



Meghan Cary to Launch Shadowland “Lobby Concert Series” Dec. 11th

Shadowland Theatre announced that singer/ songwriter **Meghan Cary**, currently celebrating the release of her new CD, “Live at Your House,” will launch the new *Shadowland Lobby Concert Series* in Ellenville on **Saturday, December 11th**, at 7:00 PM.

Ten years after performing onstage at *Shadowland*, Ms. Cary, *Billboard Magazine’s* Critic’s Choice for Best Newcomer in 1998, will kick off the new café series, the brainchild of Brendan Burke, the new artistic director at *Shadowland*.

“We are thrilled to present acoustic musical performances throughout the winter months when our theatre’s been dark,” says Burke. “We’re going to transform the lobby into a café setting, complete with food and wines

from Ellenville’s *Aroma Thyme Bistro*. Better yet, the intimacy of a small concert setting suits Meghan Cary’s folksy, ‘rock meets country’ style. I have been following her career on a national level for the past 10 years. We’re lucky to have her.”

Ten years ago, Meghan Cary was one of thousands of actors performing on the regional theatre circuit when an audition in New York City for the Actor’s Equity *Shadowland Theatre* won her a job for the summer in Ellenville, but a week before leaving for Ellenville, her fiancé died suddenly. Shocked, lost and alone, she decided to leave Manhattan and accept the part in Ellenville, having no idea that her experiences in the shadow of the **Shawangunk Mountains** would be the beginning of a new time in her life and a new career.

“I was pretty fragile and wounded and I found solace in the quiet of the village and the beautiful mountains surrounding Ellenville,” said Ms. Cary. Part of her healing process, she began writing music on the porch of the cast house on **Liberty Street** in downtown Ellenville and the first song became the title track of her first CD, “New Shoes,” which quickly brought her national exposure. Chronicling her first thoughts on the death of her fiancé, the 1998 CD made its way to reviewers at *Billboard Magazine* where she was named Critic’s Choice for Best Newcomer, citing her “poetic flair reminiscent of Shawn Colvin and the Indigo Girls – seek this one out!” Her next album, “Onion Dream,” received similar raves and brought her to cities throughout the U.S.

The stage actress became a touring singer/songwriter literally overnight and has opened throughout the US for Richie Havens, Todd Rundgren, Blues Traveler, Little Feat, Spin Doctors, and Jeffrey Gaines.

Her new CD is her fourth album. More information is available at www.megahcary.com or 917-405-0673.

“You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll beg for more.”

– *News and Observer*

Admission for the **December 11th** concert is \$12. Seating is limited, first come, first served. For ticket information, contact the *Shadowland* box office at 845-647-5511.

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