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TOWN HALL THEATRE PRESENTS:

Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves: A Town Hall Cabaret

JUNE 22, 2020 -- Town Hall Theatre invites you to join us for a hot summer evening of sensational singing by seven powerhouse Bay Area performers! Our annual end-of-Season thank-you for audiences and the Town Hall community, ***Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves*** opens on the virtual stage on July 25, and is available for streaming free of charge through August 9, online at <https://www.townhalltheatre.com/special-events>. We are asking that Cabaret viewers please consider a suggested donation of \$25 to keep THT thriving, until the time when we can open the barn doors and entertain you in person.

"Everyone streaming this event is in for a real treat," says Town Hall Board Member Michelle Ianiro, the Cabaret's director, and also a performer in the show. "What better way to occupy my time during this quarantine – singing and raising funds for theatre! And what an incredible lineup of fabulous ladies. All of the songs are heartfelt, genuine, female-empowered, and truly uplifting."

Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves cabaret is directed by Michelle Ianiro with musical direction by Margaret Halbig. The cast features local musical theatre luminaries Anita Colotto, Deborah Del Mastro, Adrienne Herro, Michelle Ianiro, Briel Pomerantz, Suzie Shepard and Susan Tonkin. Numbers include selections from the musicals *Ragtime*, *The Color Purple*, *Spamalot*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Funny Girl* and popular songs by Pink Martini, Sara Bareilles and more.

A link to view the Cabaret will go live on July 25; and for those who can't make opening night, streaming will be available for a couple more weeks on our website at <https://www.townhalltheatre.com/special-events>. The suggested \$25 donation for a ticket to the Cabaret will help Town Hall continue to produce exciting live (and recorded) theatre for community for the next 75 years.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Michelle Ianiro is a Member-At-Large on Town Hall Theatre's Board of Directors. Her hope is to represent the company's commitment to excellence and diversity in theatre and community. She has appeared in several THT Main Stage productions, her most favorite being 2004's *Let's Go To The Movies* in the role of "Autumn/Spring". Michelle is a Bay Area, producer, playwright, and performer, with credits at Town Hall, 42nd Street Moon, Bay Area Musicals, CCMT, among many others.

ABOUT THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Margaret Halbig is a voice coach and collaborative pianist at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She has served as pianist for the Young Women's Chorus of San Francisco since 2014. An advocate of new and contemporary music, Margaret is the pianist of Ninth Planet New Music Ensemble and Frequency 49, a wind and piano chamber ensemble that performs all over Northern California. Margaret has been the music director for several Town Hall Theatre musicals including *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Company*, *The Song of the Nightingale*, and *A Civil War Christmas*.

ABOUT TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY

Established in 1944 as the Dramateurs, Town Hall Theatre celebrates 76 years this 2020/21 Season, making it the oldest continuously active theatre in Contra Costa County. Town Hall Theatre was honored with a 2019 Arts and Culture Commission Special Arts Recognition Award, and is the past recipient of numerous Shellie Awards and regional Theatre Bay Area Awards. THT is also home to an extensive children's educational program, twice voted the "Best

Children's Theatre Company" by *Bay Area Parent Magazine*. THT's 106-year old historical building is managed by the Lafayette Association (LIA). Town Hall Theatre Company is located at 3535 School Street, in Lafayette, CA 94549. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 4:00 to 6:00PM, and Saturday, 2:00-4:00 pm, and can be reached at 925.283.1557. Information is also available at www.TownHallTheatre.com.

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CALENDAR Information on ***Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves: A Town Hall Cabaret***

WHO: TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY presents

WHAT: *Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves: A Town Hall Cabaret*, Directed by Michelle Ianiro; Musical Direction by Margaret Halbig

CAST: Anita Colotto, Deborah Del Mastro, Adrienne Herro, Michelle Ianiro, Briel Pomerantz, Suzie Shepard and Susan Tonkin.

DATES: July 25, 2020
Streaming available through August 9

WHERE: Town Hall Theatre Company,

TICKETS: Free to watch: Suggested donation \$25

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