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**Chicago Cabaret Week features performances at 16 venues —  
May 10 to 19, 2024**

***COOL ACTS. SMALL CLUBS. SWEET DEALS.***

Now in its third year, Chicago Cabaret Week runs from May 10 to May 19—with more than 60 performers in 16 venues throughout Chicagoland. The ten-day event showcases the diversity of the local cabaret community and the growing number of venues offering cabaret performances throughout the year. Discounted tickets are available for 17 featured events of \$30 or less, excluding fees. Reservations are strongly recommended (many venues will sell out!)

A complete schedule for 35 featured and additional shows, ticket and venue information is available at [www.chicagocabaretweek.org](http://www.chicagocabaretweek.org).

“Cabaret Week is all about giving fans — and new audiences — the chance to explore a variety of cabaret shows in fantastic venues,” explains Anne Burnell, a cabaret performer and one of the Cabaret Week organizers. “What is unique and very special about cabaret is that performers are interacting with the audience to create a personal and engaging experience.”

Cabaret Week highlights renowned cabaret performers as well as emerging artists — and presents a range of musical styles found in the cabaret: blues, Broadway, burlesque, jazz, R&B, American Songbook, French chanson, and world music. The venues include cabaret clubs, small theatres, restaurants, art galleries, and churches.

According to Claudia Hommel, Executive Director of Working In Concert and a founder of Cabaret Week, “Cabaret has been a part of the music scene in Chicago for over 100 years. Our cabaret community is one of most vibrant in the world. Every night you can find cabaret shows throughout the city and suburbs, with artists constantly developing new, and

innovative shows, personal shows with a lot of heart.”

Chicago Cabaret Week is coordinated by four organizations: Chicago Cabaret Professionals, Working In Concert, Acts Of Kindness Cabaret, and The Cabaret Project; with support from Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs (DCASE), Choose Chicago, the Illinois Arts Council, and WDCB 90.9 FM radio.

Planning for the first Chicago Cabaret Week began in 2019, inspired by other annual Chicago events such as Restaurant Week and Theater Week. The event was scheduled to launch in 2020 but, because of Covid, the first Cabaret Week finally launched in 2022 and was a great success.

“It’s exciting to see how Cabaret Week has grown from an idea into a yearly event,” says Hilary Feldman, Founder and Artistic Director of Acts Of Kindness Cabaret, “Now in our third year, Cabaret Week is one of the many great yearly cultural events that bring arts organizations, artists and audiences together.”

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The full schedule: [chicagocabaretweek.org](https://chicagocabaretweek.org)

Audience FAQs: [workinginconcert.org/chicago-cabaret-week/guide\\_ccw2024/](https://workinginconcert.org/chicago-cabaret-week/guide_ccw2024/)

Background Information, Images, press releases and more at <https://workinginconcert.org/chicago-cabaret-week>

## FEATURED CONCERTS of CHICAGO CABARET WEEK 2024

Friday, May 10 at Davenport’s Cabaret – 8:00 pm

THE BEAUS with Olin Eargle, Kyle Russell Kyle Hustedt and Justin Harner

Saturday, May 11 at Fulton Street Collective – 2:00 pm (2 acts)

ROBIN WATSON & WILL WASHINGTON: *Louis & Ella*

LOU ELLA ROSE & SAMASAMA PROJECT: *From the Mainland to the Island*

Saturday, May 11 at Second Church of Christ, Scientist – 7:00 pm

CYNTHIA CLAREY in *Bridge Over Muddied Waters*

Saturday, May 11 at Newport Theater – 9:30 pm

MUSE: EARTH - A Live Music Burlesque, Variety, and Drag Show with Thorne, Whimsy Stiff & Boobs Radley

Sunday, May 12 at Le Piano – 12:00 pm

SWINGIN’ SISTERS with Carolyn Broquet, Tirzah Blomberg & Barbara Smith in *Swingin’ On A Star*

Sunday, May 12 at Venus Cabaret Theater – 5:00 pm

MIZ CRACKER presents *The Big Gay Cabaret*

Monday, May 13 at Rhapsody Theater – 7:30 pm

Chicago Cabaret Professionals MUSICAL MONDAY is a salute to Chicago's own Studs Terkel: *STUDS’ PLACE, ONE MORE TIME*

Monday, May 13 at The Cliff Dwellers – 5:00 pm

*A Smashing Hot Evening with LYNNE JORDAN*

Tuesday, May 14 at Hey Nonny – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 15 at Monsignor Murphys – 8:00 pm  
BOB SOLONE and guest singers host an open mic

Thursday, May 16 at Rockwell on the River – 7:00 pm  
CLAUDIA HOMMEL in *Romance Language: French songs for lovers*

Friday, May 17 at The Promontory – 7:00 pm  
MARIANNE MURPHY ORLAND and GIRLS LIKE US (Beckie Menzie and Laura Freeman)  
in *From Rags To Rhinestones: The Music Of Dolly Parton*

Saturday, May 18 at Borelli's – 7:00 pm  
GARY THOMAS and LEXA MAXA in *All The Best From Frank and Liza*

Sunday, May 19 at Epiphany Center for the Arts – 2:00 pm  
HILARY ANN FELDMAN in *My Fair Audrey*

Sunday, May 19 at The Tonk – 7:00 pm  
THE CELLAR BOYS, a jazz band with Andy Schumm, John Otto, Natalie Scharf, Jimmy Barrett,  
Paul Asaro and Dan Anderson

Sunday, May 19 at Restaurant Vincent – 7:00 pm  
SAM FAZIO in *Fresh Jazz Standards and Pop Classics*



(top row, left to right) Claudia Hommel; Chicago Cellar Boys (Andy Schumm, John Otto, Natalie Scharf, Jimmy Barrett, Paul Asaro and Dan Anderson); Will Washington Robin Watson and Will Washington; Miz Cracker; The Beaus (Kyle Hustedt, Kyle Russell, Olin Eargle; Whimsy Stiff (bottom row, left to right) Marianne Murphy Orland and Laura Freeman; Lynne Jordan; Hilary Feldman, SamaSama Project (EJ Luna, John Kniker, Baron Cabalona , Lou Ella Rose, Ran Sevilla, Giga Yanong); Cynthia Clarey; and Swingin' Sisters (Barbara Smith, Tirzah Blomberg and Carolyn Broquet.)

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## About Chicago Cabaret Week producing organizations

### WORKING IN CONCERT

A nonprofit facilitator of collaborative projects for intimate vocal performances. In addition to Chicago Cabaret Week, its initiatives include Black Voices in Cabaret, Chicago Paris Cabaret Connexion, SongShop Live (song interpretation workshops and concerts), new works from Bellissima Opera, Opera in the Classroom, and Cabaret in the Classroom. [Workinginconcert.org](http://Workinginconcert.org)

## **CHICAGO CABARET PROFESSIONALS**

Founded in 1998, Chicago Cabaret Professionals promotes the Art of Cabaret by educating performers, presenters, the media, and the public at large; by encouraging the development of venues and new audiences; and by encouraging the establishment of professional standards for performance conditions.

[Chicagocabaret.org](http://Chicagocabaret.org)

## **ACTS OF KINDNESS CABARET**

Acts Of Kindness Cabaret's mission is to help other Chicago-area non-profits raise funds and cultivate donors by providing professional, entertaining cabaret events largely free of charge while, at the same time, increasing the audience for the art of modern American cabaret. Art that raises money. [AOKCabaret.org](http://AOKCabaret.org)

## **CHICAGO CABARET PROJECT**

Established in 2007, the Chicago Cabaret Project provides unique and custom entertainment for both local and traveling engagements in: Corporate venues, hotels, weddings, private parties, benefits and galas, national anthem, underground parties, masquerades, holiday caroling and live cabaret performances. [More about Kyle Hustedt and The Cabaret Project](#)

**Chicago Cabaret Week is supported in part by the** Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), the Illinois Arts Council, WDCB-90.9 FM radio (Chicago's home for jazz, blues, and more) and the tourism bureau Choose Chicago.

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