA as a hit West End show: a dedicated cast of professionals who all come together to deliver a superb performance, whatever their role. I can't wait to board the beautiful *Seabourn Ovation* and send her off into the world!"

Elaine Paige's biography reads like a "who's who" of the stage musical. She originated the role of Eva Peron in *Evita*, followed by Grizabella in *Cats* and Florence in *Chess*. She has starred in more smash hit West End and Broadway musicals than anyone else of her generation - from *Hair*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Anything Goes*, *Sunset Boulevard*, to *The King & I*; *Sweeney Todd* and *Follies* - and many more.

With an impressive and glittering roster of accolades, Elaine bears the unofficial title of "The First Lady of British Musical Theatre." She has defined musicals and has simply set the gold standard. In 1995, she was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for services to Musical Theatre by HM Queen Elizabeth II.

A thrilling live performer, Elaine has delighted audiences around the world, from The White House, The Great Hall of the People in Beijing, and The Sydney Opera House to The Bolshoi, New York's Lincoln Center, and London's Royal Albert Hall. She has recorded 22 solo albums, has been featured on seven cast albums, and earned eight consecutive gold and four multi-platinum discs, achieving chart topping hits including signature tunes *Don't Cry for Me Argentina* and *I Know Him So Well*.

Her television work includes drama on BBC & ITV, her own series on SKY Arts, and more roles to be aired on BBC & ITV this year. She continues to host her BBC Radio 2 show, *Elaine Paige On Sunday*, regularly attracting 2.5 million listeners every week.

When not performing, Elaine works tirelessly for charities including The Children's Trust. She is President for the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust, an Ambassador to the Royal Voluntary Service and an Artistic Associate of Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. Other charities include Breast Cancer Campaign, the Royal Academy of Dance Silver Swans, and Support Dogs amongst many others.

Seabourn Ovation is the fifth ultra-luxury ship in the Seabourn fleet. With stunning contemporary interiors by design icon Adam D. Tihany, culinary expertise by Michelin-starred chef Thomas Keller, specially commissioned entertainment by Sir Tim Rice and an exciting program of on-board speakers, *Ovation* will sail on a variety of voyages in and around Europe between May and November 2018, hailing at ports throughout Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Seabourn Ovation will expand and build on the line's award-winning and highly acclaimed Odyssey-class ships, which revolutionized ultra-luxury cruising with enhanced accommodations and innovative amenities when they were introduced between 2009 and 2011. A sister ship to *Seabourn Encore*, *Seabourn Ovation* will maintain the line's high ratio of space per guest, enabling highly personalized service.

Seabourn will continue to release updates about *Seabourn Ovation* via the dedicated microsite: <http://ovation.seabourn.com>. Alive with imagery, details and news of the ship's continuing progress, including "sunsets until launch," the microsite offers an inside look at the excitement of the upcoming launch, with additional details, news and images revealed on an ongoing basis.

For more details about the award-winning Seabourn fleet, or to explore the worldwide selection of Seabourn cruising options, contact a professional travel advisor, call Seabourn at 1-800-929-9391 or visit www.seabourn.com.

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