



## Evening of Song to Feature NYC Cabaret Singers Jenna Esposito, Jeanne MacDonald and Brian Gens

NYC-caliber cabaret music will be offered in a delightfully refurbished railroad station setting in Warwick at “Cabaret Crossing - an Intimate Evening of Song from the Great American Songbook and Beyond.” Treat yourself to a music-that-melts-in-your-ears wonderful time at 7 p.m. on Saturday June 13, 2009 at Jim Murray's barn (AKA Stonebridge Station), 30 Wisner Rd. in Warwick. Tickets go on sale Monday, May 18 – call 845-469-8100 to purchase yours (\$50 advance sale; \$60 at the door). All proceeds benefit Jubilate-Community Youth Choir of Warwick.

Cabaret Crossing will feature singers **Jeanne MacDonald**, **Jenna Esposito**, and Warwick's own **Brian Gens**. Local musicians **David Crone** and **Steven Wing** will provide piano accompaniment. The first half of the evening will feature American standards such as Gershwin, Porter, Mercer and the second half will feature contemporary standards such as The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkle, and modern-day ballads.

**Jeanne MacDonald** ([www.jeanne-macdonald.com](http://www.jeanne-macdonald.com)) has earned a reputation as one of NY's finest singers in cabaret today; an honest interpreter of the lyric in a genre that embraces a broad range of songs from the American popular music tradition. Appearing frequently in NYC, she has performed in venues such as the renowned Oak Room at the Algonquin Hotel, the FireBird Cafe', The Hideaway Room at Helen's, in the Mabel Mercer Foundation's Annual Cabaret Convention and regularly on the stage of the beautiful Metropolitan Room in Chelsea. Her education and performing experience encompass a wide range of performance styles, from jazz to classical to musical theater. Jeanne has shared her performing talents generously in such events as “The Amazing Singing Voice: A Celebration in Song, a benefit for the Schein Voice & Laryngeal Center”, the Manhattan Plaza Aids Project Benefit, and Vocal Ease performances for seniors in NYC. In addition, Jeanne shares her joy of music with children in Orange County. She is a 2008 MAC (The Manhattan Association for Cabarets and Clubs) Award winner, and a 2008 NY Nightlife Award finalist.

**Jenna Esposito** ([www.jennaesposito.com](http://www.jennaesposito.com)) made her NYC cabaret debut in August 2004 at Danny's Skylight Room and has since performed shows at The Duplex, The Laurie Beechman Theatre, and The Metropolitan Room. Her show “A Hint of Rosemary: The Songs of Rosemary Clooney,” “SMOOCH!” and “I Hate Men: Songs for the Scorned” have received critical acclaim. During the past year she has performed at the River Room of Harlem, the Lava Lounge at Monticello Raceway and Casino, the New Concerts at Tudor City Greens, the Algonquin Hotel in NYC, and frequently at the Metropolitan Room in NYC. She joined an all-star cabaret singer cast in the “With a Little Help from My Friends” benefit for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids. Jenna is a 2008 and 2009 nominee for the MAC Best Female Vocalist award.

Singer **Brian Gens** received his BA in Applied Voice from the Fredonia School of Music at SUNY Fredonia. His first experience with the idea of “Cabaret” as an art form was while working as a singing bartender at The Bradstan Country Hotel in White Lake New York. He was drawn to the intimacy of cabaret, performing his first solo cabaret show as part of the “Bradstan’s” famed Inn Cabaret Series in 1995. Brian has also shared the microphone with his longtime musical director, singer/songwriter **Steven Wing** in a duet show which received critical acclaim. Stu Hamstra of Cabaret Hotline wrote, “...In the intimacy of a cabaret room, with two fantastic voices so obviously meant as a duo, the art takes on a new dimension.” Brian has performed in New York City at Don’t Tell Mamma, Eighty Eights and Danny’s Skylight Room, and in Los Angeles at The Gardenia.

Established in 2006 in Warwick, Jubilate (pronounced yoo-buh-LAH-tey) is a thirty-seven-member, co-ed choir of talented young people. Christ Church, Warwick sponsors the choir and provides rehearsal space. Jubilate has performed at local houses of worship, public concerts, community events, St. Paul’s Chapel at Ground Zero, a Sussex Skyhawks baseball game, and with locally and nationally-known artists in the pop, bluegrass, folk, rock and classical music genres. Music director David Crone, assistant director Steven Wing, and chorus manager Anne Barker work in local school systems and are accomplished musicians in their own right. For more information visit [www.JubilateWarwick.com](http://www.JubilateWarwick.com) or call 845-987-2418.

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