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Jazz Vocalist Rachael Price Performs at Center for Performing Arts at GSU



With command performances for Sir [Elton John](#) and [Robert Goulet](#) in her recent past, 23 year-old Rachael Price brings her signature sultry jazz vocals to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University for a night of intimate cabaret-style entertainment Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m.

This live concert event features Price singing classic hits by jazz legends such as Nat King Cole, [Ella Fitzgerald](#), [Peggy Lee](#) and Anita O'Day, accompanied by her trio of Warren Wolf on piano and vibes, Erik Privert on bass and Dave Brophy on drums. "Price is right for jazz stardom," raves The Boston Herald, while the Los Angeles Times recognizes that she is "clearly a talent with extraordinary potential."

Single tickets are now on sale, priced at just \$37 and available at www.centertickets.net or by calling The Center's friendly Box Office staff at (708) 235-2222.

Rachael Price is the second artist featured in the new 2010 "The Cabaret at The Center" series. The three-part series allows audiences to enjoy the experience of sitting on The Center's stage with the band as it is transformed into a 1940s-style cabaret club complete with table seating for 250, full cash bar and snacks available for purchase.

Price has already had a lengthy career. From standing ovations at the Newport Jazz Festival, to completing a degree in Jazz Studies at the New England Conservatory, Price has done it all. In 2003, she was selected as a vocalist by the Grammy Foundation for its National High School Jazz Choir. She went on to become the youngest semi-finalist in both the Montreaux International Jazz Vocal Competition in Europe and the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

Price's love affair with jazz music began when she was just a small child growing up in Tennessee. Price was discovered by six-time Grammy nominee Nnenna Freelon while performing in Switzerland. She has been touring and recording ever since. At age 17, Price debuted her first recording "Dedicated to You" featuring hits by [Ella Fitzgerald](#) and [Doris Day](#). Fast forward to 2010, as the young songstress is currently working on her fourth album with legendary producer KC Porter featuring notable studio artists like Brian Bromberg, Vinnie Colaiuta, Dean Parks and Shelly Berg.

Rachael Price performs in the 2010 "The Cabaret at The Center" series at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Single tickets and subscriptions for The Center's 15th Anniversary 2009-2010 Season are currently on sale. Single tickets are \$37. For single ticket and subscription information call The Center's friendly Box Office staff at (708) 235-2222 or visit centertickets.net. Buy one, get one free tickets are available at the box office two hours prior to curtain for one hour only, based upon availability. For group ticket (parties of 20 or more) information, call (800) 386-6321. The Center is located at 1 University Parkway (Governors Highway and University Parkway), 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

Article from broadwayworld.com
Photo: Matt Miller, Carol Fox & Associates

Upstairs Gallery at the Center

Suzanne Dreher and Roger Paris, members of the Union Street Collaborative Arts Guild, have their work displayed in the Upstairs Gallery. The display consists of six fascinating paintings.



ATTITUDE
Acrylic on Canvas
Suzanne Dreher



ORCHID #1
Acrylic on Canvas
Roger Paris

Our First Ever Cabaret

Here's what our audience says about our first-ever Cabaret :

- "Harmonious Wail was a 10! Everyone I went with wants to see Rachel price after that experience. It's a New York experience without the two drink minimum and air fare!" Jeanne, Flossmoor
- "Very Intimate Evening" Steve and Linda, Oak Forest
- "Fantastic. Absolutely loved it!" Evonne, Flossmoor



Messages from Diane Giles CPA Box Office Manager

Box Office Update

The Box Office is busy keeping busy with the AIE shows. We are doing extremely well with them, just had two *Harriet Tubman* shows. Next week, we have **four sold out** *Hungry Caterpillar* shows. That means a work-out for everyone in the Box Office but little old me. I only have to answer all the phone lines, selling 2 for 1's for the *Winter Dance Party*, selling tickets at the window, doing any show maintenance needed and waiting for someone to come back so I can use the restroom.

Lucia's Corner

Lucia is doing really well. She got so many toys for Christmas and her Birthday, her birthday was January 2, 2010, that she still has not played with all of them. The Birthday Party was at her house and she has turned into the perfect hostess.



After a long day of entertaining she does get very tired!

Food For Thought

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it: and this you have the power to revoke at any moment. *Marcus Aurelius*

Messages from Karen Stuenkel CPA Business Manager

The Cabaret at The Center

Put together the right artists and the perfect setting and you have set the stage for success. The Center's first cabaret series performance did just that. Both the audience and the artists shared the stage. With the lights just right, patrons were ushered to their reserved seats while the atmosphere held an exciting, anticipating energy. With a full bar offered onstage, our patrons were delighted when Harmonious Wail performed their enticing jazz-gypsy-swing arrangements. And, sheer joy spread across the stage.

While you did miss a wonderful performance, there are two more coming up you can't pass up: Rachael Price on February 27 and The Millers on March 27. You can find more information on our website centertickets.net.



The Millers