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## **LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR & GRILL** THE MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO BILLIE HOLIDAY BEGINS PERFORMANCES AT MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER SEPTEMBER 9

### **ALEXIS J. ROGERS** REPRISES HER JEFFERSON AWARD-WINNING ROLE

[Milwaukee] - [Milwaukee Repertory Theater](#) launches the Stackner Cabaret 2016/17 Season with **Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill**. Back by popular demand this intimate evening captures one of the last performances in the life of jazz and blues phenome Billie Holiday. **Alexis J. Rogers** reprises her Jefferson Award-winning role as Lady Day herself with **Abdul Hamid Royal** (*Sirens of Song*) as Jimmy Powers on piano. With show stopping numbers like "God Bless the Child," "Strange Fruit," and "What a Little Moonlight Can Do" Lady Day shares her loves and losses in this award-winning musical fresh from its Broadway revival.

**Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill** features direction by **Leda Hoffman** (*The Amish Project*), music direction by **Abdul Hamid Royal** (*Sirens of Song*), set design by **J. Michael Griggs** (*Illinois Theatre's Long Lost*), costume design by **Jason Orlenka** (*The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith*), lighting design by **Christine Blinder** (Lookingglass Theatre) and sound design by **Victoria Deiorio** (*Back Home Again*).

**Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill** begins performances September 9 and runs through October 30 in the Stackner Cabaret. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.milwaukeeep.com](http://www.milwaukeeep.com), by phone at 414-224-9490 or in person at the Ticket Office (108 E. Wells Street). The Rep is sponsored in part by **The United Performing Arts Fund**.

#### **::Fact Sheet::**

#### ***Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill***

September 9 – October 30 (Opening Night Sunday, September 11, 7pm) in the Stackner Cabaret  
By Lanie Robertson | Directed by Leda Hoffmann

#### **Information**

**Tickets:** [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com), by phone at 414-224-9490, or at the Ticket Office at 108 E Wells Street, Milwaukee.

**Hours:** 12noon – 6pm; on performance days, the office remains open until 15 minutes past curtain.

**Student Discounts:** Students 18 and under can purchase \$20 tickets for select seating areas.

**35 & Under:** Select tickets available for \$20 for patrons 35 & Under. (Select 35 & Under price at checkout online)

**Group Sales:** Discounted tickets for parties of 10+. Call 414-290-5340.

**Access Services**

**Audio-Described Performance:** Sunday, September 18, 7:00pm – the show will be described for patrons who are blind or have low vision.

**Events:**

- **TMJ4 Morning Blend TV appearance** on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am – watch Alexis J Rogers sing live and talk with the ladies of Morning Blend.
- **Colectivo Coffee “Friday Song Series”** on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm at Colectivo Coffee on Humboldt (2999 N. Humboldt). Grab a cup of coffee and listen to a preview performance of *Lady Day*. This event is free to the public.
- **Jazz in the Park** on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - Listen to Alexis J Rogers perform selections from the show. This long time Milwaukee summer entertainment staple is free to the public. Grab a blanket and enjoy! Alexis takes the stage at 7pm.
- **Fox 6 Real Milwaukee’s Brian Kramp** interviews Alexis J Rogers and gets a lesson in the art of scatting on Tuesday, September 6 at 9am. Tune in to learn more about the show and how you could win the chance to perform on the Stackner Cabaret stage.

**Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill Public Performance Calendar**  
Artists, dates and ticket prices are subject to change

<b>Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill</b>				By Lanie Robertson Directed by Leda Hoffmann		in the Stackner Cabaret <b>SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2016</b>	
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### **About Milwaukee Repertory Theater**

Milwaukee Rep is a nationally-recognized company that presents compelling dramas, powerful classics, award-winning contemporary works and full-scale musicals housed in its three unique performance venues – the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. The Rep also produces an annual production of *A Christmas Carol*, featuring a World Premiere of a new adaptation in 2016, at the historic Pabst Theater. Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Mark Clements** and **Managing Director Chad Bauman**, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee’s rich diversity.

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