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Coming back to LA

LOS ANGELES—Rob and I arrived here a few days ago. Needless to say, we're still a bit jet-lagged. Our body clocks still haven't quite adjusted to the time difference (despite our taking melatonin to help with the change). But that sure hasn't stopped us from being busy!

Upon arrival at our aunt's home, we went out for a nice Italian dinner followed by Pinkberry frozen yogurt. Just tart enough and not too sweet, the yogurt comes in three flavors: original, green tea, and pomegranate. There are numerous toppings one can put: blueberries, strawberries, kiwi, mochi balls, shaved chocolate, and many more. It was a most refreshing and wonderful treat!

Upright Cabaret

Sunday night, I was scheduled to appear as a guest performer at the Upright Cabaret at Mark's Restaurant in West Hollywood (www.uprightcabaret.com). The main performer was Tim Draxl, and my appearance was to help promote my upcoming shows in the West Coast. The musical director was Michael Orland of *American Idol*. Lovely, lovely man.

Tim started his set with jazz standards, and then my set fol-

lowed. I sang *Promise Me, I'd Give My Life for You, Reflection* and did *On My Own* as an encore. I then called Tim back onstage, and we sang *A Whole New World* together.

Thanks to Chris Isaacson and Shane Scheel for the invitation to sing at Upright!

Visionary Awards

The following night, I was one of the guest performers at East West Players' Visionary Awards, held at the Universal Hilton. The event

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Lea Salonga at Upright Cabaret in West Hollywood.

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