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Breaching Musical Boundaries in Jersey City

January 23, 2012: Ladies On The Mic presents "First Songs of Spring" on Friday, February 3, 2012 a concert event celebrating the midway point between winter and spring. The highlights of the event are two bands that both breach musical genre boundaries by intertwining their roots in classical music with jazz, rock & pop. Double-Breasted the trio from New Jersey proclaims their music to be "Couture Rock". Band members Kristy Chmura on harp, Ardith Collins on cello and Josh Bicknell on percussion all share in the songwriting and also share being lead vocalist. The group met while studying for their Bachelors of Music degrees at the College of New Jersey. They will be playing songs from their new CD "Suit Yourself" which comes out February 11, 2012.

The feature band Rose & The Nightingale is a powerhouse quartet of female virtuosi who each have accomplished solo careers and have played in famed places such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall and other well known venues across the world. Band members include cellist, composer and vocalist Jody Redhage who is equally experienced playing classical, new music, jazz, rock, pop and improvised music. Jody has premiered over 100 works and has played with Grammy winner Esperanza Spalding's Chamber Music Society, Jay-Z, Beyonce, Meatloaf, The Roots, Clay Aiken and Enya, to name a few. Sara Caswell originally from Bloomington Indiana began playing violin at age 5 and is now one of today's foremost jazz violinists. She has soloed numerous times with New York Pops Orchestra at Carnegie Hall and also toured with Grammy winner Esperanza Spalding, violinist Mark O'Connor and Darol Anger's Four Generations of Jazz Violin. Keyboardist and composer Laila Biali has showcased her original music and arrangements at Carnegie Hall, the North Sea Jazz Festival and The Cotton Club in Tokyo. Her latest album *Tracing Light* was JUNO nominated for 2011 Vocal Jazz Album of the year. Jazz vocalist Leala Cyr rounds out this amazing quartet with her stunning vocal improvisation and solid trumpet playing. She has toured internationally which includes performances playing in legendary Milton Nascimento's band, on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The View, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and The David Letterman show.

Beth Achenbach the event organizer says, "Normally one would have to travel to NYC or to NJPAC to hear music of this caliber. It's very exciting to have these talented musicians coming to perform for us for free on February 3rd at 7pm right here in Jersey City!"

Details: First Songs of Spring

Friday, February 3, 2012, 7pm – 9:30pm
Grace Church Van Vorst, 39 Erie Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
(www.gracevanvorst.org)

FREE admission. Food & refreshments available for purchase.

For Public Transportation take the PATH to Grove St. Street parking is available.

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