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Two of a kind talk duets

Artists **Tony Bennett**, 88, and **Lady Gaga**, 28, met in Brussels, Belgium, yesterday to discuss their latest album, "Cheek to Cheek," released on Friday. The compilation of jazz standards was recorded last year. **More pics:** newsday.com/celebs

Bow Wow, Mena of 'Love & Hip-Hop' engaged

Rapper **Bow Wow**, né Shad Moss, and "Love & Hip-Hop" star **Erica Mena** have become engaged after less than six months together. E! News reported that when asked on Saturday at the BET Hip Hop Awards if she and Bow Wow were dating, Mena replied, "Uhh . . . he's actually my fiancé." Bow Wow, 27, posted an image Sunday of an engagement ring on a woman's finger on his Instagram account, and Mena on her Twitter page has been thanking fans offering their congratulations. E! said that according to reports, the two had met on the BET show "106 & Park," where Bow Wow is a host.



Rapper Bow Wow

Pinkett Smith joins 'Magic Mike' sequel



Actress-producer **Jada Pinkett Smith** has joined the cast of "Magic Mike XXL," next year's sequel to the male-stripper hit "Magic Mike." Pinkett Smith, 43, who plays underworld boss Fish Mooney on the new Fox series "Gotham," confirmed her casting on **Queen Latifah's** talk show yesterday. Producer-star **Channing Tatum** and director **Gregory Jacobs** and Warner Bros. "really took a chance," Pinkett told Latifah. "It was a character written for a male that they wanted to turn into a female. . . . I can't really reveal it yet but I'm excited about it."

Goldberg to lead Greenwich Village Halloween Parade

Whoopi **Goldberg** will marshal the Greenwich Village Halloween Parade this year, **amNewYork** reports. As grand marshal, the Academy Award-winning actress and "The View" co-host will lead the 41st annual procession down Sixth Avenue, microphone in hand, on Friday, Oct. 31. Goldberg will speak directly to fans from a float decorated in a "Garden of Earthly Delights" theme. "As a native New Yorker, I am thrilled to be a part of such a time-honored tradition," Goldberg, 58, said in a statement.

"The View" co-host **Whoopi Goldberg** will serve as grand marshal of the 41st annual parade.



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