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Bacon brothers to perform at hotel

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Award-winning actor **Kevin Bacon** and his brother, **Michael Bacon**, will be performing live in South Beach on April 17. The Bacon Brothers -- with Kevin on guitar and vocals and Michael on guitar, cello and vocals -- are the featured entertainment for the invite-only "reveal" of Z Ocean Hotel, 1437 Collins Ave., off 15th Street.

Constructed in 2007, the hotel originally opened as The Regent South Beach. It later became an independent property known as Hotel De Soleil. The hotel was sold in October. Intercontinental Hotel Group (IHG) took over management in January.

Owners of the 80-room, all-suite boutique hotel include hotelier **Louis Taic** of New York and developer **Gene Grabarnick** of Miami Beach. The hotel houses Chef **Govind Armstrong's** Table 8 restaurant. New additions: Zushi Flirt, a sushi bar located in the hotel's breezeway, private beach club, private nightclub and a piano bar.

Why the name Z Ocean?

"We were looking for something that people will remember," Taic said, 'Instead of `The Ocean,' this is 'Z Ocean.' "

Not invited to the private Bacon Brothers bash?

Not to worry. The hotel will be open to the public on April 18. To learn more, visit www.ZOceanHotelSouthBeach.com.



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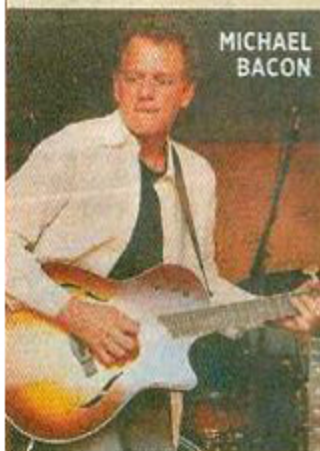
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Bacon Brothers bring it

Fans got one degree closer to Kevin Bacon Friday night.

Still baby-faced at 50, the actor/musician took to the stage with big brother Michael, 59, to play a few songs from The Bacon Brothers' new CD, *New Year's Day*.



MICHAEL BACON

MANNY HERNANDEZ

The guys jammed hard, Kevin working the stage like he was Ren McCormack in *Footloose* all over again. All you could see in the audience was a sea of cellphone cameras, clicking away.

Before the show, the Philadelphia-born siblings sauntered onto the blue carpet outside the new Z Ocean South Beach Hotel, looking relaxed and casual.

With reason:

They were staying at the chichi new boutique hotel (formerly Del Soleil) and had a chance to soak up the weather.

"It's so nice to get out of New York in April," said a tanned and trim Kevin.

"We got adjoining rooms," said Michael. "I climbed over to my brother's terrace and we sat having drinks watching the sun go down. It doesn't get better."

But Michael got a little too much sun. When a reporter asked what SPF he used, he scrunched his reddened face.

"SPF? What's that?"

"Sun Protection Factor," said Kevin, adding, "He's actually not burned, he's just embarrassed."



KEVIN BACON

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We can't seem to wrap our minds around the concept of a *Footloose* remake, never mind one with Chase Crawford in the

Kevin Bacon role, but for one night at least, we won't have to, when Bacon and his brother Michael, aka **The Bacon Brothers**, perform at the invitation-only unveiling of **Z Ocean Hotel** (formerly the Regent) in South Beach Friday.

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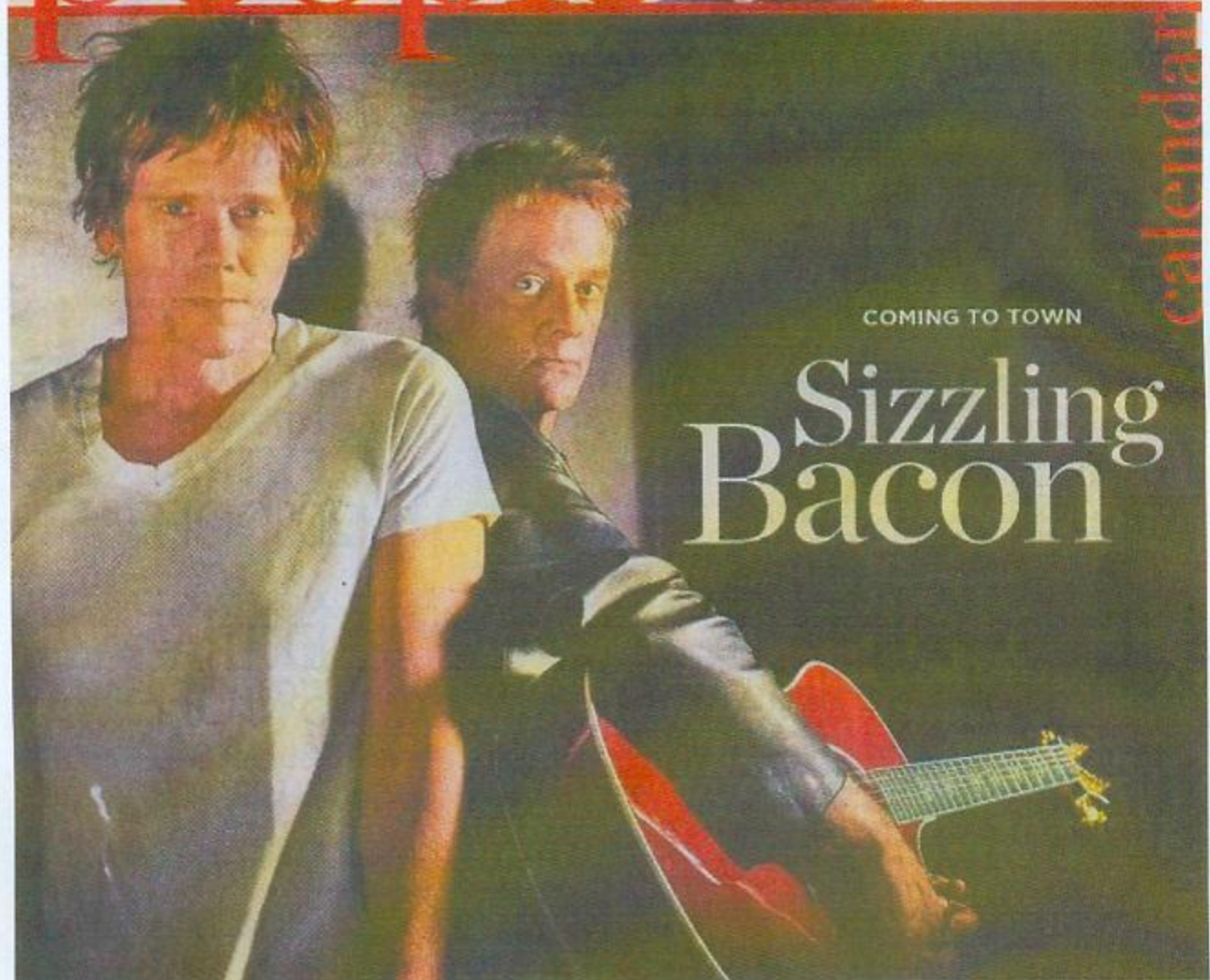
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Singer **Bobby Vinton** is 74. Singer **Gerry Rafferty**, singer-turned-politician **Peter Garrett** is 56. A 55. Bassist **Jason Scheff** of Chicago is 47. Singer **46**. Singer **David Piner** of Soul Asylum. **Martin Lawrence** is 44. Actor **Jon Cryer**, **lingsley** (*A Christmas Story*) is 38. Acto

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COMING TO TOWN

Sizzling Bacon

KEVIN & MICHAEL BACON

Most actors — what they really want to do is direct. Kevin Bacon just wants to jam.

The *Taking Chance* star and brother Michael have played together as The Bacon Brothers since 1994, but lately the band has gotten serious about self-promotion.

Its sixth album, *New Years' Day*, dropped late last month, and the brothers are busy on press rounds. Fresh off gigs on *The Late, Late Show With Craig Ferguson* and *Live From Daryl's House* with Daryl Hall, Kevin, 50, and Michael, 59, will pull into town for the private launch party of the new Z

Ocean Hotel on Friday night.

It may be tough for fans to separate the movie star from the rock star, but Kevin — who has appeared in more than 60 movies over his 30-year career — is a bona fide singer and musician (guitar, tambourine, drums). As is Michael, a prolific film and TV composer.

The siblings call their sound "forosoco," folk, rock, soul and country. One new track, *Go My Way* (*The iPod Song*), sticks in your head with lyrics like "Oh my god, oh my god. Where did she get that body? What's she got on the iPod that gives her hips that sway?" Light but catchy.

We caught up with the New York-based Philadelphia natives by phone before they jetted in.

Are you guys psyched to come to Florida?

MB: "Yeah, my wife and I planned a field trip. We're going to head down to the Keys for the weekend, check out Hemingway's house. He could drink 11 daiquiris because he didn't order them with sugar. I need to test that out."

KB: "I fell in love with the area when I was filming [1998's] *Wild Things*. I think it's fascinating culturally — exotic and sexy. It has great music, food. I just love it."

How did the song *Go My Way* come about?

KB: "When I first got to New York I played around — thinking about what's going on in people's heads who are wearing headphones, just walking down the street or on the subway. There's a whole world going on in there."

What kind of music do you guys listen to?

MB: "Old and new stuff. George Jones, Conway Twitty, The Ting Tings, some rap."

KB: "I think if you put my shuffle on, you'd see a pretty odd mix. I don't like songs that are super, super obscure. A great song is a

great song. Melody is always going to find its way. That's what human beings are drawn to."

Kevin, do you prefer acting or music?

KB: "I love them both. In music, I use different parts of my creative energy. I've done theater, and performing live gives you the butterfly factor. I think I need that."

Did you hear Zac Efron pulled out of the *Footloose* movie remake?

KB: "I heard about Zac, but I haven't gotten the call yet [laughs]. If I did, it would have to be *Footloose: The Much Later Years!*"

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